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Dexter, Missouri - Do you love pie? If so, Young Real Estate LLC is looking for volunteers for their 4th Annual Pie Eating Contest. They need men or women of all ages to participate. Winner of each round will receive \$500 to be given to any charity, organization or person in need of their donation.

The contest will be at high noon during the Dexter Downtown Fall Festival. Contestants must arrive at 11:45 a.m. in front of the Bunny Patch.

Also new this year will be a children's division. The winning youngster gets \$25 in Dexter Dollars.

To sign up or for more information contact Karen or Lori at Young Real Estate LLC a 624-4441.

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Allen Christian Inc. and FFA Host Bearcat "Strut Your Stuff" Event

*Article Submitted by
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Dexter, Missouri - With the weather threatening rain on Saturday morning, the organizers of this years Bearcat "Strut Your Stuff" Car Show were anxious if they needed to cancel. But with the stage set for the show, community members began to arrive with their classic cars, old relics and tractors to allow the show to go on.

Allen Christian Inc. took on the idea of a car show that would surround the other activities of the 2013 Homecoming Weekend. Their efforts have certainly led to a lot of fun and a real spark for next years event.

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Allen Christian Inc. was joined in the efforts by the Dexter High School Future Farmers

of American, who even brought a few entries of their own. From tractors to relics to classics, it was fun to enjoy these vehicles stretched out in front of the Southwest Elementary School parking lot.

Brian Dowdy was very excited to be apart of the contest. His 1978 Ford F-150 pickup (pictured above) is a true classic that won First Place in the Best In Show category. Brian's truck has a much deeper meaning to him than just a vehicle.

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"This was the truck that my dad owned and I've restored it completely," stated Dowdy at the previous weeks football game in Kennett. "I think the car show is great idea and I am excited to have been a part of it."

The winners of the Bearcat "Strut Your Stuff" Car Show were:

Best in Show -Brian Dowdy - 1978 Ford F150 Pickup

1st Place - Shawn Smith - 1978 Chevy Silverado

2nd Place - Richard Boillinger - 1976 Dodge Dart Sport

3rd place - Susan Dungan - 1967 Plymouth Fury III

The talk surrounding the event was that a 2nd Annual was a possibility. Many of the participants were excited to share the event with other classic car enthusiast and grow the number of entries.

"We had a great time at the car show," stated Traci Christian. "I'd like to thank all those that participated and especially the help of the FFA students at Dexter High School."

Allen Christian Inc. will be presenting a donation check to the FFA later this week with the proceeds from the event.

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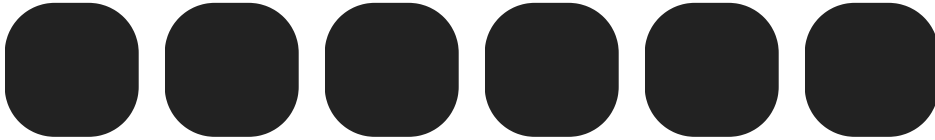
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Stoddard County, Missouri - The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers that this is the time of year when crops are harvested. Thus, drivers should

expect heavier farm machinery traffic--especially on rural highways. Farming plays a vital role in Missouri's economy, history, and identity. Safety is important to drivers and farmers sharing the road!

"We encourage everyone traveling in Missouri's farming communities to stay alert and drive courteously," said Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "Farmers and motorists can share the road. Please obey all traffic laws and remain vigilant, no matter what you're driving."

There were a total of 173 Missouri traffic crashes involving farm equipment in 2012. In those crashes one driver was killed and 21 were injured. In addition, two farm tractor passengers were injured.

The following are reminders for safe travel during this busy time of year:

MOTORISTS

- * Stay alert for slow moving farm equipment.
- * When you come up behind a tractor or other farm machinery, please slow down and be patient. Wait to pass until you have a clear view of the road ahead and there is no oncoming traffic. Never pass on a hill or curve.
- * Collisions commonly occur when a motorist tries to pass a left-turning farm vehicle. A tractor that appears to be pulling to the right side of the road to let motorists pass, instead may be preparing to make a wide left turn. Watch the farmer's hand and light signals closely.
- * Pay close attention to farm equipment entering and leaving the highway from side roads and driveways.
- * Special attention must be paid when traveling at dawn or dusk when the sun makes it difficult for drivers to see.

FARMERS

- * Make sure any farm equipment being driven on Missouri roadways is properly marked with lights and a "slow-moving vehicle" emblem.
- * Drive as far to the right as possible.
- * If traffic accumulates behind you on a road where it is difficult to make a safe

pass, you should pull off onto the side of the road in a level area, so the vehicles can pass.

* If possible, never travel on roadways at dawn or dusk when it is more difficult for drivers of other vehicles to see.

* Like other motor vehicles, most modern farm tractors have seat belts. Always use a seat belt when operating a tractor equipped with a roll-over protection structure.

* Often, all-terrain vehicles are used for agricultural purposes. ATVs being used for farming can only travel on highways during daylight hours and must be equipped with lights, a bicycle flag, and "slow-moving vehicle" emblem. The law requires anyone under the age of 18 to wear a safety helmet when operating an ATV; the Patrol, however, recommends all operators to wear a safety helmet regardless of age.

*Farmers are encouraged to review the regulations that pertain to farm vehicles and the transportation of goods. These regulations include, but are not limited to:

**When crossing state lines a truck is considered a commercial motor vehicle if it has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs. or more, therefore, it must comply with federal regulations. This applies to farm vehicles.

**Farm vehicles must display a USDOT number and the farm name.

**The driver of a farm vehicle must be at least 21 years of age.

**Those driving a farm vehicle must have a commercial driver license if the truck's GVWR exceeds 26,000 lbs., if the truck's gross combined weight rating (GCWR) exceeds 26,000 lbs., and the truck is operated more than 150 miles from the farm.

**The farmer may need to have the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) if the truck weighs over 26,000 lbs., or if it is licensed for over 26,000 lbs., or if it has three axles on the power unit. Fuel permits may be purchased from the state you are entering in lieu of the IFTA.

**The driver must possess a current medical card (DOT physical) when operating a truck with a GVWR of 10,001 or more lbs.

**Permits must be obtained from MoDOT if you are traveling on an interstate and your vehicle or load is over the normal size and weight requirements.

**Drivers must carry a log book if they operate a truck more than 100 miles from the farm. If the vehicle stays intrastate, this does not apply to vehicles licensed for 42,000 lbs. or less.

For a complete list of federal motor vehicle regulations which apply to farm

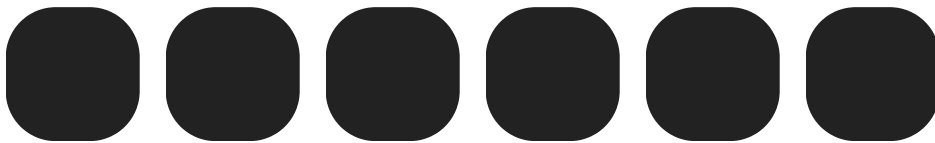
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Bloomfield, Missouri - It has been a long journey for Kathy and thanks to her daughter, Lori, she was able to enjoy a scrapbook keepsake. Anyone who knows Kathy or has been touched by Kathy's kindness were asked to write letters or notes and they did!

The family would like to say thank you to everyone who participated, sent well wishes or simply prayed for Kathy.

"Great BIG Thank Yous to all who sent messages for Mom's 15 year Survivor Celebration! "Fifteen, Fighting and Fabulous" is an amazing tribute to Mom!"

She described it as "incomprehensible!" She was so anxious to start reading! We've shared many smiles and tears as we've been reading through these amazing notes of encouragement and support, memories and prayers.

Thank you all so very much!

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Dexter, Missouri - Several young adults from Dexter, Bernie, Gideon, Jackson, and Springfield went on a mission trip to the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama.

The Bernie Church of Christ joined the Chisolm Hills Church from Alabama. While on the week long trip, the teens interacted with Kuna men, women, and children, an indigenous people of Panama, by sharing the word through sermons, singing, and children's lessons. The travelers stayed in man-made huts on islands in the middle of the Caribbean sea and traveled from island to island by boat.

Shown in the photo are Kassi Lawrence, Gideon and Kendra Stevenson, Dexter with Kuna children on the San Blas Islands, Panama.

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Dexter: Kendra Stevenson, Morgan Collier, Alexis Smith, Bernie: Stan Dauck (Bernie Church of Christ Pastor), Gideon: Kassi Lawrence, Cody Groves, Jackson: Sarah Thornsberry, and Springfield: Erica Ewing.

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