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Don't Trick or Treat Here!

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Stoddard County, MO - As we approach Halloween and the holiday season, the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office has verified that there are presently have 119 registered sex offenders falling under the rules of the Halloween restriction portion of the statute in Stoddard County. The majority of these offenders have committed sex offenses involving children.

Sheriff's Deputies are proactively delivering a message from the sheriff to applicable sex offenders in our county to remind them of their requirements during this season.

"We have already had our annual check of offenders in the county," stated Andy Holden, Stoddard County Sheriff's Department, "We have our deputies go to their residence one time per year and do a physical check to make sure they are living at that address and are still registered."

The Missouri Highway Patrol maintains an online link to an interactive map that can be viewed by the public identifying where Registered Sex Offenders reside and why they are required to register.

Holden also explained that the states number of registered sex offenders could be a little different because they are counting offenders who are incarcerated, have moved but not registered at another agency or people who live in another county but work in Stoddard County.

In 2010, Missouri lawmakers passed a new piece of legislation aimed at protecting trick-or-treaters from convicted sex offenders on Halloween night. The law requires registered sex offenders to stay inside their homes between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 pm. with all exterior lighting turned off.

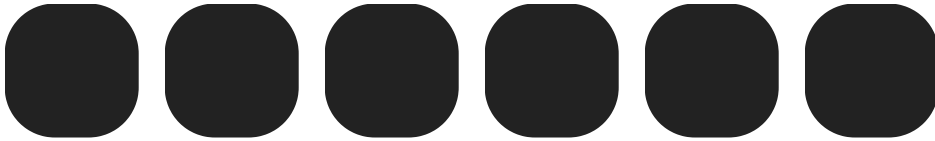
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Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of Stoddard County Registered Offenders. Please remember this changes daily as new offenders register or move in and out of the county into another county.

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Bloomfield Action Team (BAT) Met to Discuss Grant Options

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The Bloomfield Action Team (BAT) met on October 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the library of the Stars and Stripes Museum.

Members present were: Shirley Hanner, Jim and Sue Mayo, Shaaron Geisler, Nelda Warrick, Sheila Brown, Pam and Jerry Elder, Melvin Boyers, Bill Robison, and Laura Dumey. Non-members: Heather Mayo

BAT members discussed applying for a CDBG grant for the restoration of the Christian Church on the corner of Missouri and Viola Streets in Bloomfield. The grant is 100% funded and a \$500,000 grant. Kelly Mitchell of the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission will help write the grant. The city of Bloomfield must approve this project.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the library of the Stars & Stripes Museum to discuss what the building will be used for and how this should be presented to the City Council meeting on Thursday, November 4.

Please plan to attend this meeting. If you would like to be removed from this list. Please let me know.

The Bloomfield Action Team was reorganized at the last meeting. The president of BAT is Sue Mayo, the treasurer is Nelda Warrick, and the secretary is Laura Dumey.

Dues are \$20/year.

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Dexter Board of Aldermen Hold Special Meeting on October 19, 2021

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Dexter, MO - The special meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Municipal Building on Vine Street at noon.

Mayor Jason Banken called the meeting to order. Michael Shepard, Terry Battles, Tim Aslin, Frank Killian, Larry Rogers, and Glen Robinson were present. Also present were City Administrator Trevor Pulley, City Clerk Crystal Bishop, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tom Espey, Fire Chief Don Seymore, Police Chief Hank Trout, and Chamber Director Alisha Trammell.

Trammell informed the Board that the Chamber Development Group owns 30 acres of land west of Faurecia and is selling the property to Elite Cargo Manufacturing. The company has also purchased a building adjacent to the property on Arvin Road. Within the 30 acres is a street that has never been dedicated to the City of Dexter. The Chamber has already corrected the easement for the City to have access to fire and water services via the street and right-of-way to the railroad tracks. The proposed street name was discussed and will be brought to the Board at a regular session meeting when the street is deeded to the City in the near future.

The Public Safety Committee met prior to the Special Meeting and the following recommendations were made:

Police Chief Hank Trout presented Roy Reaves to be hired as a full-time communications officer. Motion by Alderman Aslin, seconded by Alderman Battles and motion was carried 6-0.

Fire Chief Don Seymore presented Zach Midkiff to be hired as a paid-on-call fireman. Motion by Alderman Battles, seconded by Alderman Robinson and motion was carried 6-0.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tom Espey presented Troy Martinez to be hired as a full-time water/wastewater employee. Motion by Alderman Battles, seconded by Alderman Rogers and the motion carried 6-0.

City Administrator Trevor Pulley reminded everyone that Halloween for the City of Dexter and the Fire Department would be held on Saturday, October 30th from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Park Department Halloween Happening will be on Friday, October 29th. Next year he has plans to have all the City events on the same evening. the school will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 28th. He also updated the Board on the following items: roof repairs at the Depot and Library and the grant applications.

Pulley also reported the City had put the mowing and cleaning services and mowing equipment needed out to bid. His recommendation is for the City to begin mowing all City property (including parks) except the cemetery for the 2022 mowing season. A discussion was had regarding the mowing season, hiring seasonal employees for each department, and purchasing equipment needed. he asked the Board to consider purchasing the needed equipment for the next mowing season now. Motion by Alderman Killian, seconded by Alderman Aslin and the motion carried 6-0.

Pulley reported he is still reviewing the cleaning bids for the Park Department.

Pulley asked the Board to consider approving \$1,900 in damages to tombstones at the City cemetery that occurred during the tornado earlier this year. Motion by Alderman Killian, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and motion carried 6-0.

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Emergency Blood Shortage - American Red Cross Needs You In Bernie!

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Bernie, MO - The American Red Cross will host a BLOOD DRIVE at the Bernie Community Center on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

The Bernie Community Center is located at 503 South Walnut Street. The hours will be from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This month is scary, and it's not because of Halloween. Fall is typically a time when the blood supply bounces back from summer blood shortages, but this year is different. We're experiencing an emergency blood shortage amid the lowest donor turnout in all of 2021. Hospital demand for blood remains high, so it's critical that blood is always available.

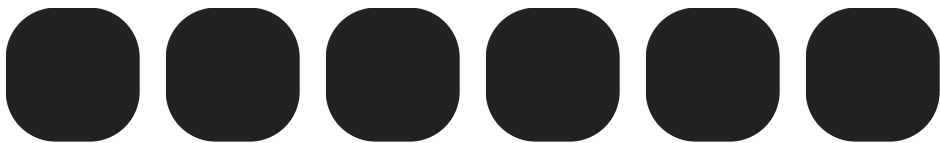
One blood donor can make a big impact, and one appointment is all it takes. Come in to give blood this October and receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby's® Signature Sandwich reward!* Or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.** PLUS, get double the thank-you with an extra \$5 e-gift card when you come to give by Oct. 31!

You may still donate after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Knowing the name of the manufacturer is critical in determining your blood donation eligibility.

The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. For the safety of our donors and staff, the Red Cross will require all those at blood drives and blood donation centers to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Valve face masks are not permitted. Face shields can be worn in addition to face masks but not as a substitute.

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