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Route AB in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace a culvert under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located from County Road 503 to County Road 506.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Jan. 20 from 7 a.m. to 4 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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Voting Underway for County Extension Council

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Voting for the members of the Stoddard County Extension Council has begun and will continue through January 31, 2017. All Stoddard County citizens age 18 or older are eligible to vote for two nominees countywide.

The Extension Office, located at the south end of the old county courthouse, on the square, in Bloomfield, will be used as a polling place for this year's election. Voting can be done by coming to the Extension Office and requesting a 2017 ballot. Extension Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for voting.

The Stoddard County University of Missouri Extension Council determines the

educational programs, policies and approves staff of University Extension for Stoddard County as set by law. In addition, in cooperation with the Stoddard County Commission, they arrange for financing the local portion of the programs.

Some of the educational programs available through University Extension in Stoddard County deal with large scale agriculture and small scale farming enterprises, home economics, community development, horticulture, continuing education, 4-H and youth development, business development, homemaker clubs and foods and nutrition for low-income families. These programs, open to all citizens, are provided by county area-based and campus based specialists and paraprofessionals through the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

The winning candidates will start their new terms during the Stoddard County Extension Council’s annual meeting in March.

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Missouri Department of Conservation and MoDOT invite schools to fight litter through "No More Trash!" Annual Can Contest!

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) invite Missouri public, private, and home-school students in grades K-8 to help fight litter in the Show-Me State -- and to have creative and educational fun -- by participating in the 2017 "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter-Free" trash-can-decorating contest. The annual contest is sponsored by MDC and MoDOT as part of the state's "No MOre Trash!" statewide litter campaign.

The contest encourages school classes and groups to join in the fight against litter by decorating and displaying a large trash can with the "No MOre Trash!" logo and a litter-prevention message using a variety of creative media. Schools may submit one entry in each competition category: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Entries are judged based on creativity, adherence to contest rules, and effective use of theme and logo.

First-place winners from each competition category receive \$200 awarded to the sponsoring schools. All first-place winners are then eligible for a grand prize of a trophy and \$600 awarded to the sponsoring school.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Participating school groups must submit a completed entry form online with up to three photos to nomoretrash.org by Friday, March 17. Contest rules, entry forms, logo, past contest entries and winners, and educational information can also be found at nomoretrash.org.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American generates about four pounds of trash each day.

"Missouri's six million residents produce nearly 26 million pounds of garbage in one day. That's more than nine BILLION pounds of trash per year!" said MDC NMT Coordinator Joe Jerek. "Much of that trash shows up on our streets and roadsides, natural areas, and waterways. Litter harms our fish and water quality, plants, and hurts wildlife. Litter also hurts property values, landscape appearance, and our overall quality of life."

Jerek added that littering is illegal in Missouri and can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and one year in jail.

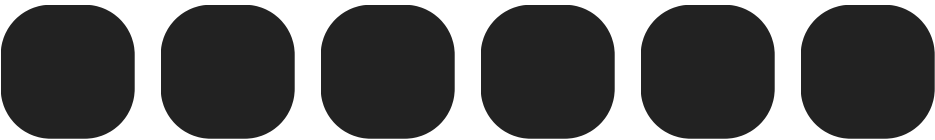
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Shown in the photo: Teacher Gail Forsyth and her students in the Second Grade Recycle Club at East Elementary in Waynesville won the 2016 "No MOre Trash!" trash-can contest with their winning entry, "Box-up your recyclables, Missouri's State Reptile: 3-toed Box Turtle." They won the K-2 Grade Category and also the Grand Prize.

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U.S. Poly Hiring Shipping Clerk Position

Dexter, Missouri - U.S. Poly is currently accepting applications for a Shipping Clerk Position.

Experience with LTL shipping software, World Ship, and FedEx Shipping Systems are a plus.

Applicants must have excellent math skills, computer skills, and be able to lift up to 80 lbs.

Starting pay will be based on experience. This is a full-time position with benefits.

Please stop in and pick up and application at U.S. Poly located at 16143 N. Outer Road, Dexter, Missouri.

For further information call (573) 624-4266 or email a resume to nova@uspolyinc.com.

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Enjoy Eagle Days at Duck Creek CA, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Wappapello Lake

All three areas combine efforts to offer live eagle presentations, eagle viewing in the wild.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers will host Eagle Days, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Eagle Days event includes live eagle presentations at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge every hour and wild eagle viewing locations at Mingo, Duck Creek CA and Wappapello Lake.

Pat Holloway, an MDC education consultant, said families and visitors of all ages can expect a fun, adventurous event that will help conquer cabin fever.

“Join us for an outdoor nature experience and discover cool facts about bald eagles, which were chosen as our nation’s symbol in 1782,” Holloway said, adding that visitors are encouraged to dress appropriate for outdoor winter weather.

The Mingo National Wildlife Visitor Center will display items related to eagles. Several outdoor spotting scope sites on Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Duck Creek CA and along Wappapello Lake will provide opportunities to view eagles, ducks and geese in the wild. All three of these locations are expansive areas, so visitors are encouraged to pick

up a brochure containing a map of the eagle viewing stations when they arrive.

All Eagle Days activities are free. Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and Duck Creek CA are located along highway 51, north of Puxico.

The Bill Emerson Memorial Visitor Center at Wappapello Lake is located at 10276 Missouri Hwy. T in Wappapello. From Poplar Bluff travel east approximately 5 miles on Hwy. 60, head north approximately ten miles on Hwy. T. The destination will be on the left. From Puxico take Hwy. 51 south one mile, turn right on Hwy. T, travel 9 miles to Hwy. D, turn left, cross the dam, your destination is on your right.

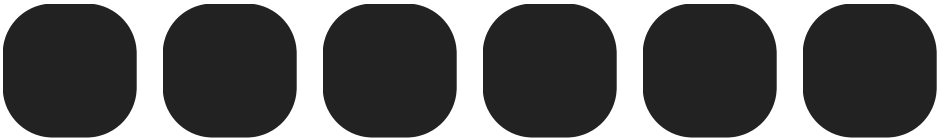
For more information about Eagle Days events, call Mingo National Wildlife Refuge at (573) 222-3589. To learn more about eagles and places to view them in Missouri, visit mdc.mo.gov.

Article and photo submitted. Shown in the photo: In flight, mature bald eagles are relatively easy to identify. They have a dark brown body with white head and tail. In Missouri, they are observed near lakes, rivers, and marshes, particularly in winter. (Credits - Noppadol Paothong)

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