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FROM DEXTER POLICE DEPARTMENT!

UPDATE: 08/25/2015 3:35PM

Thanks to your tips, the subject has been identified as Edward Lusk. It was then determined that Lusk already had an active parole absconder warrant issued for his arrest.

After a manhunt that lasted most of the early afternoon, Lusk was apprehended at a residence in Dexter. Again, it was tips from citizens that allowed us to locate and arrest Lusk.

Lusk is currently being booked at Dexter PD on the parole absconder warrant. Other charges stemming from the earlier burglary are pending.

We would also like to thank the following agencies for their assistance today: MSHP Troop E, including our Troopers assigned to Stoddard County, Troop E K9 Officer and Troopers from zones that neighbor Stoddard County. We would like to thank the Stoddard County Sheriff and his Deputies for their assistance, as well as representatives from the Stoddard County Prosecutors Office.

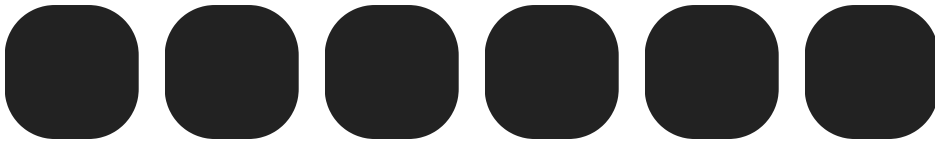
Thank you all for the many "shares" of the earlier Facebook updates and for helping spread the word. I think we speak on behalf of all the previous mentioned agencies, that it is this type of relationship between citizens and local law enforcement that we appreciate

and always strive to strengthen.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation and the Saint Francis Auxiliary awarded healthcare scholarships to 23 local students on August 5. Each student received \$1,250 in scholarships toward a degree in a healthcare-related profession.

The Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program was created in 1980. Saint Francis Foundation and the Saint Francis Auxiliary fund the program. Since its inception, the program has provided more than \$579,000 in education scholarships to college students in an effort to encourage participation in professional healthcare careers. Scholarship recipients must have completed at least one year in an accredited healthcare program and be currently enrolled, maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA and complete the application and essay requirements by the scheduled deadline. They must also reside within the Saint Francis service area, as defined in the application.

The 2016 Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program Recipients are:

Abigail Breite, Cape Girardeau – Bernadean Campbell Memorial Scholarship
Danielle Childers, Cape Girardeau – Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship
Angela Dickinson, Zalma – Edythe M. Davis Scholarship
Alexis Engelhart, Jackson – Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship
Joshua Friess, Jackson – Bess Estes Healthcare Scholarship
Jenna Hawkins, Portageville – Evalyn and S. David Nunley Scholarship
Rachel Hearnes, Charleston – Joseph and Harriette Hunter McCrate Scholarship
Morgan Hileman, Cape Girardeau – Christen Joyel Aufdenberg Memorial Scholarship
Abigail Kenney, Cape Girardeau – Susan E. Hinkebein Memorial Scholarship
Cody Likens, Cape Girardeau – Carrie Suedekum Memorial Scholarship
Brianna Lueders, Cape Girardeau – Mark F. Scully Nursing Scholarship
Anna Miller, Jackson – Huttegger-Scherer Nursing Scholarship
Stephanie Nanney, Whitewater – Sisters of Saint Francis Nursing Scholarship
Ryan O’Rear, Jackson – Saint Francis Auxiliary Physician Honor Scholarship
Sara Pilsner, Cape Girardeau – Ken Hayden Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Olivia Renner, Jackson – Lee George and Katherine Jane Cochran Memorial Scholarship
Shea Scholl, Jackson – Saint Francis Foundation Scholarship
Morgan Schumer, Cape Girardeau – Earl Jr. and Lori Wills Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Seyer, Oak Ridge – Mamie Hall Memorial Scholarship
Emma Steffens, Jackson – Saint Francis Auxiliary Healthcare Scholarship
Dana Thiele, Leopold – Saint Francis Auxiliary 125th Anniversary Scholarship
Katy Weston, Glen Allen – Lucy Ellen Towse Memorial Scholarship
Adam Young, New Madrid – Clara D. Newnam Memorial Scholarship

The members of the 2016 Scholarship Committee include: B.J. Bowman, Nicole Chance,

Cheryl Mothes, Lisa Newcomer, Jessica Riley and Debra Schumer.

For more information about the Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program, call 573-331-5790.

Saint Francis Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that supports Saint Francis Medical Center by strengthening the institution overall and reaffirming its mission of supporting the community and the people it serves. Formally organized in 1976, its mission reflects the Medical Center's priorities through fundraising efforts that support the community. The Foundation sponsors several annual events, including golf tournaments, and philanthropic activities such as annual appeals, memorials, endowment funds, planned giving, grants and major gifts. Through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers, the Foundation accepts contributions each year to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, provide patient and employee assistance, create new programs that help patients in the region, and improve facilities at the Medical Center.

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Pictured: Back row, from left: Abigail Breite, Ethan Seyer, Cody Likens, Joshua Friess and Dana Thiele. Middle row, from left: Angela Dickinson, Rachel Hearnes, Shea Scholl, Alexis Engelhart, Emma Steffens and Brianna Lueders. Front row, from left: Katy Weston, Morgan Hileman, Jenna Hawkins, Olivia Renner, Morgan Schumer, Ryan O'Rear and Sara Pilsner.

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Hunting feral hogs will be prohibited on Conservation Department lands effective Sept. 30.

Jefferson City, Missouri - At its meeting on June 24, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved changes to the Wildlife Code of Missouri that would prohibit the hunting of feral hogs on conservation areas and other lands owned, leased, or managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The new regulation prohibiting hog hunting on MDC areas does not apply to private property.

The Commission's decision followed consideration of feedback received during a public comment period on the topic that ended in May. The effective date of the regulation change will be Sept. 30. Potential penalties for illegal hog hunting could include fines and the loss of hunting privileges.

MDC discourages feral hog hunting in Missouri. Research from other states shows that hog hunting increases feral hog numbers and locations because it provides incentives for illegal releases of hogs for future hunting. Releasing hogs to non-enclosed areas or to the wild is illegal in Missouri. MDC encourages the public to report these types of illegal

activities to local conservation agents.

Instead of hunting hogs to help reduce their numbers, MDC encourages hunters and others to report feral-hog sightings to their local conservation agents or MDC offices. Staff can then confirm local numbers and locations, and determine how best to capture and eliminate the entire group of feral hogs.

MDC owns or manages about 1,000 conservation areas around the state with about 30 known to have feral hogs, mostly in southern Missouri. According to MDC Wildlife Division Chief Jason Sumners, hog hunting on conservation areas interferes with efforts by MDC staff to trap and eliminate entire groups of feral hogs, called sounders.

"The regulation change prohibiting hog hunting on conservation lands is a direct result of some misguided individuals disrupting trapping efforts by MDC staff," Sumners explained. "MDC staff set large, corral-type traps on areas where there are known feral hogs. They then bait the area with corn for several days or weeks to attract the targeted group of hogs, get them used to the surroundings, and get them concentrated in the trap before triggering it. This work takes weeks, with the goal being to trap the entire group of hogs. After weeks of work to catch the sounder of hogs, we then get an individual who finds out about the site, shows up at some point, and shoots a hog or two. The rest of the group then scatters and moves to a new location. As a result, weeks of work have been wasted and new areas now have feral hogs."

Feral hogs are an invasive, nuisance species in Missouri and are not wildlife. They cause significant damage to wildlife habitats, compete with native wildlife such as deer and turkey for food, prey upon native wildlife such as turkey and quail, destroy natural areas along with agricultural lands, pollute ponds and streams, and spread diseases to domestic livestock and people. For more information on feral hogs, visit the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov/feralhog

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Missouri - The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers to pay attention every time they are behind the wheel, but especially before and after school when children are walking, biking, or driving to school.

Many schools throughout the state have started their 2016-2017 school year. This brings a change in traffic patterns. It is critical for drivers to be alert, especially near school zones, playgrounds, and bicycle paths. School buses and parents taking their children to school will join other motorists on the road and affect the morning and afternoon commute. Whatever route you drive, expect this additional traffic and prepare by allowing extra time to reach your destination.

Afternoons can be especially dangerous. Most traffic crashes involving young drivers (under the age of 21) in 2015 occurred between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., when school typically lets out. Drivers need to be aware of the increased traffic during this time—not just in areas around school, but all around town.

Remember: Many of these drivers are inexperienced. It is important to encourage those young drivers to remember driving is a full-time job. Using a cell phone, texting, or adjusting the radio can be the distraction that leads to a traffic crash. Texting is against the law for anyone under the age of 22.

When you see a school bus, follow the law. Missouri law states that on a two-lane road, if a school bus is stopped and displaying warning signals while loading or unloading children, drivers must stop when meeting and following the bus. However, it is only necessary to stop on a four-lane highway when following the bus. Drivers, when you see a stopped school bus, stay alert. Children may not be aware of traffic and dart unexpectedly into the roadway.

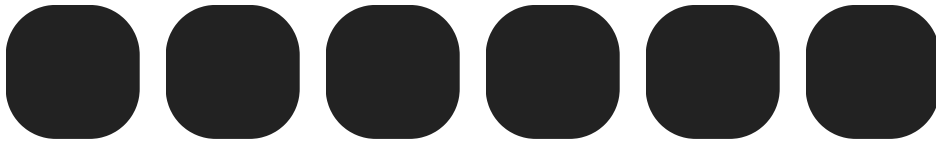
In 2015, one person was killed and 376 people were injured in school bus crashes. Missouri experienced 960 traffic crashes involving school buses last year. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about riding a bus, walking, or driving to school in a safe manner. If they ride a bike, please make sure they wear a helmet and follow traffic laws. Let's help Missouri students return to school safely.

The only 100 percent survivable crash is the one that never happens. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Every day as we travel on Missouri's roadways, we trust that every driver on the road is going to obey the speed limit, pay attention, and drive sober. "Don't Violate The Trust."

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Malden, Missouri - Agent Devin Busby of Byrum, Culp, Davis & Dell Insurance, Malden, MO has achieved the On Your Side® Master Farm Certification designation from Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company, Des Moines, IA. Master Farm Certification is the next step in Nationwide Agribusiness' On Your Side Farm Certification program. Farmers and ranchers can depend on a Master Farm Certified agent to have an in-depth understanding of their farming operations, provide detailed risk assessments, educate them about exposures, match coverages to meet their needs, and provide professional, knowledgeable service.

“We’re excited Devin has become Master Certified,” said Agency Manager Lisa Kirk. “He has made a commitment to help protect farmers and ranchers in our area with the highest levels of professionalism and service. Master certification tells our area farmers that he’ll keep investing in training to be sure he is positioned to help protect them now

and into the future.”

The Master Farm Certified designation is also intended to help farmers and ranchers recognize agents who have made a continuing commitment to understanding the complex risks faced by the agriculture industry. Only agents who successfully complete the program will be awarded the designation, and agents must uphold education and service commitments to retain their Master Certification.

“Nationwide Agribusiness developed this multi-level certification program to provide additional education and resources to insurance agents who have made a commitment to protecting farms and ranches,” said Jerry Hillard, Farm Sales AVP, Nationwide Agribusiness. “We’re proud of the agents who complete the program and are excited about the level of service farmers and ranchers can expect from partnering with Master Farm Certified agents.”

Devin said, “I believe in what I do and I truly want to help better our farmers and ranchers. I’m super flexible so if the best time to talk to you is 8:00 in the evening at your kitchen table or a Sunday afternoon at your shop, you let me know and I’ll make it happen. Tell me what I have to do to write your farm or ranch and I’ll work my tail off to make it happen. I want to earn your business and be your agent. You can call or text me anytime at 573-421-5630 or email me at dbusby@bcddagency.com.”

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