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Route 60 Reduced for Bridge Maintenance

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Butler County, Missouri - East and Westbound Route 60 in Butler County will be reduced with a 16 foot width restriction as Missouri Department of Transportation crews complete routine repairs to the overpass over Route 67.

This is the Route 60 overpass, located north of Poplar Bluff.

Weather permitting, work will be performed Monday, Oct. 26 through Monday, Nov. 16 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

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Route M in Stoddard County Reduced to One Lane

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Route M in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Missouri Route 25 to Route PP.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Oct. 6 through Friday, Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 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 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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Missouri - Many Missouri families can't afford to put high-quality, low-fat red meat on the dinner table. Deer hunters can help by sharing their harvests through Missouri's Share the Harvest program. The venison-donation program connects deer hunters with hungry Missourians through participating meat processors and local hunger-relief agencies around the state.

In 1992, a group of bowhunters in Missouri began the program to share the deer they harvested with those less fortunate. Since then, Missouri hunters have donated more than 3.3 million pounds of venison to the needy through Share the Harvest. Last year nearly 4,000 hunters donated more than 212,000 pounds of venison.

The program is administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM), and supported by numerous sponsors.

To participate, hunters simply take their harvested deer to one of more than 130 participating meat processors around the state and let the processor know how much venison they wish to donate to the program. Hunters can donate a few pounds to a whole deer. The processor will package the ground meat, which will be given to local charitable agencies for distribution to hungry Missourians.

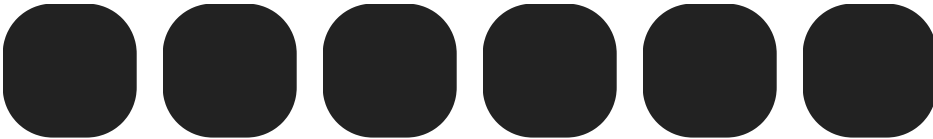
The cost of processing is the hunter's responsibility, but funds are available to help with processing costs when a whole deer is donated. CFM reimburses processors a predetermined amount for each whole deer donated. This allows processors to reduce the processing fees to hunters. In addition, many processors have local funds available that allow deer to be processed for free or at reduced cost. Contact individual processors to determine if local funds are available.

To find participating processors pick up MDC's 2015 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet at MDC offices and nature center, where hunting permits are sold, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

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Campaign Supports FREE Mammography Program

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Medical Center kicked off its annual Pink Up breast cancer awareness campaign with a bang on Thursday night. Nearly 1,600 guests, including breast cancer survivors, their families and supporters, and Southeast Missouri State University student athletes gathered at the Medical Center's Cancer Institute for food, entertainment and shopping, all benefitting Dig for Life, Saint Francis' program that provides free mammography screenings and other cancer services for local women who could not otherwise afford them.

The evening featured the return of the Pink Up Choir, made up of singers and musicians from seven local churches and led by Barry Stone of Lynwood Baptist Church and a performance by 7-year-old twins Jayvon and Jayvion Biles of Charleston, Mo. Country music artist Candy Coburn of Dexter, Mo., joined the choir for a performance of her breast cancer anthem, "Pink Warrior." A spectacular fireworks finale brought the evening to a close.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month also began October 1. Saint Francis and its many community partners will continue to raise awareness and funds for Dig for Life throughout the month. According to the American Cancer Society, death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1989, with larger decreases in women younger than 50. These decreases are believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment.

Saint Francis launched Pink Up Cape in 2010 to raise awareness of breast cancer in the community. During the campaign, residents are encouraged to "pink up" their homes and businesses in support of the cause. Proceeds benefit Dig for Life, a joint effort of Saint Francis Medical Center, Southeast Missouri State University and private donors that provides free mammograms to area women who otherwise could not afford them. Dig for Life provides more than 400 free mammograms to local women each year, and has

provided nearly 3,000 free mammograms since 2000. Last year, more than 195 local businesses, 50 schools and countless individuals raised more than \$215,000 in support of the program.

Breast cancer is the second-most diagnosed – and second-most fatal – cancer in women. One in eight women will be diagnosed with the disease in her lifetime, but early detection could save her life. Women age 40 and older should have a yearly screening and the Dig for Life program attempts to remove financial barriers for those who need the screening but cannot afford it.

Events supporting Dig for Life are scheduled throughout October and are listed at www.digforlife.com. Please visit the website or call 573-331-5133 to learn more or to donate to the cause.

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 289-bed facility serving more than 650,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis’ major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region’s first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Trauma Center with Convenient Care; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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Presidential Proclamation: Honoring the Victims of the Tragedy in Roseburg, Oregon

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the victims of gun violence perpetrated on October 1, 2015, in Roseburg, Oregon, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, October 6, 2015. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA

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