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Missouri - As the heat of summer fades into the cool weather of fall, trees and shrubs around the Show-Me State transform from leaves of green to a fall-foliage color palette of golds, reds, oranges, and purples.

Leaves turn colors when two things happen. First, sugars produced by photosynthesis are trapped inside leaves by chilly - but not freezing - autumn nights. Those sugars are the building blocks for red, yellow, orange, and purple pigments. Cool nights simultaneously cause the breakdown of green pigments, allowing these other colors to show through.

Missouri's fall color starts in late September and usually peaks in mid-October. This progression of color change starts earliest in northern Missouri and moves southward across the state. Normally by late October, colors are fading and leaves are beginning to drop from trees. Generally, color change is predictable, but can vary year to year, depending on weather.

According to Missouri Department of Conservation Forestry Field Program Supervisor Nick Kuhn, autumn weather will be the biggest factor affecting this year's fall color.

"It has been a decent year for most trees," says Kuhn. "Sufficient rain, moderate temperatures, no serious insect problems, or weather events means trees are happy and doing OK. The fall weather will be the major factor in showing us those wonderful hidden colors in all trees. Watch for sunny days and cool nights with no frost to know when to start looking for color changes. I predict that across the state, the best week for fall color

change will be the last week of October.”

The Conservation Department provides weekly fall-color reports and has developed a free mobile app to help Missourians discover fall color around the Show-Me State. The report combines information from foresters around the state in weekly online updates at mdc.mo.gov/node/4548 from late September through November.

The Conservation Department’s free MO Fall Color application is available for smart phones and other mobile devices. It provides up-to-the-minute fall-color scenes from around the state, complete with GPS navigation information. The app also provides weekly fall-color reports for various areas of the state. Users can even add their own fall-color photos and share them with Facebook friends and others. The MO Fall Color app is active during fall-color changes beginning in September through November. Download MO Fall Color for Android and Apple devices at <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/19321>.

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Jefferson City, Missouri - *Now is a great time to purchase your hunting, fishing, and trapping permits for the fall seasons.* The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) offers convenient ways of purchasing permits to help hunters, anglers, and trappers get to the field.

E-Permits

The Department's e-Permit system enables hunters, anglers and trappers to purchase, print and immediately use all Missouri sport-hunting and sport-fishing permits, along with trapping permits and the Apprentice Hunter Authorization. Hunters, anglers and trappers can buy e-Permits online at mdc.mo.gov and print the paper permits 24/7 anywhere they have access to a computer and printer. Hunters, anglers and trappers can still buy permits from vendors, and by phone by calling toll-free 1-800-392-4115. Phone purchases are subject to a \$2 processing fee and require up to a two-week wait time to receive the permits through U.S. mail. The fee for e-Permits is \$1. There is no additional fee for permits purchased from vendors.

MO Hunting App

In addition, the Department is offering the new MO Hunting mobile application, which is available through Google Play and iTunes stores. MO Hunting enables Missouri hunters, anglers, and trappers to purchase and view annual hunting, fishing, and trapping permits, as well as view permits purchased during the previous year. The app will also allow deer and turkey hunters to telecheck their harvests directly from their related permit within the application through an easy-to-use fillable form. MO Hunting also enables hunters to view all deer and turkey which they have previously telechecked.

Duck Stamps

Duck stamps will be sold online in Missouri for the first time this year, giving hunters and retail vendors an alternative to buying/selling paper duck stamps. Hunters can buy the stamps at mo.wildlifelicense.com. The online option provides greater flexibility and convenience to waterfowl hunters. The US Fish and Wildlife

Service selected Missouri, along with Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, and Virginia, to provide duck stamps through its federal e-Stamp option.

All Missouri permit vendors will offer electronic duck stamps, and the traditional purchase venues of the post offices, Department of Conservation offices, and nature centers will continue to carry the paper duck stamp.

Permits and duck stamps will no longer be sold at waterfowl conservation areas, except for Columbia Bottom Conservation Area. Since not all post offices or Conservation Department offices have the stamps, it's a good idea to buy well in advance of hunting or call ahead about availability.

Retail vendors will be able to process the transaction for hunters. An electronic stamp, or e-Stamp, will be issued at the time of purchase, and a paper duck stamp will be sent through the mail.

Hunters can use their e-Stamps immediately and for 45 days following purchase. After 45 days, they must carry the paper duck stamp.

E-Stamps may be purchased from permit vendors for \$17.50, which includes a \$2.50 handling fee to cover the cost of processing and mailing the paper stamp. E-Stamps can also be purchased from the convenience of your home computer or mobile device for an additional \$1 Internet service fee on your total online order.

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Business 60 Reduced to One Lane

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Eastbound Business 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane with a twelve-foot width restriction as contractor crews build new sidewalks.

This section of roadway is located from North Poplar Street to Route 25.

Weather permitting work will be performed Monday, Sept. 22 through Friday, Oct. 3 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

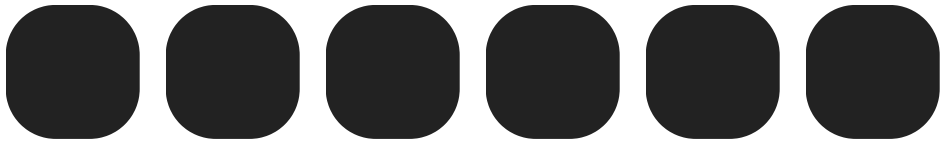
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact Resident Engineer Audie Pulliam at (573) 840-9781 or 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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Dexter, Missouri – You are cordially invited to attend an Open House hosted by Republic Services at the Lemons Landfill located at 15250 Old Bloomfield Road, Dexter, Missouri.

The Open House is scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Informational tours of the landfill will be provided and a light lunch will be served.

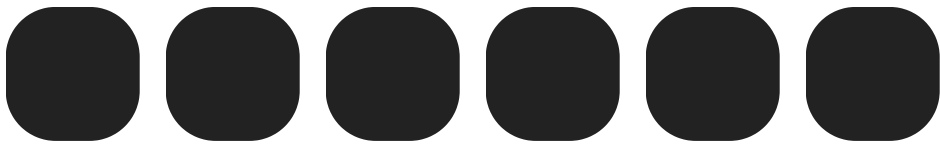
Please R.S.V.P. by September 29th to Doug Ticer at 573-820-6932.

Check-out how beautiful the landfill really is and you will be surprised!

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Columbia, Missouri - World-renowned primatologist and conservationist Jane Goodall will visit the University of Missouri Sept. 17 to speak about her new book, her life and work, and environmental issues.

Goodall is best known for her research on chimpanzee behavior, which laid the foundation for future study in the field of primatology and helped redefine the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, Goodall founded the Jane Goodall Institute, a global organization supporting primate research in Tanzania as well as community-centered conservation efforts in Africa. In 2002, Goodall was appointed to serve as a United Nations Messenger of Peace because of her work with her youth program, Roots & Shoots. She was named a Dame of the British Empire in 2003 for her service to conservation and the environment.

Goodall's visit to MU is sponsored by the Delta Gamma Lectureship in Values and Ethics, Missouri Students Association/Graduate Professional Council Speakers Committee, Mizzou Advantage, the Chancellor's Distinguished Visitor's Fund, the Mizzou Alumni Association, the Organization Resource Group, the Distinguished Lecture Series and the Department of Student Life.

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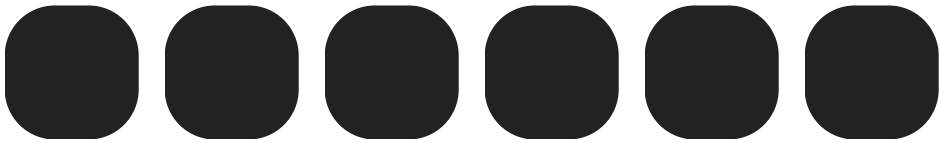
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17
Mizzou Arena

NOTE: Tickets are free for MU students, \$10 for the public and are available at the MSA/GPC Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com.

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