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Stoddard County, MO - Ben Godwin, Director of the Stoddard County Health Department has confirmed 76 new cases of COVID-19 on Friday afternoon.

The county now sits at 214 active cases, 81 deaths and a grand total of 4,246 COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic.

Age Group Breakdown:

0-19 615

20-29 628

30-39 586

40-49 645

50-59 559

60-69 536

70-79 395

80 and over 282 cases

The Stoddard County Health Dept has broken down by gender as well. There have been 1,896 confirmed cases in males and 2,350 cases in females.

The updated information on the nursing facility outbreak is 56 total confirmed cases with 11 active cases among residents, 5 among staff and 6 deaths.

Godwin also released a community breakdown of active cases.

These numbers do not include the nursing facility outbreak:

Dexter 102

Bernie 23

Bloomfield 20

Puxico 19

Advance 16

Essex 10

Dudley 7

Bell City 3

Oran 2 (some rural Oran addresses are located in Stoddard County) and Parma 2.

If you have questions please call (573) 568-4593. The Stoddard County Health Dept is located at 1001 North Highway 25 Bloomfield, MO 63825

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Big Boy Will Travel Through Dexter on Saturday; Come Out to the Watch Party

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Big Boy Will Travel Through Dexter on Saturday; Come Out to the Watch Party

Dexter, MO - Union Pacific Railroad's Big Boy #4014 will steam through Dexter on Saturday morning between 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. as it travels to St. Louis, Missouri later that afternoon. Please come out to the Dexter Depot located

It is said to be the largest and most powerful steam locomotive in the world weighing in at a little over 1 million pounds. It is set to leave Poplar Bluff around 8 a.m. and travel through Dexter shortly after.

The steam locomotive's month-long tour will consist of 10 states; Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming.

The locomotive was one of 25 "Big Boys" built between 1941 and 1944 by American Locomotive Co. They had a "4-8-8-4" wheel arrangement, meaning they had four wheels on the leading set of "pilot" wheels guiding the engine, two sets of eight "drive" wheels, each nearly 6-feet in diameter, and four additional wheels supporting the rear of the locomotive. With a length of 132 feet, Big Boy frames had to be "hinged" to allow them to navigate curves.

The Big Boy locomotives had a 25,000-gallon water capacity and could carry up to 56,000 pounds of coal, although Big Boy No. 4014 was eventually converted to burn No.

5 fuel oil. They had a top speed of 80 mph and could produce as much as 6,290 horsepower.

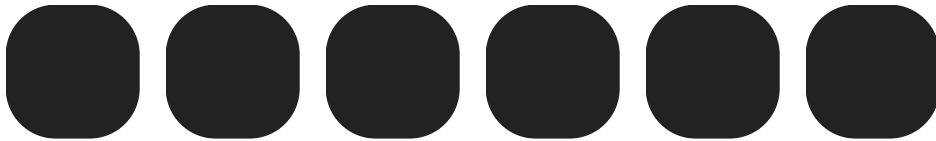
Big Boy No. 4014 was delivered to Union Pacific in December 1941 and traveled 1,031,205 miles, mostly between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, before it was retired in 1961. Union Pacific reacquired it in 2013 from a railroad museum in Pomona, California, and spent several years restoring it, completing the process in 2019 in time to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Today, it is the only Big Boy locomotive in operational condition, with seven others housed in railroad museums, including one at the National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood, Missouri.

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Route N in Stoddard County Closed for Pavement Repairs

Route N in Stoddard County Closed for Pavement Repairs

Route N in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Highway 91 to Route Y.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to local traffic only.

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

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Route U in Stoddard County Closed for Pavement Repairs

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Route U in Stoddard County Closed for Pavement Repairs

Route U in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route H to County Road 607.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The route will be open to local traffic only.

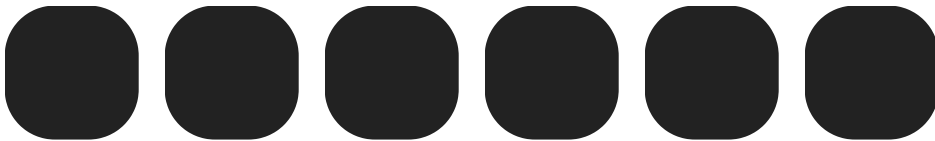
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Dental Assistant Needed in Dexter

AUGUST 18TH 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

Dental Assistant Needed in Dexter

Dexter, MO - Dental Assistant - Fast paced dental office in Dexter seeking a full-time Dental Assistant to join their practice.

Willing to train, but candidate with experience is preferred.

Daily duties include, but not limited to the following: greet patients, clean and set-up treatment rooms, assist doctor with chair-side procedures, infection control, and sterilization.

Candidate must be well mannered and practice good hygiene.

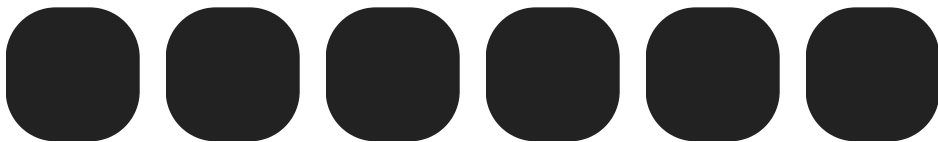
Position is full-time, Monday - Friday with benefits.

Please bring resume' to the office of Dr. William Kane, D.D.S. at 913 West Business 60, Dexter, MO. No phone calls please.

Dr. Kane's office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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