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Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, July 31 through Thursday, Aug. 10 from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Open for 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 (1-888-275-6636).

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Sales Tax Holiday is August 4th - 6th

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Missouri - The annual Sales Tax Holiday is set for Friday, August 4th, Saturday, August 5th, and Sunday, August 6th in Stoddard County.

On these particular days certain back-to-school items such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and various other needed items are exempt from sales tax.

The sales tax holiday applies to state and local sales taxes when a local jurisdiction chooses to participate. However some local jurisdictions choose to not participate in the holiday.

If one or all of your local taxing jurisdictions are not participating in the sales tax holiday, the state's portion of the tax rate (4.255%) will remain exempt for the sale of qualifying sales tax holiday items.

The sales tax exemption is limited to:

1. Clothing - any article having a taxable value of less than \$100. (a fur coat valued at \$250 would not fit in this category)
2. School supplies - not to exceed \$50 per purchase (if you are buying for three children, you might want to get your spouse to go through the line or come back more than one time to get your items)
3. Computer software - taxable value of \$350 or less.
4. Personal computers - not to exceed \$1,500.
5. Computer peripheral devices - not to exceed \$1,500.
6. Graphing Calculators - not to exceed \$150.

Please note:

Clothing is defined as any article of wearing apparel, including footwear, intended to be worn on or about the human body. That does not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, or belt buckles.

School supplies are defined as any item normally used by students in a standard classroom for education purposes, including but not limited to, textbooks, notebooks, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, book bags, backpacks, handheld calculators, chalk, maps, and globes. The term shall NOT include watches, radios, CD Players, headphones, sporting equipment, portable or desktop telephones, copiers or other office equipment, furniture, or fixtures.

Link to cities NOT participating; therefore you will pay the city sales tax! **Click HERE.**

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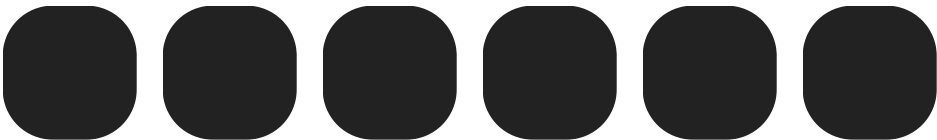
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Moreland Auction, August 5th in Dexter

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Dexter, Missouri - Moreland Auction will be at 16494 Terrace Dr in Dexter on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the home of Steve and Diane Mitchell. A public auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. with real estate and firearms auction beginning at 11 a.m. Rain or shine and concessions will be available.

Items are very clean. Terms are cash or approved good check, all items are "as is".

Moreland Auction is not responsible for accidents. Announcements made the day of Sale takes precedence over printed or implied.

Here are some items up for auction, this is not a complete list:

Vintage and Collectibles: Wurlitzer Piano, African Mahogany Chifferobe, full bed, unique rocking chair, dresser with glass top on rollers, and concrete planters.

Furniture: Thomasville Cherry king bedroom suite, buffet, entertainment center, side tables, overstuffed microfiber chairs and ottoman, leather ottoman, 50" flat screen, 46" flat screen, corner shelf, book case, wicker stand, drop leaf table, plastic shelves, metal shelving, and wing back chair.

Miscellaneous: Sewing machine and cabinet, wheel chair, handicapped porta potty, walker, purses, women's shoes (9-10), and costume jewelry.

Household Items: Large ornate mirror, pictures, artificial flowers, Christmas decorations, linens, table lamps, glassware, candles, fig tree, and bissell vacuum cleaner.

Kitchen: Blue Garland Bavarian Backstamp by Johann Haviland, Pfaltzgraff dinnerware, small kitchen appliances, and ice cream maker.

Tools & Etc: Electric power tools, wrenches, air tank, dolly, boss hog rechargeable weed eater, electric blower, garage cabinets, metal posts, trash cans, extension cords, Sentry safe, and stool with castors.

Angler: Glass minnow traps, 2 sets of waders, Fishing Tackle and Rods & Reels.

Lawn & Garden: Long handle tools, ladders, garden way big wheel cart, beach canopy, beach umbrellas, hummingbird feeders, coolers, lawn chairs, water hoes, and yard lights.

Appliances: Whirlpool washer and dryer and Whirlpool small chest freezer.

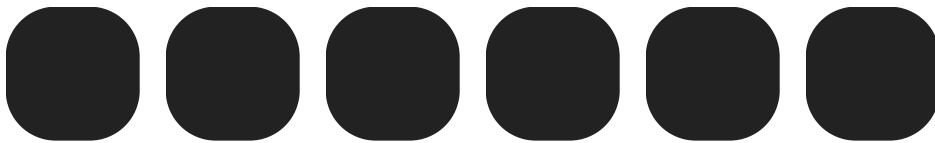
Firearms: Winchester Model 97 12 gauge, Marlin Glenfield Semi Automatic 22LR Model 60, and Stevens model 311 410 Double Barrel.

Location: 16494 Terrace Drive in Dexter. 9:00 a.m. start time with real estate and firearms at 11 a.m.

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See how nature reacts by watching at 54 MDC areas in prime path of Aug. 21 event.

By Eleanor C. Hasenbeck, Missouri Department of Conservation

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- Discover some unique activities in nature during the upcoming total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 by watching the rare event at one of 54 Missouri

Department of Conservation (MDC) areas that lie in the solar eclipse's primary path across Missouri.

During the eclipse, visitors at these conservation areas can enjoy regular outdoor activities -- such as fishing, hiking, and wildlife watching – in a far-from-regular way for a few minutes when the moon passes in front of the sun. The eclipse will also bring a rare chance for those watching wildlife to catch out-of-the-ordinary behaviors.

“Daylight is a cue for birds throughout their day to wake up in the morning and return to roost at night,” said MDC State Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick. “As the sky becomes darker during the eclipse, some birds may become confused by the lack of light and could exhibit odd behaviors such as going quiet, thinking that night is falling.”

Many of the featured MDC areas also offer an escape from crowded cities and light pollution, and all of the recommended areas have restrooms for visitor convenience.

While all areas are free to access and open to the public, some may require visitors to obtain a special-use permit for group camping.

Don't forget to bring solar-eclipse-approved glasses for viewing the event!

For many Missourians, this total solar eclipse will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. The last total eclipse visible in the Show-Me State occurred in 1869. The next total solar eclipse will only be visible in parts of southern Missouri and will occur in April 2024.

According to NASA, during a total eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and the earth, blocking its light and allowing viewers to see the sun's outer atmosphere, the corona. The moon casts a shadow, called an umbra, onto the earth. Communities in the path of totality will experience a few minutes of temperature drop and dimmed sunlight similar to twilight as the umbra passes over them.

Communities will experience totality at different times as the moon moves across the sky, but the first Missourians to see it will be those in St. Joseph around 1:04 p.m. The umbra will then cross central Missouri before totality occurs near Cape Girardeau around 1:20 p.m.

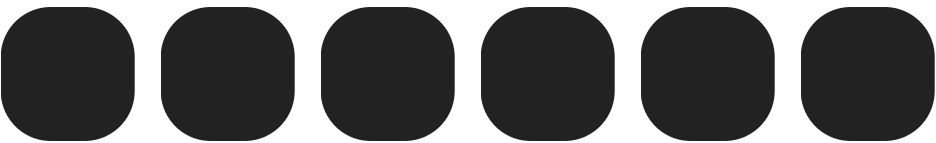
For an interactive map of the eclipse's path across Missouri, approximate times to watch, a full list of recommended conservation areas for viewing, and details on each area, visit the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov/eclipse. A printable map is also available at the bottom

of the webpage.

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