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# Watch Out for Little Ghosts and Goblins on Halloween

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## Watch Out for Little Ghosts and Goblins on Halloween

Halloween will be here before we can say "Boo!" Soon, costumed kids dressed as friendly ghosts, winsome witches and precocious princesses will be trick-or-treating in your neighborhood. Because children tend to focus on the excitement of Halloween and forget about safety, it's up to parents, caregivers and motorists to make sure that every little boy and girl has a safe and happy holiday.

It's important for adults and drivers to be even more alert during Halloween because so many kids are out, and they may not be watching for cars," said Bill Whitfield, executive committee chair for the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

**During the 2014 Halloween holiday Missouri had one fatality and four injuries involving pedestrians under the age of 16.**

To avoid real-life Halloween horrors, remember the following:

Stay alert. Neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night.

Remember that kids are excited and may be trying to visit as many houses as possible in a short amount of time. They may forget to stop, look and listen as they cross the street.

Be cautious in areas where cars are parked along the side of the street. Trick-or-treaters may suddenly dart into traffic from between parked cars.

Wear bright, reflective clothing or decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape/patches.

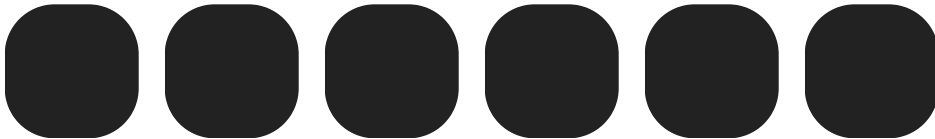
Be patient, and SLOW DOWN.

Enjoy the Halloween holiday, but be on the lookout for those little goblins and caped crusaders. They may be superheroes, but they'll be looking to you to provide their safety.

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# Route 67 in Butler County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

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## Route 67 in Butler County Reduced For Pavement Repairs

Southbound Route 67 in Butler County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

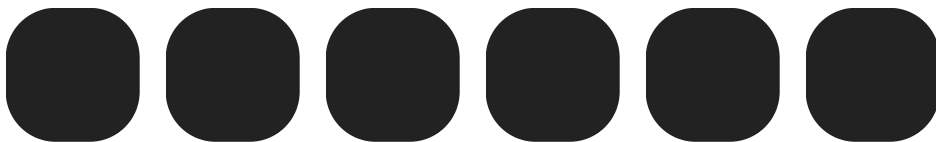
This section of roadway is located between Route C and Route 160.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, Oct. 21 and Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Silver Advisory Issued for Cecil Hedricks

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### Silver Advisory Issued for Cecil Hedricks

**Iron County, Missouri** - The Iron County Sheriff's Office has issued an endangered SILVER Advisory for a missing man.

According to the sheriff's office, Cecil Irvin Hedricks, 77, was last seen at the Zepher Station 147 Route Y in Viburnum, Mo. at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 28.

He is described as a white male, 5' 8", 166 pounds, with gray hair and blue eyes.

They say he is known to have a heart condition and seizures. He recently suffered memory loss, confusion and has been without his heart medication since he went missing.

His vehicle is described as a 2003 Dodge pickup with Missouri license 9DV304.

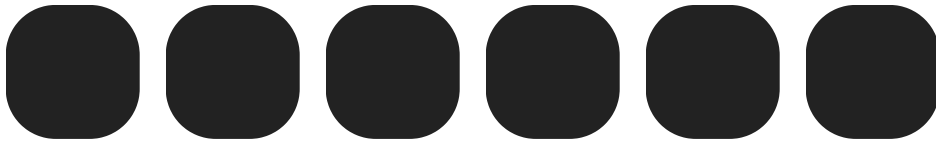
Deputies say they're not sure what direction he went after he left the Zepher Station.

Anyone with any information should immediately call 911. You can also call the Iron County Sheriff's Office at 573-546-7051.

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# Police Searching for Missing 15 Year Old Girl

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## Police Searching for Missing 15 Year Old Girl

**Arkansas** - Marion County Sheriff Joan Vickers is asking the public for help in locating a missing teenager.

Justiny Irene Michael Ply is a 15 year old juvenile white female who was last seen at a residence in Baxter County on September 7 around 1 a.m. and no one has had contact with her since.

She has brown hair and brown eyes. She is 5'4 165 lbs with a mole over her lip under the right side of her nose.

If anyone has any information to the whereabouts of Justiny they are asked to contact their local law enforcement agency immediately.

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# Dexter Police Enforcement Campaign a Success

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## **August/Labor Day Crackdown 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Enforcement Campaign a Success**

**Dexter, Missouri** - Declaring **Dexter Police Department's** participation in the national August/Labor Day Crackdown “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” substance–impaired driving crackdown a major success, Lieutenant Joshua

Benton reported that 1 substance-impaired driving arrest and **104** citations were made during the enforcement period, which ran from August 21-September 7, 2015.

“I am proud of our **Officers** for their hard work and dedication to making our region’s roadways safer,” said **Lieutenant Benton**. “Substance-impaired driving is more than a reckless choice by a few individuals,” **Lieutenant Benton said**. “Each year, substance-impaired driving costs the lives of thousands on America’s highways.

Last year there were 197 fatal and 659 serious injury crashes in 2014 that involved at least one substance-impaired driver. That equates to one substance-impaired driving fatality every 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  days and one substance-impaired driving serious injury  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. There were 11 people killed and 42 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes involving a substance-impaired driver from August 15, 2014 through September 1, 2014.

**Dexter Police Department** joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in this year’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign.

For more information, visit the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign headquarters at [www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov](http://www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov),

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