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*Make Sure Your Child is in the Right Seat*

Every year, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 7, which includes Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, partners with local communities to hold Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs this year from September 15-21.

The annual safety week ends with National Seat Check Saturday (September 21), a day for parents and caregivers to receive free instruction on how to correctly install and use the right car seats for their children. There are many locations throughout the region that will be offering free car seat inspections by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The Stoddard County Health Department and the Stoddard County Ambulance Department can check your car seat.

Technicians will check car seats, let caregivers know if their children are in the right seats for their ages and sizes, and show them how to install the right seats correctly.

“Unfortunately, many parents are overconfident about their car seats,” said Regional Administrator Susan DeCourcy. “They think they are protecting their kids, but

statistically, nearly half of car seats are either the wrong seat for the child’s age and size, or the seats are installed incorrectly. That puts children at risk.”

According to NHTSA, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children. Every day in 2022, an average of three children 13 and younger were killed in crashes, and another 429 were injured. “We know parents love their kids,” added DeCourcy, “so they’ll do everything in their power to protect them. An easy way to do that is to double-check their car seats — it’s worth making sure.”

In 2022, almost half (49%) of the children killed while riding in light pickup trucks were unrestrained, followed by SUVs (38%), passenger cars (34%), and vans (12%). NHTSA wants caregivers to know that it’s never safe to ride unbuckled in a passenger vehicle — no matter how short the trip or how big the vehicle. Bigger vehicles don’t protect child passengers, but properly used car seats, booster seats, and seat belts do.

When it comes to child passengers, there is a correctly sized seat for every age and developmental stage — from infants to teens. Whether it’s a rear-facing car seat, a forward-facing car seat installed with a tether, a booster seat, or a seat belt, a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can put parents’ minds at ease by discussing correct car seat selection and showing them how to correctly install that seat in their vehicle. Children should stay in each seat and position until they outgrow those limits, and it’s important for all children under 13 to ride in the back seat.

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The City of Puxico Board of Alderman has set aside the first Friday and Saturday in October, October 4-5, 2024, as the time for the Fall City-Wide Yard Sale. Time frame for these yard sales will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

The Mayor and Board hopes that as many residents as possible participate in this event.

The City is compiling a list of addresses where yard sales will be located. This list of addresses along with a map of the City will be distributed to anyone who wants to know where he or she can find the yard sales. If you wish to have your name/address placed on the list of yard sales, please contact Natasha Cullum at City Hall, 222-3162, by Tuesday, October 1. If you want a copy of the yard sale address list and city map, you may pick one up at City Hall after October 1. The list of yardsales will also be available at various businesses and yard sales around the City.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall during regular business hours, 573-222-3162.

Friday & Saturday

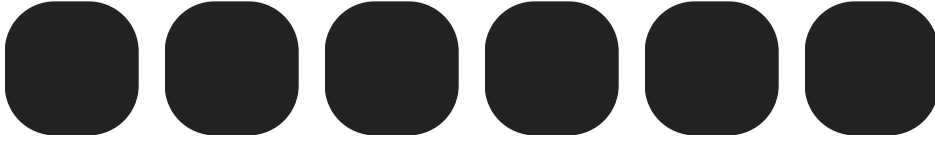
October 4-5, 2024

7 a.m-2 p.m.

If you wish to have your yard sale placed on a handout list, please contact City Hall, 222-3162 by October 1st.

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## Route 153 in Stoddard County Reduced for Shoulder Repairs

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Route 153 in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform shoulder repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route D to Route 114.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Sept. 16 through Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

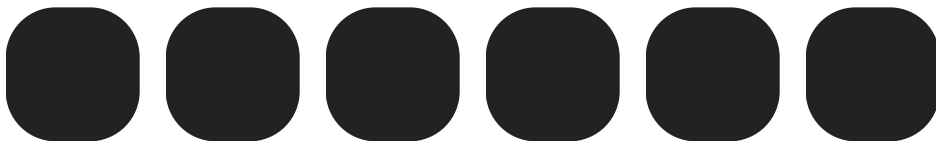
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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City of Puxico City-Wide Cleanup

Saturday, October 5, 2024

7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

As a part of the City-Wide Cleanup, the city trash service, Henson Trash, will set up a dumpster on the west side of the City Hall parking lot.

Citizens of Puxico may discard bulk trash (no household trash) for the City-Wide Cleanup in this dumpster, including basically anything out of the house that is in disrepair, such as couches, computers, chairs, televisions, dressers, commodes, and small appliances. There will be no door-to-door pickup of bulk trash.

Anyone who brings items to be dumped must show proof of residence in the City, such as a driver's license or a utility bill with name and address.

Items that cannot be put in the dumpster include

- + yard waste, such as straw, grass, dirt, leaves, and railroad ties
- + construction materials
- + hazardous or infectious materials, such as tires, batteries, motor oil, radiator fluid, medical waste, and paint

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## Kids Day at the Museum: I Spy at Stars & Stripes Museum in Bloomfield

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### Kids Day at the Museum: I Spy at Stars & Stripes Museum in Bloomfield

Join us for **Kids Day at the Museum: I Spy** on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at The Stars and Stripes National Museum and Library for an exciting day where history meets mystery! This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

This event features an engaging "I Spy" scavenger hunt, allowing young detectives to explore the fascinating connections between war-time reporting and spying. Participants will learn valuable skills in observation and discover key moments in U.S. military history.

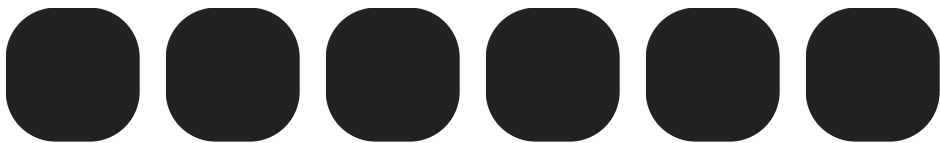
This event is ideal for families, school groups, and curious minds of all ages. Don't miss this unique opportunity to turn your kids into history detectives for a day!

Our monthly Kids Day at the Museum program is sponsored by The Boys and Girls Club of the Heartland, the Dexter Kiwanis Club, the Sikeston Kiwanis Club, and Ameren.

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