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**Kennett, Missouri** – Don Tomlinson, a Kennett sports legend and one of the best basketball players to emerge from Kennett school history passed away Wednesday at the age of 66. A tribute to Tomlinson will be Friday evening as Kennett will host Cape Central.

A patch with Tomlinson's initials will be worn on the varsity athlete's jerseys during the game. There will be an empty chair on the Indian's bench. Before the beginning of the varsity game, a chair will be placed at mid-court, draped with his #42 jersey along with a coach's whistle. An insert in the Friday night's program will highlight his career.

He is a member of the Kennett Indian Hall of Fame. He was All State Basketball from 1964-1966, All Conference Basketball 1964-1966, All District Basketball 1964-1966, Basketball All American 1966, and he set the Kennett and SEMO Conference scoring records in 1966.

He attended the University of Missouri and was the team captain in 1970 and All Big-8 Conference. He even led the Mizzou Tigers in scoring in the 1969-1970 basketball season. He was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

He coached at Hayti and Southland High Schools before returning to Kennett High School.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, his son Trent and daughter, Tara.

Visitation will be held at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Kennett on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. following visitation at the McDaniel Chapel.

Burial will be in Memorial Gardens in Kennett. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcdanielfuneralservice.com](http://www.mcdanielfuneralservice.com).

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*Wednesday is the 102nd anniversary of the birth of the late civil rights pioneer, who passed away in 2005*

**Jefferson City, Missouri** - Gov. Jay Nixon has proclaimed Wednesday, Feb. 4, as Rosa Parks Day in Missouri to honor the famed civil rights pioneer on what would have been her 102nd birthday. A state law passed in 2006 designates that date to especially remember and honor Parks, who was born on Feb. 4, 1913 and who died in 2005.

“Sixty years ago, the act of one brave woman helped changed the course of a nation toward a more just society,” Gov. Nixon said. “There is much work that each of us can continue to do to help protect the civil rights of all Americans, and we can draw inspiration from the legacy of Rosa Parks.”

In 1955, Parks refused to obey the order of a bus driver to give up her seat to a white male passenger on a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., leading to the successful boycott of the segregated city bus system and drawing national attention. She has been described as the “Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement,” and her refusal is considered one of the key events of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Local volunteers, Jack Norman and Earl Young, will be on hand every Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. through mid-April to prepare both Federal and State 1040s. Returns will be filed the same day they are completed in all possible cases.

These tax returns are FREE and are provided through the University of Missouri Extension Service in conjunction with the IRS VITA/TCE program.

The Regional Healthcare Foundation in Dexter has once again provided the volunteers FREE use of the Cox Corner building at the corner of Walnut Street and Business 60 for this service.

Appointments are not necessary. Forms are completed on a walk-in basis. Those taking advantage of the this free filing are reminded that with the new laws governing HEALTHCARE, they are asked at the time of filing whether they carry a health insurance policy; however it is not necessary to provide proof of that policy at the tie the tax returns are completed.

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## February is Earthquake Awareness Month

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### February is Earthquake Awareness Month

**Missouri** - Each February, Missouri observes Earthquake Awareness Month to educate the public about the very real threat of another catastrophic earthquake occurring in the state. On Feb. 7, 1812, one of the country's most powerful earthquakes on record struck in southeast Missouri in what is now known as the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). While no one can predict exactly when an earthquake will occur, many experts agree that large earthquakes in the NMSZ still pose a threat to the region.

"The New Madrid Seismic Zone is one of the most active seismic zones in the nation and experts tell us to expect another major earthquake in the future," said Ron Walker, SEMA director. "It's important for Missourians to prepare now and Earthquake Awareness Month is an ideal time to learn about earthquake hazards and the importance of emergency preparedness."

Useful information and resources for families, schools and businesses is available on SEMA's Earthquake Preparedness Web page. Included are fact sheets, interactive maps and informational videos that show what to do in the event of an earthquake. Go to [www.sema.dps.mo.gov/earthquake\\_preparedness](http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov/earthquake_preparedness).

**On** Oct. 16, 2014, more than 470, 000 Missourians participated in the annual Great Central U.S. ShakeOut earthquake drill. Each year the drill teaches participants to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" – drop to the floor, cover under a desk or table and hold on in the

event of an earthquake. Other simple earthquake safety steps that people can take, particularly those who live in or near the New Madrid Seismic Zone, are:

- Put together an emergency kit, including a flash-light, first aid kit, radio, drinking water and blankets.
- Develop a family communication plan. Identify a relative living at least 100 miles away; everyone can call to “check in” to tell family you’re safe.
- Bolt bookcases to wall studs, install strong latches on cupboards and strap your home’s water heater to wall studs—if it tips over it could start a fire or gas leak, and you could lose a valuable source of water.
- Know how to turn off your gas and water mains.
- Understand that earthquake coverage is not included in most homeowner insurance policies. It must be purchased as separate coverage, called an “endorsement.” This type of insurance requires that the earthquake is the direct cause of damage to the property. The Missouri Department of Insurance has more:  
<http://insurance.mo.gov/consumers/home/EQTable.php>

**Events** scheduled during Earthquake Awareness Month include:

- Feb. 5 – The Missouri Seismic Safety Commission holds its quarterly meeting at 1 p.m. at the St. Louis Science Center, 5050 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis.
- Feb. 6 – The Seismic Safety Commission, the State Emergency Management Agency, and others sponsor the “QuakeSmart Business Summit” from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Louis University, Il Monastero Meeting Room, 3050 Olive Street, St. Louis. Local businesses are encouraged to attend this free event to learn about the importance of preparing now for earthquakes.
- Feb. 21 – Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sikeston Latter Day Saints Church, 827 Euclid Avenue, Sikeston. The event is free and open to the public.
- Feb. 28 - “Shake and Quake: Earthquake Preparedness is in the Bag!” program at 11 a.m. at Onondaga Cave State Park near Leasburg. Representatives from SEMA and the Department of Natural Resources' Missouri Geological Survey will present a program about earthquake history, preparedness, and impacts on society. A video about earthquakes in the Midwest will be shown. Admission is free. Onondaga Cave State Park is located on Highway H, seven miles southeast of the Leasburg exit on Interstate 44.

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## MDC Cape Nature Center Hosts Maple Sugaring Program

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### MDC Cape Nature Center Hosts Maple Sugaring Program

**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center will host “Maple Sugaring” Saturday, Feb. 14 from 1-4 p.m. This program is all about the history, equipment and process of making maple syrup and sugar.

“This event is self-guided and partially outdoors so that we can show the entire process of backyard sugaring,” said Angela Pierce, a naturalist at the Nature Center. Pierce said maple sugaring has a long history in America, with earliest records of Indians using syrup for barter in the 1600s.

Though some think sugar maple trees are only found in Northeastern and North central regions of the country, the trees are also found in Missouri and have a rich history of use for maple sugaring.

Pierce said maple sugaring is a great way for people to discover nature in the cooler months. However, there are techniques that should be used to ensure the health of trees when they are tapped for sap.

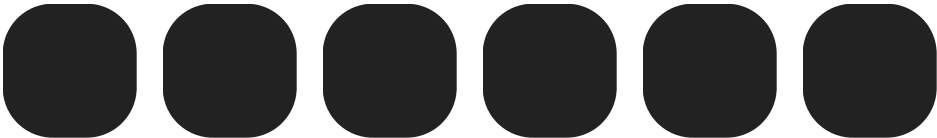
“This event will teach the appropriate conservation practices for successful backyard sugaring,” said Pierce.

The maple sugaring program is just one way the MDC helps people discover nature. All groups and ages are welcome and no registration is needed. For more information on this and other events at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center, call 573-290-5218 or go online to [mdc.mo.gov/capenaturecenter](http://mdc.mo.gov/capenaturecenter).

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