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Stoddard County, Missouri - Stoddard county Sheriff Carl Hefner announced this press release due to the COV-19 (Coronavirus).

"Our office is committed to protecting and serving our citizens. At this time our Deputies will continue responding to ALL calls in a regular manner. If a Deputy is requested and someone in your home is experiencing symptoms consistent with flu or COVID-19, we ask that you let our dispatcher know prior to the arrival of first responders, stated Stoddard County Sheriff, Carl Hefner.

Our office will remain open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm for all concealed carry permits and sex offender registration.

All jail visits will be suspended until further notice. Anyone who needs to place funds on an inmate commissary is encouraged to use the website:

<https://orders.tigercommissary.com/services/> call toll free 877-844-3726, or visit the kiosk in the lobby.

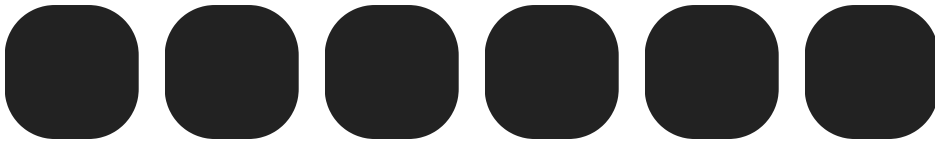
Our office is staying up to date with information from the Centers for Disease Control, and Stoddard County Public Health Department. We will keep the public informed of any changes to our procedures. During these unprecedented and unknown times, the safety of the public and our staff is the highest priority. Our prayers are with all citizens affected by this epidemic and we ask for you to remember that God is in control. We thank you for

your cooperation and patience during this time.

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## Harps Food Stores Acquires Stores in Arkansas and Missouri

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Springdale, AR - Harps Food Stores, Inc., has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire 20 stores across northeastern Arkansas and southeastern Missouri from Town & Country Grocers of Fredericktown, Missouri. The transaction remains subject to ordinary due diligence including approval from the Town and Country shareholders.

The locations are as follows:

Country Mart in Harrison, Arkansas

Town & Country in Highland, Arkansas

Town & Country in Thayer, Missouri

Cash Saver in West Plains, Missouri

Country Mart in Fredericktown, Missouri

Country Mart in Bonne Terre, Missouri

Country Mart in Potosi, Missouri

Country Mart in Park Hills, Missouri

ALPS Supermarket in Malden, Missouri

Town & Country in Newark, Arkansas

Price Chopper in Pocahontas, Arkansas

Country Mart in Kennett, Missouri

Town & Country in Dexter, Missouri

Country Mart in Jackson, Missouri

Country Mart in Piggott, Arkansas

Country Mart in Marble Hill, Missouri

Town & Country in Clarkton, Missouri

Town & Country in Doniphan, Missouri

Town & Country in Bernie, Missouri

Country Mart in Farmington, Missouri

While the timing of the transaction has not been finalized, both parties anticipate completing the transaction throughout this summer.

“Opportunities like this are rare,” said Kim Eskew, president and CEO of Harps Food Stores. “We are extremely excited about adding these stores to our Harps family. They will make a great addition to our company as we strive to continue to grow.”

Harps is a 100% employee-owned company, which operates 92 stores in four states, including Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas.

Harps is the largest employee-owned company in the state of Arkansas and was founded by Harvard and Floy Harp in Springdale in 1930. Since then, the company has grown to employ over 4,500 associates.

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## Dexter Police Department Modifies Protocols Due to COVID-19 Coronavirus

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In an effort to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) The Dexter Police Department will be following modified protocols regarding to our calls for service. Dexter Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of our citizens and businesses. We are not short staffed; we are still actively patrolling our community 24 hours a day with the same personnel as before. Some of our procedures have changed regarding how we handle certain calls for service to protect our staff and the public in general, but we are still here to serve and protect. All emergency calls will be responded to with officers.

Our officers will continue to respond to “in progress” calls and all emergency calls. All non-emergency and routine business calls will be handled over the telephone.

When a call for service warrants an officer’s response, our Communications Unit will ask all callers a brief series of basic screening questions to safeguard against exposure to responding officers. The response to these answers will not exclude a caller from receiving services or from having an officer respond, they will only allow the officer the opportunity to take necessary safety precautions if necessary.

We also request that the general public refrain from traveling to the Dexter Police Department and instead, make every attempt to report any incident via telephone (573-624-5512, Ext 1).

These modified protocols are in place to protect our officers so they may continue to serve this community without interruption, and they are also in place to protect the public and effectively diminish the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and your cooperation. We want our community to know we are actively evolving with this situation and we intend to remain unwavering in our dedication to serve and protect this community.

Any member of the community can contact the Dexter Police Department by phone, our website, Facebook, or email (during business hours).

Phone number 573-624-5512 Ext 1

Website: <http://visitdexter.com/police/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dexterpolicedepartment>

Email – [Trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com](mailto:Trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com)

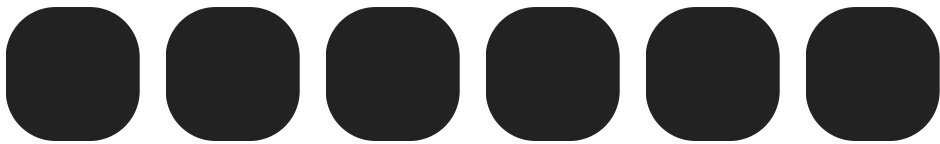
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## American Red Cross Asking for Blood Donations

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By now, you've seen the headlines and heard the news. Communities across the country are closely monitoring the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and following public health preparedness guidance. Part of that preparation includes maintaining a readily available blood supply for hospital patients. The last thing patients should have to worry about during this time is a shortage.

As the number of COVID-19 cases grow, so does the need for healthy blood donors. Right now, the American Red Cross strongly urges eligible donors to schedule their next appointment to donate blood.

Here's the good news: Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. If you are healthy and able, please come in to give. You can help change the headlines with a blood donation.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 Walmart in Sikeston, MO from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Missouri April 2020 Municipal Elections Postponed

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Due to concerns over the spread of the covid-19 coronavirus, Governor Mike Parson has postponed the April Municipal Elections until June.

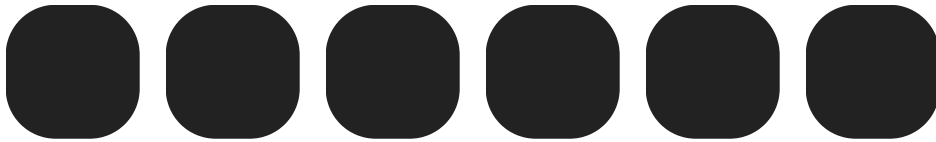
Today, Missouri Governor Mike Parson issued an executive order to delay the April elections until June 2nd. Anyone who has already voted absentee will have their votes counted in June and voters may now request absentee ballots through May 20th.

If you are worried that you will be unable to vote on June 2nd, you may request an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State's Office.

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