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Interstate 55 in Cape Girardeau County Closed for Utility Repairs

North and Southbound Interstate 55 in Cape Girardeau County will be closed as contractor crews perform utility repairs.

This section will be between Exit 96 and Exit 99. Weather permitting, work will be completed on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Message boards and signs will be in place marking a detour route, using William Street, Mt. Auburn and Kingshighway. 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 (1-888-275-6636)

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Sikeston, Missouri - Missourians will have an opportunity to provide input on the new license plate design to commemorate Missouri's 200th anniversary of statehood. The public meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Three Rivers College - Tinnin Fine Arts Center, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

State law requires the Department of Revenue begin a full reissuance of license plates with the new plate design no later than Jan. 1, 2019. The new design commemorating the bicentennial will replace the current Missouri bluebird license plate.

According to state law (301.125, RSMo), an Advisory Committee is responsible for determining the new plate design. The committee consists of the director of the Department of Revenue or his or her designee, the superintendent of the Highway Patrol, the correctional enterprises administrator, the director of the Department of Transportation, the executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, and the respective chairpersons of both the Senate and House of Representatives Transportation Committees.

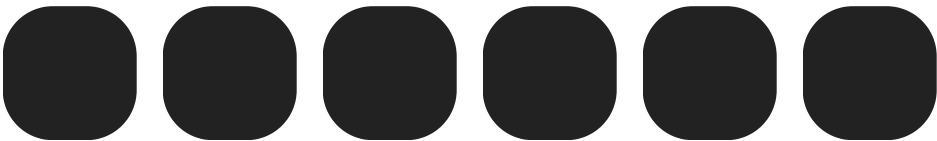
The Committee invites public input into the final design through a series of public meetings.

Further details are available on the Department of Revenue site at:
<http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/bicentennial.php>

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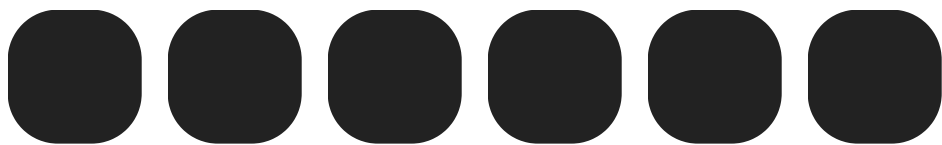
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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently named Angela Pierce of Cape Girardeau the winner of the 2015 Outreach and Education Achievement award. Pierce is a naturalist at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

Pierce receives this award for her coordination of the Southeast Region's "Day on the River" event. This annual event attracts more than 2,000 people and helps connect them to the Mississippi River and its importance as habitat and as a natural resource.

"While most people in the area see the Mississippi River, many don't know much about the history and dynamics of the river. Pierce's efforts with this event fill this void," said Sara Turner, MDC manager of the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

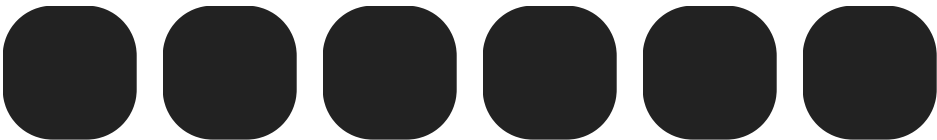
"Coordinating this large event successfully is an achievement by any standard."

Day on the River typically occurs in early September. However, the nature center has regular programs to help people discover nature all year long.

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Malden, Missouri - On Monday Oct. 17, 2016 the 23rd Wing, Group 2, 151st Squadron (Bootheel Squadron) held a changing of command ceremony at the Malden Regional Airport. Lt Coln Carolyn Rice, Group 2 Commander, was on hand for the ceremony.

Major Tommy Sheppard has stepped down as squadron commander after being with the squadron since for the past 10 years.

Captain Jason Williams, formally the squadrons Health Service Officer, has assumed command and plans to continue with preparing the squadron to fill a vital role in Emergency Services in Southeast Missouri.

The squadrons next major training event will take place Saturday Oct. 29th with squadron becoming a qualified Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"In the late 1930s, more than 150,000 volunteers with a love for aviation argued for an organization to put their planes and flying skills to use in defense of their country. As a result, the Civil Air Patrol was born one week prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Thousands of volunteer members answered America's call to national service and sacrifice by accepting and performing critical wartime missions. Assigned to the War Department under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Corps, the contributions of Civil Air Patrol, including logging more than 500,000 flying hours, sinking two enemy submarines, and saving hundreds of crash victims during World War II, are well documented."

"After the war, a thankful nation understood that Civil Air Patrol could continue providing valuable services to both local and national agencies. On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman signed Public Law 476 incorporating Civil Air Patrol as a benevolent, nonprofit organization. On May 26, 1948, Congress passed Public Law 557 permanently establishing Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the new U.S. Air Force. Three primary mission areas were set forth at that time: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services."

The Bootheel Squadron meets on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Cardinal Aviation Building located at the Malden Regional Airport.

All are welcome to come by and check out the Civil Air Patrols activities and the squadron is always looking for new members, both senior members and cadets.

Shown in the photo from left to right. Capt. Williams, Major Sheppard, and Lt Coln Rice.

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