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Stoddard County, Missouri - Route PP in Stoddard County will be closed as contractors replace bridge with box culvert.

This section of roadway is located from Hawk Street to Hickman Street in Puxico, Mo.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Sept. 2 and will re-open Friday, Oct. 31.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For more information, please contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

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More Work on the Ohio River Bridge

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Cairo, Illinois - As a reminder, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is continuing to restrict traffic to one lane on the US 51 Ohio River Bridge between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL, this week.

The daytime lane restriction is to allow a detailed inspection of the bridge structure which is expected to continue through this week.

Motorists should be alert for equipment, flaggers, and inspection personnel on the bridge deck in close proximity to traffic flow.

Motorists should be prepared to encounter lane restrictions between about 8:00 a.m., CDT, and 5:00 p.m., each day. There may be periods where the use of climbers to conduct the inspection may not require lane restrictions, or where lane restrictions are on a short section of the bridge. Delays should be minimal.

Inspectors expect to be on the bridge during daylight hours anytime weather permits.

All Kentucky bridges get a detailed inspection every two years with long-span river and lake bridges getting an additional walk-through inspection annually.

The Wickliffe-Cairo Bridge carries US 51, US 60, and US 62 traffic across the Ohio River at US 51 Kentucky mile point 7.372.

Also known as The Cairo Bridge, the US 51/US 60/US 62 Ohio River Bridge carries approximately 5,500 vehicles across the Ohio River each day between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL. About 35 percent of that traffic is trucks. The bridge connects with the US 60/US 62 Mississippi River Bridge to Bird's Point, Missouri at the southern tip of Illinois.

The US 51 Ohio River Bridge was constructed by the Cairo Bridge Commission as a toll facility and opened to traffic on November 11, 1936. Tolls were removed from the crossing on November 11, 1948, when the highway departments of Kentucky and Illinois took over maintenance of the structure.

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Columbia, Missouri – Miss Emmalee Mae Garner, the daughter of Phillip and Michelle Garner, was chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Missouri Pageant.

Emmalee is only 6 years old and participated in the 4 – 6 age division along with other outstanding young ladies from across the great state of Missouri.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America’s future leaders and equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant nationally awards 1/5 million dollars in cash, scholarships, and other prizes. This year’s pageant included a new Ford Mustang Convertible!

The National American Miss Pageants are unlike any other. All activities and competition are kept age appropriate. Girls under the age of 12 are not allowed to wear make-up, and there is no swimsuit competition. The Pageant program is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an “All-American spirit of fun for family and friends.” Emphasis is put on the important of developing self-confidence, learning good sportsmanship, as well as setting and achieving personal goals. The Pageant recognized the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for her future.

Miss Emmalee’s activities included gymnastics, tumbling and t-ball. She also enjoys horseback riding, pageants, and being with her family and friends.

Miss Emmalee’s sponsors include Steve Brown Construction, Steve Simmons, Jim Eubanks, and Ed and Arlene Eubanks.

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United States - Saturdays and Summertime are the perfect combination for Garage sales. That is why the 2nd Saturday of every August is designated National Garage Sale Day.

On this day, you will see people finding great deals at these neighborhood sales. For those having the sales, this is a way for them to find new homes for items they no longer need.

So if you see a driveway full of items and a sale sign out, stop by and celebrate National Garage Sale Day.

National Garage Sale Day History

C. Daniel Rhodes of Alabama came up with the idea of having a National Garage Sale Day in 2001 after seeing neighbors having sales on different weekends.

Rhodes thought it would be more convenient if they all had them on the same weekend.

The above Yard Sale/Garage Sale is a real one in Dexter. Stop in and let them know you saw it on the ShowMe Times!

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Impaired Driving Claims Lives. Talk About Wasted!

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Missouri Law Enforcement reminds motorists to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

Jefferson City, Missouri - Each day lives are drastically changed or lost in preventable traffic crashes caused by impaired driving. Drivers continue to break the law by driving impaired, putting thousands of travelers at risk daily. Holiday weekends bring a surge in impaired driving, so this year's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over high-visibility crackdown will run Aug. 15 through the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 1.

"We want drivers to know that we will not tolerate impaired driving," said Colonel Ronald Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "We will continue our year round efforts of enforcing Missouri's DWI laws, and through this campaign create public awareness to the dangers impaired driving causes on our highways."

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration data shows that drivers respond well to this type of high visibility enforcement. Past campaigns have resulted in a 20 percent decrease in substance-impaired crash fatalities.

On average, one person will die every 34 minutes in an impaired driving crash over the Labor Day period, that's a lot of lives that could be saved. Statewide, law enforcement made 587 DWI arrests during the impaired driving campaign in August and September of 2013.

"Substance-impaired driving contributes to nearly 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities," said Leanna Depue, executive chair to the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "In 2013, 223 people were killed and 728 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes that involved at least one impaired driver." We are all a part of the solution.

Please consider the following tips:

- Don't risk it - if you plan to drive, don't drink.
- Encourage safe driving behaviors among family, friends

and co-workers.

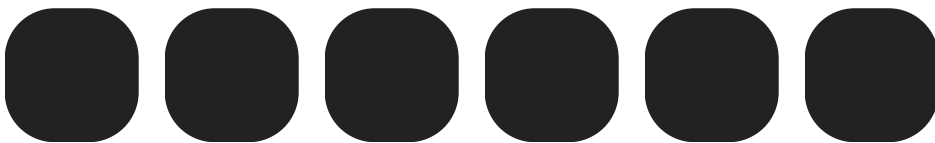
- Choose a designated driver before partying. A designated driver is someone who drinks NO alcohol at all.
- Take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a friend to drive you home if you have no designated driver and no other means of transportation.
- Party hosts should include alcohol-free beverages for designated drivers.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always wear your safety belt - it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

To learn more about impaired driving and how you can Arrive Alive, visit saveMOlives.com, or follow social media at Save MO Lives, #DriveSoberMO

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