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# NORAD Tracks Santa for the 60th Year

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Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado - For the sixth consecutive year and marking the 60th Anniversary of NORAD tracks Santa, First Lady Michelle Obama took time from her holiday schedule to deliver cheer to children across America by personally answering phone calls on Santa's journey as part of the annual NORAD Tracks Santa program run by the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Mrs. Obama fielded calls from Hawaii to surprised children calling in to the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center. Mrs. Obama answered children's questions about Santa's exact location using NORAD's global Santa Tracker and let the children know when to expect Santa to visit their homes. She assured them all that NORAD was tracking Santa's progress closely, and his journey was going well. A photo of Mrs. Obama taking calls is available at [Http://bit.ly/1mhPH9y](http://bit.ly/1mhPH9y)

The NORAD Tracks Santa program began in 1955 after a phone call was made to the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The call was from a local youngster who dialed a misprinted telephone number in a local newspaper advertisement. The commander on duty who answered the phone that night gave the child the information requested - the whereabouts of Santa.

This began the tradition of tracking Santa, a tradition that was carried on by NORAD when it was formed in 1958.

The NORAD Tracks Santa program has grown immensely since first presented on the Internet in 1997. The website, [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org) receives millions of unique visitors from hundreds of countries and territories around the world. In addition, a live Operations Center is occupied for 23 hours with more than 1,200 volunteers each year who receive hundreds of thousands of phone calls and emails from families around the world.

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## Bootheel Recycling Price Sheet - December 17, 2015

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**Dexter, Missouri** - "Bootheel Recycling is a Missouri scrap metal recycling company whose customer base includes regional utility companies, large manufacturing businesses, tool and die shops, local Dexter scrap dealers, haulers, farmers and individuals across Southeast Missouri and Arkansas."

"We comply vigilantly with the laws set forth by OSHA, EPA, federal and Missouri. Our scrap metal recycling policies are honest and transparent. Our scales are certified yearly and calibrated twice a year. We belong to the Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. We are OSHA 10 certified. We have the highest graded material in the industry."

"We buy most forms of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, including copper, aluminum, stainless steel, brass, scrap iron, radiators and catalytic converters. Please consult our Scrap Metal Selling Guide to find out more about how to sell scrap metal, and how to get the most money for your scrap metal. The best indication of our success is our loyal customer base. We are nice people with good business practices. We have a very high level of return business, and our new customers often come to us by way of referral."

"Our friendly customer service staff will ensure that your recycling experience is simple and hassle-free. Our modern and streamlined processing system allows us to offer

competitive prices. Please contact us today if you would like to inquire about our services."

Check out their website by clicking **HERE**.

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## Ramp 25 South to US 60 Reduced for Pavement Repairs

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## Ramp 25 South to US 60 West in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Ramp 25 South to U.S. 60 Westbound in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

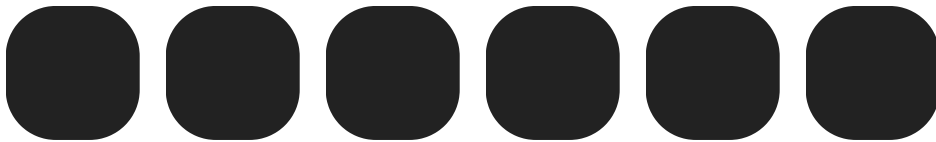
This ramp is located from Route 25 South to U.S. 60 Westbound.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 18 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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# First Midwest Bank Announces New Community President

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Board of Directors of First Midwest Bank of Dexter recently announced that Jerry Dorton will assume the role as Community President/Executive Vice President.

A 44-year veteran of the financial services industry, Dorton joined First Midwest Bank of Dexter in 1980. He has served in various management roles in the First Midwest Bank affiliated banking group. He has worked the past 12 years as Senior Vice President of Midwest Bancorporation, Inc., an affiliate of First Midwest Bank of Dexter that provides bank consulting.

“We are pleased to have Jerry working with our Dexter staff to fulfill the banking needs of our customers in Dexter and the markets we serve,” said Joseph T. McLane, President.

Jerry and his wife Sandy have lived in Dexter since 1980. They have both been active in various church, civic and community organizations including the First Baptist Church of Dexter, the Regional Healthcare Foundation, Southeast Missouri Hospital in Dexter, and Hidden Trails County Club. Sandy is a homemaker and part-time real estate agent.

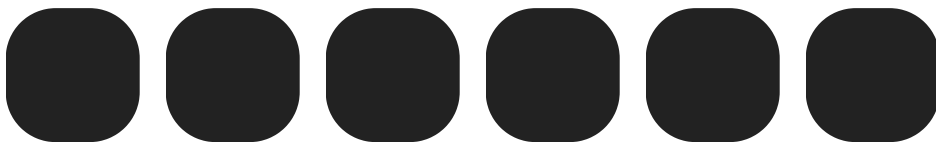
“I am excited and humbled to have the opportunity and privilege to work with our talented staff in serving our valued customers, friends, and neighbors in Dexter,” Dorton said.

The First Midwest Bank of Dexter has more than \$300 million in assets and has locations in Dexter, Dudley, Sikeston, Jackson, and Cape Girardeau.

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## Huffman Transfers to Senior VP at Midwest Bancorporation

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Jack Huffman, EVP and Community President of First Midwest Bank of Dexter, an independently owned and operated community bank established in 1964, has announced that he will transfer from the bank to Senior Vice President of Midwest Bancorporation, Inc., an affiliate of the bank.

Midwest Bancorporation, Inc. provides bank consulting services to its affiliated banks throughout Southeast Missouri including First Midwest Bank of Dexter. Jack will be working with Joseph T. McLane, President of the holding company, in various capacities including special projects, asset liability management, and loan review.

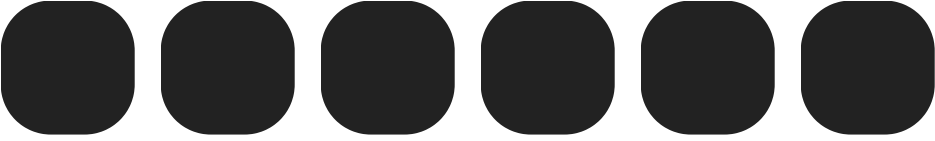
“The bank has grown dramatically under Jack’s leadership since February 2002, including the addition of new branches in Jackson and Cape Girardeau,” said Joseph T. McLane. “Jack’s invaluable banking experience will be an asset to the holding company,” McLane continued.

Jack and his wife Betty will continue to live in Dexter. They have both been active in various church, civic and community organizations including the First Baptist Church of Dexter, and the Regional Healthcare Foundation. Betty is a retired school teacher with the Dexter School System.

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