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# Dexter Police Dept Steps Up Seat Belt Enforcement

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**Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Police** will be joining efforts with statewide law enforcement on November 25 for an aggressive “Click It or Ticket” mobilization to get more motorists to buckle up - and save more lives.

Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, 20% of Missouri motorists are still not making it click. Even worse, 63% of individuals killed in crashes in Missouri were unrestrained.

“Local motorists should be prepared for stepped up *Click It or Ticket* enforcement,” said **Lieutenant Benton**. “We’ll be out there to remind you seat belts can – and do – save lives.”

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For information on Missouri seatbelt usage, visit [www.saveMOLives.com](http://www.saveMOLives.com).

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# Hunter Bruce Wins Graduate Fellowship Award

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University of Wyoming student Hunter Bruce of Dexter, Mo., won the 2015-16 John L. Kemmerer Jr. Graduate Fellowship, an endowed award to recognize and support outstanding students studying natural resources recreation and tourism through the [Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources](#).

The Kemmerer family of Kemmerer, Wyo., and the state of Wyoming endowed the fellowship in 2014 to support interdisciplinary environmental and natural resource graduate studies.

Bruce is pursuing a double masters degree in agricultural and applied economics from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and environment and natural resources from the Haub School. His research examines guided rock climbing and hunting carrying capacity on public National Forest lands in

southeast Wyoming.

The Medicine Bow National Forest in southeast Wyoming reached out to the University of Wyoming for research to determine the number of professional rock climbing and hunting guide permits the forest should offer to optimize user experiences.

Bruce, an avid kayaker, has long been interested in outdoor recreation management. This academic year, he is working with faculty advisors to design the study. Next summer, Bruce will survey hunting outfitters, rock climbing guides and non-guided rock climbers about their perceptions of crowding.

“This research project fits really well with my interest in outdoor recreation management,” says Bruce. “I want to thank the Kemmerer Family Foundation for supporting graduate students conducting research in recreation and tourism in Wyoming,”

The climbing portion of the study will focus on the Pole Mountain Unit, including Vedauwoo and surrounding areas of the forest, while the hunting portion of the study will include the Laramie Peak area, the Medicine Bow Mountains in Wyoming, and the Sierra Madre.

Bruce will use economic modeling to quantify how many guided groups the forest has room for without impeding user experiences. At the end of the project he and his advisers will make a recommendation to the Forest Service regarding outfitting permit numbers for the area.

“Studies like this are necessary in high-use areas where social experiences are a factor in use and enjoyment,” says Steve Smutko, Professor in the Haub School and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Departments, and one of Bruce’s thesis committee members for the project. “This is a truly interdisciplinary project and the results will have relevant real-world application.”

While the Forest Service provided funding to start the research, the Kemmerer Fellowship both covers the cost of Bruce’s graduate studies and enables him to pursue the most rigorous and thorough data collection and analysis.

For more information, contact Emilene Ostlind, Haub School communications coordinator, at [emilene@uwyo.edu](mailto:emilene@uwyo.edu) or (307) 766-2604.

Shown in the photo above is Hunter Bruce (left) with friend Zach Hedrick (right) on a hike 12,000 feet high.

Photo below is Hunter Bruce with fellow students in his department at the University of Wyoming.

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## Miss Snowflake Pageant Set for November 29th

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Historic Downtown Dexter Association will host the 2015 Miss Snowflake Pageant on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at the Dexter High

School Auditorium.

Each category will have a queen and two alternates. Each queen will receive a crown and a trophy and the alternates will each receive a trophy. Pageant wear is required for all categories.

The pageants will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run consecutively. Doors will open at noon with pre-registration encouraged. Fees for Baby Miss through Pre-teen Miss is \$20.00, Mr. Miss and Miss categories are \$25.00. A \$5.00 additional fee will be added for those registering on the day of the pageant.

Categories for the pageant include Baby Miss (0-17 months), Tiny Miss (18-35 months), Little Miss (3-5 years), Petite Miss (6-8 years), Preteen Miss (9-11 years), Junior Miss (12-14 years), and Miss (15-19 years, unmarried).

Forms are available at participating merchants. Additional information may be obtained by calling (573) 624-3032.

Completed forms may be turned in at The Bunny Patch on Walnut Street.

Proceeds from the pageant go towards activities of the Historic Downtown Dexter Association.

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# Watch Out for Little Ghosts and Goblins on Halloween

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## Watch Out for Little Ghosts and Goblins on Halloween

Halloween will be here before we can say "Boo!" Soon, costumed kids dressed as friendly ghosts, winsome witches and precocious princesses will be trick-or-treating in your neighborhood. Because children tend to focus on the excitement of Halloween and forget about safety, it's up to parents, caregivers and motorists to make sure that every little boy and girl has a safe and happy holiday.

It's important for adults and drivers to be even more alert during Halloween because so many kids are out, and they may not be watching for cars," said Bill Whitfield, executive committee chair for the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

**During the 2014 Halloween holiday Missouri had one fatality and four injuries involving pedestrians under the age of 16.**

To avoid real-life Halloween horrors, remember the following:

Stay alert. Neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night.

Remember that kids are excited and may be trying to visit as many houses as possible in a short amount of time. They may forget to stop, look and listen as they cross the street.

Be cautious in areas where cars are parked along the side of the street. Trick-or-treaters may suddenly dart into traffic from between parked cars.

Wear bright, reflective clothing or decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape/patches.

Be patient, and SLOW DOWN.

Enjoy the Halloween holiday, but be on the lookout for those little goblins and caped crusaders. They may be superheroes, but they'll be looking to you to provide their safety.

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## Youth Art Competition in Missouri

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Calling our aspiring artist students in Missouri. Get out your art supplies and create a piece illustrating the theme "Air Sports in Harmony with Nature" for the 2016 International Aviation Art Contest.

The contest challenges young people ages 6 to 17 to illustrate the importance of aviation through art. The U.S. portion of the art contest is sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), managed by the NASAO Center for Aviation Research and Education and sponsored by many other national aviation organizations.

All artwork must be done by hand and can be in any of the following media: watercolor, acrylic, oil paint, indelible marker pens, felt-tip pens, soft ball-point pens, indelible ink, Crayola or any similar indelible medium. Entries are judged in three age classes for creative use of the theme. Entries from Missouri youth will be evaluated by MoDOT employees. The winners will advance to national and possible international levels of the contest.

All artwork for the state competition must be postmarked and received by Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. Missouri students submitting artwork should mail to the Missouri Department of Transportation, Attn: Teresa Hall, PO Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. For more information, call (573) 751-2589, send an email to [s.hall@modot.mo.gov](mailto:s.hall@modot.mo.gov)

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