

Discount tobacco store opens in Houston



Owner Daren Dake cuts the ribbon at a ceremony at Smokers Express on U.S. 63 in Houston. The event was hosted by the Houston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Deer hunters urged to share

JEFFERSON CITY — Deer hunters are reminded about a state program to aid those less fortunate.

Hunters who shoot more deer than they need can donate excess deer to needy Missourians at no cost through the Share the Harvest (STH) program, which is organized by local citizens who bring together hunters, charities and meat processors.

In Texas County, Cummins Custom Meats at 17810 Highway BB is participating in the program.

Hunters donated more than 250,000 pounds of venison last year. New funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), combined with donations from state and local sponsors, will enable hunters to feed more people than ever. STH organizers say they hope to increase STH donations to more than 500,000 pounds this year.

Hunters have donated more than 2.1 million pounds of venison through STH since the program's inception in 1992.

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MoDOT temporarily puts brakes on new red-light cameras

The Missouri Department of Transportation has suspended approval of any more red-light cameras on the state highway system until it can get a clear picture of their operation and safety records.

Interim state Transportation Director Kevin Keith said he doesn't want to eliminate camera enforcement entirely because it has proven to be a "good tool for public safety" elsewhere. But he said there are indications some communities' camera use is going beyond ensuring safety.

"Whether speed or red-light running cameras, they are taking this and using it as a moneymaking, revenue-generating activity, and that's not fair," Keith said. "I can't

say everyone is doing it. We have enough indications that there are (communities) doing that. It gives us pause."

Keith said he has talked to "a few lawmakers" about potential regulation of photo enforcement and would not rule out the introduction of legislation in the Missouri Legislature. As it stands, Keith said, there is no enabling legislation and the cameras are being regulated by local ordinances.

None of the roughly 90 traffic intersections where cameras are now in place on the state system will be affected by MoDOT's move. But it would affect future red-light cameras on state highways.

MoDOT requires an agreement

with cities before cameras can be installed on state rights of way.

"We are not requiring anything to be removed at this point," said Mike Curtit, MoDOT's assistant state traffic engineer. "We are suspending the installation of anything new."

Red-light cameras, along with other brands of photo enforcement, have proved controversial around the United States. Here in Missouri, the city of Arnold was the first to use red-light cameras, introducing them in 2005. So far, red-light cameras have withstood several legal challenges.

MoDOT officials have expressed concern about possible inconsistencies in how red-light cameras

are being used on state highways. Some agencies, for instance, ticket right-turn violations and others do not, Keith said. MoDOT fielded a complaint from a motorist who was ticketed for slowing to 1 mph to make a right turn on a red light.

"I don't think anyone would like that," he said.

Keith said the agency has not determined exactly what the review of red-light camera use will cover.

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Election Authority's Notice of General Election

The following are the candidates for nomination to be voted for at the General Election to be held in the county of Texas, State of Missouri, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2010, being the second day of November 2010. The General Election will be held at the 10 voting districts within the county of Texas, and polling locations (voting districts) will be open between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. The absentee voting process will remain unchanged. Any person properly registered to vote in the county will be given the opportunity to cast his/her ballot.

The following are the locations of the county's vote districts along with the names of the county's precincts that will be voting in these locations: **Licking**, Fox Fire Station-Community Room, 115 Old Salem Rd., Licking, Boone, Lynch II and Sherrill; **Raymondville**, Raymondville School gym, 135 W. Highway B, Raymondville, Jackson and Ozark; **Summersville**, Summersville High School old gym, 525 Rogers Ave., Summersville, Carroll, Current and Date; **Houston**, Houston Storm Shelter, 191 N. First St. (Pine Street entrance), Houston, Piney and Cass II; **Cabool**, Cabool High School gym, 1020 Garst Ave., Cabool, Burdine, Cass I and Sargent; **Dunn**, Dunn schoolhouse building, 2784 Perkins Ln., Mountain Grove, Clinton; **Success**, Success School gym, 10341 Highway 17, Success, Lynch I and Upton I; **Roby**, Citizens Center-Northwest Texas County, 12274 Highway 32, Roby, Roubidoux I and Roubidoux II; **Fairview**, Fairview Pentecostal Church, 6584 Highway M, Cabool, Morris and Upton II; and **Clear Springs**, Clear Springs Community Building, 1998 Bradford Rd., Willow Springs, Pierce.

Official Sample Ballot

State of Missouri
General Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010

Instruction to Voters: To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$. Use marking device provided. **Do not fold your ballot.**

Candidates: Complete the arrow next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

Propositions or Questions: If you are in favor of the proposition or question, complete the arrow next to the word **Yes**. If you are opposed to the proposition or question, complete the arrow next to the word **No**.

Write-in: To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and complete the arrow next to the space provided.

For U. S. Senator
(Vote for One)

Robin Carnahan-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Roy Blunt-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Jonathan Dine-LIB $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Jerry Beck-CST $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For State Auditor
(Vote for One)

Susan Montee-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Tom Schweich-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Charles W. Baum-LIB $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For U. S. Representative in Congress-8th Congressional District
(Vote for One)

Tommy Sowers-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Jo Ann Emerson-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Rick Vandeven-LIB $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Larry Bill-IND $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For State House of Representatives-144th District
(Vote for One)

Tony Dugger-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For State House of Representatives-147th District
(Vote for One)

Don Wells-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Circuit Judge-Circuit No. 25 Division 2
(Vote for One)

Mary W. Sheffield-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Associate Circuit Judge
(Vote for One)

Doug Gaston-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Presiding Commissioner of the County Commission
(Vote for One)

David M. (Mike) Impey-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Fred W. Stenger-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Vote for One)

Rita A. Williams-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Marc Mosley-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For County Clerk:
(Vote for One)

Donald R. (Don) Troutman-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Recorder of Deeds
(Vote for One)

Phyllis Staley-DEM $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Susan Elmore Warkentin-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

For Prosecuting Attorney

Mike Anderson-REP $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
Write-In $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Amendment No. 1
Proposed by the 95th General Assembly (First Regular Session) SJR 5
Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require the office of county assessor to be an elected position in all counties with a charter form of government, except counties with a population between 600,001-699,999?
It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local governmental entities.

Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Constitutional Amendment No. 2
Proposed by the 95th General Assembly (First Regular Session)HJR 15
Shall the Missouri Constitution

be amended to require that all real property used as a homestead by Missouri citizens who are former prisoners of war and have a total service-connected disability be exempt from property taxes?

The number of qualified former prisoners of war and the amount of each exemption are unknown, however, because the number who meet the qualifications is expected to be small, the cost to local governmental entities should be minimal. Revenue to the state blind pension fund may be reduced by \$1,200.

Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Constitutional Amendment No. 3
Proposed by Initiative Petition
Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to prevent the state, counties and other political subdivisions from imposing any new tax, including a sales tax, on the sale or transfer of homes or any other real estate?
It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local governmental entities.

Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Statutory Measures

Proposition A
Proposed by Initiative Petition
Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- repeal the authority of certain cities to use earnings taxes to fund their budgets;
- require voters in cities that currently have an earnings tax to approve continuation of such tax at the next general municipal election and at an election held every five years thereafter;
- require any current earnings tax that is not approved by the voters to be phased out over a period of 10 years; and
- prohibit any city from adding a new earnings tax to fund their budget?

The proposal could eliminate certain city earnings taxes. For 2010, Kansas City and the City of St. Louis budgeted earnings tax revenue of \$199.2 million and

\$141.2 million, respectively. Reduced earnings tax deductions could increase state revenues by \$4.8 million. The total cost or savings to state and local governmental entities is unknown.

Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Proposition B
Proposed by Initiative Petition
Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- require large-scale dog breeding operations to provide each dog under their care with sufficient food, clean water, housing and space; necessary veterinary care; regular exercise and adequate rest between breeding cycles;
- prohibit any breeder from having more than 50 breeding dogs for the purpose of selling their puppies as pets; and
- create a misdemeanor crime of "puppy mill cruelty" for any violations?

It is estimated state governmental entities will incur costs of \$654,768 (on-going costs of \$521,356 and one-time costs of \$133,412). Some local governmental entities may experience costs related to enforce-

ment activities and savings related to reduced animal care activities.

Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Judicial Ballot

Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire Dec. 31, 2010, shall be retained in office for new terms.

Vote on each Judge

Missouri Supreme Court Judge
Shall Judge **Zel Fischer** of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?
Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Missouri Court of Appeals Judges, Southern District
Shall Judge **Bob Barney** of the Southern District Court of Appeals be retained in office?
Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Shall Judge **Don E. Burrell (JR.)** of the Southern District Court of Appeals be retained in office?
Yes $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$
No $\leftarrow \Rightarrow$

Certification

State of Missouri }SS.
Secretary of State
In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of my office in the City of Jefferson, State of Missouri this 24th day of September 2010.
(Seal)
/s/ Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State

State of Missouri }SS.
County of Texas

I, Donald R. Troutman, county clerk/election authority within and for the county of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list as certified to me by Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State, State of Missouri, of the offices for which candidates are entitled to be voted for at the General Election to be held Nov. 2, 2010. Also, to be voted upon three constitutional questions, two propositions, retention of one Supreme Court judge and two judges for the court of appeals, southern district.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office in the City of Houston, State of Missouri this 24th day of September 2010.
(Seal)
/s/ Donald R. Troutman, Texas County clerk/election authority