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# Schools Cash In on Buckling Up

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**Sikeston, Missouri** - Missouri schools took the challenge to buckle up and made it click with students. Across the state, 195 schools participated in this year's Battle of the Belt Challenge-a competition to raise seat belt use among teens. Forty-three Southeast Missouri high schools participated in the challenge.

Participating schools launched two surprise seat belt checks at each school to measure student seat belt use before and after an educational campaign. In addition, schools had the opportunity to submit a 30-second video spot to encourage their peers to buckle up.

Saxony Lutheran High School of Jackson, Mo., won the Southeast Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety's award for the Highest Overall Seat Belt Use achieving 98.9 percent seat belt use. Clearwater High School of Piedmont, Mo., won the Southeast Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety's award for the Most Improved Seat Belt Use improving their seat belt use by 32.8 percent. Both schools will receive \$500 donated by American Family Insurance to be used for future seat belt educational programs at the schools.

Thirty-seven schools will receive statewide recognition for seat belt use that reached gold (99-100%), silver (95-98%) or bronze (91-94%) levels of seat belt

use and will receive banners to display at the schools donated by the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians. In Southeast Missouri, those schools include:

- Saxony Lutheran High School of Jackson, Mo.-98.9% (Silver)
- Notre Dame High School of Cape Girardeau, Mo.-98.37% (Silver)
- Thomas W. Kelly High School of Benton, Mo.-96.55% (Silver)

For the 30-second video competition, 42 videos were submitted by Missouri high schools. The top three winning videos will also receive funding to further seat belt educational programs at their schools. The winning videos were submitted by the following schools and can be viewed by visiting <http://www.savemolives.com/>.

- 1st Place-Washington High School of Washington, Mo. for "Stay in the Picture"
- 2nd Place-Pattonville High School of Maryland Heights, Mo. for "4 Seconds"
- 3rd Place-Washington High School of Washington, Mo. for "Buckle Up Arrive Alive"

"We're proud of our local schools for showing a commitment to buckling up and wanting to help other teens understand the importance of wearing a seat belt every time they ride in or drive a vehicle," said Sandy Taurone, regional contact for Battle of the Belt. "Seat belts save lives."

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death for people 15-20 years old. Results of a 2013 survey among Missouri teens indicate 33 percent of teens are not wearing their seat belt putting them at greater risk to get killed or injured in traffic crashes. Seven out of 10 teens killed in Missouri traffic crashes are unbuckled.

Battle of the Belt was originally brought to southwest Missouri by the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association and St. John's Hospital. In 2006, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, in conjunction with American Family Insurance, took the competition statewide and continue to sponsor this year's program with the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians.

Is your school ready to take the challenge to buckle up? Learn more at <http://www.savemolives.com/>.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Rotary Club of Dexter will host their annual Chili Day on Tuesday, January 21st at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Dexter. The weather is cold, but the chili is warm!

The serving times are from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. with carry-outs also available. Call 820-6168 to order a carry-out meal. the cost is \$6.00 per meal with vegetable beef soup available as an alternative.

All proceeds go to fund Dexter Rotary Club projects including Boys State, Girls State, Stoddard County Gospel Mission and high school scholarships, beautification projects and more.

Children under three years of age eat for free.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Shown in the photo are Rotarians Phil Ternes, owner of Pizza Hut and Wayne Jean, owner of Jean & Co.

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## Women's Rabbit Hunt Clinic

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**Puxico, Missouri** – The weekend before Valentine’s Day is the perfect time for Southeast Missouri women to relax and have fun hunting rabbits, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The MDC announces the annual Women’s Rabbit Hunting Clinic is scheduled for Feb. 8, beginning at 8 a.m., near Duck Creek Conservation Area (CA).

“This is a very hands-on course and is an environment where anyone can learn, even if they’ve never fired a gun before,” said Conservation Agent Mic Plunkett.

The clinic begins with an introduction to rabbit hunting at the conservation area headquarters, where the women learn rabbit species identification, hunting techniques, safety and regulations. They then learn how beagles assist in hunting rabbits before testing their shooting capabilities with expert instruction.

“We ensure each participant gets an opportunity to target shoot with one-on-one instruction before we take them to the field to hunt,” Plunkett said.

“This is an opportunity where someone who’s never hunted before, or had little opportunity to hunt, to get a hands on experience and really become comfortable with heading to the field to hunt,” Plunkett said.

After target practice and classroom instruction, the group is accompanied by guides while they try their hand at hunting rabbits. At the end of the day, there’s instruction on cleaning and cooking the harvest, before the new hunters share their stories around a dinner table. Because of the proximity to the Valentine’s holiday, there’s usually some chocolate involved in the dinner as well.

Plunkett said those who sign up should come prepared for camaraderie, shared adventures and excitement.

“Every part of the clinic is designed to take someone through the whole experience step by step to ensure safety, a fun time and an understanding of why hunting is important,” Plunkett said.

For more information and to sign up for the 2013 Women's Rabbit Hunting Clinic, call the MDC's Southeast Regional Office at (573)290-5730. For more information about rabbit hunting in Missouri, go online to [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Members of The Stoddard County Board of Real Estate met Tuesday, January 14th at the Hickory Log in Dexter for installation of the 2014 officers for their

organization.

The Christmas dinner and installation had been postponed due to bad weather in December. The large crowd enjoyed a good meal, Christmas gifts and fellowship with each other.

The officers were installed by Leslie Kyle. Pictured from left to right are Board of Directors; Linda Collier, Audrey Holifield, and Sherry Burnett, Treasurer Mary Worley, Secretary Alisha Trammell, Vice President Shirley Carney and President Melonie Payne.

***Thank you Linda Collier for your submitted article.*** Without the support of our beautiful community the ShowMe Times could not exist! What a wonderful group of people we have!

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## Bernie PAT Receives \$500 Grant

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**Bernie, Missouri** - The Dexter Wal-mart recently provided Bernie's Parents as Teachers program with a \$500 grant to be used to help the parent educators better service their families.

A larger variety of parent/child activities will be available, which will provide the parent educators better resources to meet the needs of their families and children.

Furthermore, additional group activities will be arranged. This will provide more community support and result in stronger families for the children of Bernie.

Check out their Facebook page by clicking **HERE**.

PAT wants to assist you in giving your child the best possible start. Please call or email Mrs. McGarity or Mrs. Williams to set up your first appointment. Appointment times are limited, so please don't delay!

If you would like more information call 573-293-5335 ext. 293 or email to  
**mcgaritc@bernie.k12.mo.us**  
**williamp@bernie.k12.mo.us**

For more information you can also visit the National Parents as Teachers website.  
[www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org)

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