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Dexter Queen Hiring Full-Time and Part-Time Employees

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Dexter Queen is hiring all positions both days and evenings. Must be able to work weekends and some holidays.

Pay commensurate with experience. Full time and part time positions available.

Come into the restaurant and fill out an application. Dexter Queen is located at 1109 W. Business Hwy 60, Dexter, Missouri.

No phone calls please.

Dexter Queen is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Dexter Queen does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, national origin, veteran status or any other basis covered by appropriate law. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit, and business need.

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From the Dexter Police Department

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From the Dexter Police Department - In order to clear up some rumors and misconceptions, we would like to take this opportunity to address the news of several burglaries that have occurred here in Dexter over the past two weeks.

So far, these burglaries have occurred at businesses that are located in close proximity to each other.

We have no reason to believe that homes are being targeted. As a reminder, these incidents are still under active investigation and we cannot release details that relate to these crimes.

We would ask that business owners keep in mind to ensure their doors are securely locked, especially doors located at the rear of their business.

Ensure that deadbolts and locking mechanisms are sufficient for the door size and are installed correctly.

Remove or limit the amounts of petty cash that is kept onsite.

If you have a video surveillance system, please check that it is in good working order, or perhaps consider upgrading your current system.

With advances in technology, there are systems with high resolution cameras that are affordable for even the smallest of storefronts.

Most citizens are asleep during the prime times for burglary (between 10pm - 5am), but if you are out and about during those hours, please report any suspicious activity you observe.

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Upcoming Stoddard County Nutrition Center Events

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The Stoddard County Nutrition Center and Southern Care and Comfort In-Home will be hosting a health fair in Bernie MO on Thursday March 22 at the Community Center on Hwy 25 from 10AM-2PM. Doorprize drawings for attendance.

The Stoddard County Nutrition Center and Southern Care and Comfort In-Home will be hosting a health fair in Dexter, MO on Friday March 23 at the center at 23 W. Stoddard Street from 10AM-2PM. Doorprize drawings for attendance.

The Southeast Health Center Auxiliary will have a Sweet Treats and Used Books Sale Thursday March 29th in the lobby from 9AM-4PM. Proceeds are used to enhance patient care.

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MDC Encourages People to be BEAR AWARE in Missouri

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**MDC encourages people to Be Bear Aware!
Don't feed bears. Avoid encounters. React right. Report sightings.**

[Jefferson City, Missouri](#) - As blossoms and buds emerge each spring, so do Missouri's estimated 350 native black bears. As they leave their winter dens this time of year, finding food is their main focus. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people to "Be Bear Aware" by not feeding bears and not providing potential sources of food.

“As black bears become active in the spring, they are on a mission to find food,” said Laura Conlee, a resource scientist and black-bear researcher with MDC. “It is very important for Missourians to recognize potential food attractants in their area. Things such as bird feeders, trash, barbecue grills, and food waste left out at camp sites can all serve as huge attractions for bears. Keeping our areas free of attractants, and letting bears find natural foods is in everyone’s best interest. If you see a bear, enjoy the sighting, let the bear be, and be sure you don’t offer it any food. Most importantly, never intentionally feed them.”

Conlee added feeding bears makes them comfortable around people, which can also make them dangerous.

A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

"When bears lose their fear of people, they may approach people in search of food or may defend the food sources or territory they associate with people, which can make them dangerous," Conlee said. "When this happens, the bear has to be destroyed. A fed bear is a dead bear."

She added a fed bear that becomes a problem in one place cannot be relocated to another.

"Once a bear learns that people can provide food, they will seek out other places such as camp sites, residential areas, and farms in search of food," she explained. "Bears also have an excellent memory and will often return year after year to places where they were provided food."

AVOID ATTRACTING BLACK BEARS

MDC offers these tips for avoiding attracting black bears to possible food sources:

Don't leave pet food sitting outside. Feed pets a portion they'll eat at each meal and remove the empty containers.

Store garbage, recyclables, and compost inside a secure building or in a bear-proof container until the day of trash pick-up.

Keep grills and smokers clean and store them inside.

Don't use birdfeeders from April through November in bear country, or hang them at least 10 feet high and 4 feet away from any structure.

Use electric fencing to keep bears away from beehives, chicken coops, vegetable gardens, orchards, and other potential food sources.

Keep campsites clean and store all food, toiletries and trash in a secure vehicle or strung high between two trees. Do not burn or bury garbage or food waste.

AVOID ENCOUNTERS AND REACT RIGHT

While close encounters are uncommon, MDC offers this advice when outdoors in black-bear country:

Make noise while walking or hiking to prevent surprising a bear. Clap, sing, or talk loudly.

Travel in a group if possible.

Pay attention to the surroundings and watch for bear sign, such as tracks or claw or bite marks on trees.

Keep dogs leashed.

Leave a bear alone! Do not approach it. Make sure it has an escape route.

If encountering a bear up close, back away slowly with arms raised to look larger. Speak in a calm, loud voice. Do not turn away from the bear. Back away slowly. Do not run.

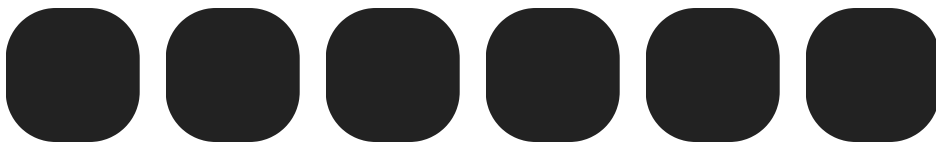
A native to Missouri, black bears were abundant until the late 1800s when they were nearly wiped out from unregulated killing and from habitat loss when Ozark forests were logged. MDC research shows that a small number of native black bears survived. Over time, their numbers increased and continue to do so. Results of ongoing black-bear research by MDC staff and others show that the animals have been sighted in about half the counties in Missouri, primarily south of the Missouri River, with most bears located in the southern third of the state in the Missouri Ozarks.

Black bears are a protected species in Missouri. MDC anticipates a limited hunting season as a population-management method once black bear numbers reach a population estimate of about 500 animals. The current estimate is about 350. No details regarding the anticipated future hunting season have been developed.

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Endangered Silver Advisory for Missing Poplar Bluff Man

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Police with the Crestwood Police Department have issued an Endangered Silver Advisory for a missing adult out of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

The incident occurred at 5467 Route T at 12:30 p.m. on March 11.

Police said the missing adult is David Wills, a white male, 77, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 220 pounds, gray hair, brown eyes, last seen wearing an unknown color baseball hat, bib overalls and tennis shoes.

Wills has been diagnosed with diabetes and dementia according to police.

He was seen in a white 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer four door with the license plate number, WD7A8X, leaving the residence in Poplar Bluff.

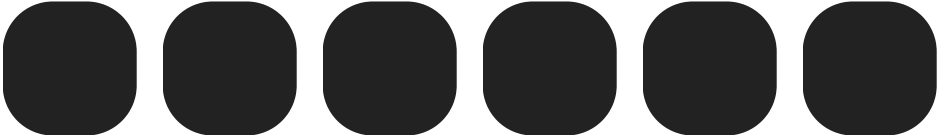
Police said Wills left Poplar Bluff, Missouri on his way to Crestwood, Missouri at 12:30 p.m. on March 11 and has not arrived. Wills recently had a stroke and may have trouble speaking.

Anyone seeing the missing person, suspect, associate, or vehicle, or anyone having any information related to the endangered missing person should immediately dial 911 to contact the nearest law enforcement agency or call the Crestwood Police Department at 314-729-4800.

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