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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department was awarded a contract/grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Division which was effective from 10/01/2015 to 09/30/2016. The purpose of this grant was to conduct aggressive patrols and sobriety checkpoints to deter impaired driving. This grant also covered officer's salaries to travel to other jurisdictions to conduct sobriety checkpoints as part of the Southeast Missouri DWI Task Force operation. This grant was approved in the amount of \$11,847.

During these overtime projects, Dexter Police Officers worked a total of 129 hours and made contact with 530 motorists during roving patrols and one sobriety checkpoint conducted in the City limits of Dexter. The following are the totals from these traffic stops and the sobriety checkpoint with summonses/arrest's issued:

- DWI Alcohol arrest – 1
- Signal light violations -1
- Speeding violations – 2
- Other Hazardous Moving Violations – 2
- Seat Belt Violations – 12
- Child Restraint Violations – 1
- Suspended or Revoked Driver's License Violations – 7
- Driving with no operator's license – 7

Uninsured motorist – 12
Felony arrest -1
Drug Arrests -2
Other non-hazardous moving violations – 8
Total Violations 53

The following are the totals from these traffic stops with verbal/written warnings issued:

Warning for stop sign violation – 3
Warning for signal light violation – 2
Warning for careless and imprudent driving – 2
Warning for speeding – 53
Warning for other hazardous moving violations – 14
Warning for seat belts – 8
Warning for child restraints – 2
Warning for no operator's license – 1
Warning for uninsured motorist – 5
Warning for other non-hazardous moving violation 76
Total warnings issued – 166

The Dexter Police Department encourages the use of a sober driver. If you suspect an impaired driver on the roadway, please call the Dexter Police at 573-624-5512.

Thank you,
Lieutenant J.T. Benton 914.

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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."

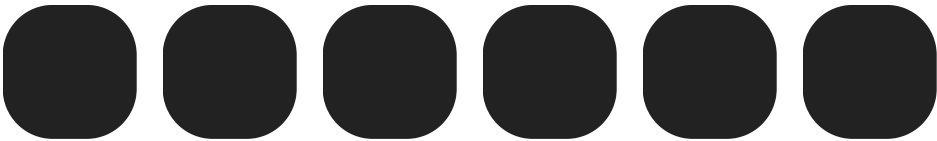
"Our friendly customer service staff will ensure that your recycling experience is simple and hassle-free. Our modern and streamlined processing system allows us to offer competitive prices. Please contact us today if you would like to inquire about our services."

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

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U.S. 60 in Stoddard County One Lane

U.S. 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

U.S. 60 eastbound 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 1 Mile Road to Route 25.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Nov. 7 through Friday, Nov. 11 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

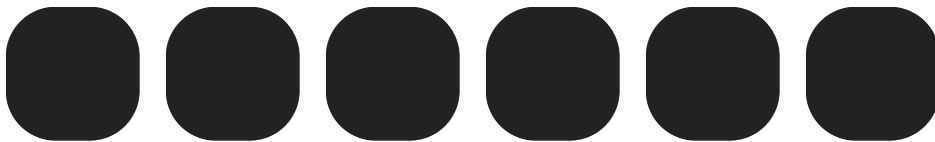
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

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 Route 25 in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route 25 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 Hunts Road to North Drake Street.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Oct. 31 and Tuesday, Nov. 1 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 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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Warm weather has subdued colors, but there are pockets of splendor to enjoy.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) says fall is at last in full splendor in southeast Missouri. White oaks, including post oaks, are moving to their russet colored leaves as the green is disappearing. Red oaks, including pin oak, shumard oak, and northern red oak also exhibit spectacles of auburn. Hickories continue their move, transforming into gold and flaxen qualities.

Jennifer Behnken, MDC's community forester for the southeast region, says the region's fall color has been delayed and subdued as compared to other years, due to warmer than usual temperatures. That doesn't mean there aren't views to enjoy though. Behnken

recommends several routes in southeast Missouri that offer beautiful autumn-painted vistas and country scenes.

“I suggest Highway 21, especially in the Ironton and Arcadia Valley area for some pretty scenes,” Behnken said, adding a recommendation for driving views along Highways 67, 32, 25, 21, 72, and 49.

“Places on the must see list include Buford Mountain Conservation Area, Hughes Mountain Natural Area, Johnson Shut Ins State Park, Taum Sauk State Park, and Elephant Rocks State Park,” Behnken said.

In these areas, various species of trees add different colors to the scene. Eastern hophornbeam tints the forest mid-story with creamy yellow shades. Sumacs, dogwoods, and sassafras add ruby and pomegranate grandeur to accompany the tones of blonde. Silver maple trees join the group, some exhibiting lemony colors while others are ablaze in cherry. Sugar maples complete the color wheel, decorating the landscape in brilliance and beauty.

Behnken added that she’s noticed persimmon trees across the region are loaded with fruits and the area’s had a good overall crop of walnuts, hickories and acorns.

“Watch your footing as you enjoy a stroll through the neighborhoods, parks and conservation areas,” she cautioned. “Acorns, hickory nuts, and walnuts on the ground may require maneuvering adjustments to deter any accidental stumbles.”

Fall is a good time for actions other than enjoying the show, Behnken added.

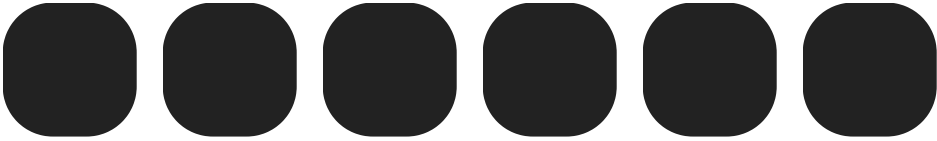
“This is a great time for plantings,” she said. “I think fall planting is a bit better, since trees are entering dormancy and can focus growth on the roots instead of the leaves.”

But she cautioned fall planters to not forget to continue watering new plantings until the first frost sets in.

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