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MDC asks motorists to watch out for turtles as they become active

Thousands of turtles are killed each year on roadways, others are taken captive by well-meaning people.

Missouri - As turtles become active in late March, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) asks people to watch out for them; don't hit them on the roadways and certainly leave them where you find them.

Spring rains and warmer weather encourage turtles to emerge from their burrows and begin to search for food and mates, which sometimes leads them across roadways.

“While we don't advise risking a wreck to avoid hitting a turtle, we do hope motorists will drive cautiously and avoid hitting a turtle if it's safe to do so,” said Jamie Koehler, assistant manager at MDC's Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

Koehler said turtles spend their lives on a very small portion of ground, but sometimes they'll wander bigger distances, as much as six miles. While most Missouri turtles live 15 to 30 years, box turtles can live 50 to 80 years, occasionally more than 100 years. They spend their quiet lives eating plants, earthworms and insects. Their shell provides a bony shield to protect them from most natural enemies.

Unfortunately, thousands of turtles are killed each year by cars, which is why MDC urges drivers to watch out for them. MDC also advises people to leave turtles wild. As people encounter turtles while outdoors, sometimes people pick them up and take them home, thinking they have a new pet. However, this usually ends in a slow death for the captive turtle.

“Turtles depend on knowing their surroundings,” Koehler said. “People may think they can keep a wild turtle alive, but a captive life is not best for any kind of wildlife.”

Koehler recommends leaving turtles where you find them when hiking, as well as following the speed limit and keeping a watchful eye on the road.

“Helping turtles is easy, if you follow those simple steps,” she said.

Pictured is Elvis, a blind box turtle owned by Jessica Loflin.

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DEATH OF BARBARA BUSH

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On this solemn day, we mourn the loss of Barbara Bush, an outstanding and memorable woman of character. As a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, military spouse, and former First Lady, Mrs. Bush was an advocate of the American family. Mrs. Bush lived a life that reminds us always to cherish our relationships with friends, family, and all acquaintances. In the spirit of the memory of Mrs. Bush, may we always remember to be kind to one another and to put the care of others first.

As a mark of respect for the memory of Barbara Bush, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, on the day of interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States

embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

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Dexter Police Department To Participate in Six-State Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign **“Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!”**

Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving, which means it is illegal in all 50 States Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers and other road users.

Between April 20 and April 22, Dexter Police will join participating law enforcement from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma in “Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!”— a six-state Drug Impaired Driving enforcement campaign to put an end to drug impaired driving.

Law enforcement officers across the state will patrol approximately 32,318 miles of roadway. By concentrating law enforcement on high traffic corridors, organizers hope to put motorists on guard and encourage sober and safe driving.

Local Impact

“Drug impaired driving is a serious safety issue for drivers and law enforcement on Dexter’s roadways,” said Captain Trevor Pulley. “By intensifying enforcement of drug impaired driving laws, we hope people will think twice before driving while impaired by any drug. It is deadly for the driver, but also for his or her passengers, and for other people on the streets. If you are taking any type of drug, prescription, over-the-counter or illegal, make plans for a sober driver. Do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle.”

Drug impairment effects on drivers

It is never safe to drive when impaired. This not only means refraining from drunk driving, but also from drug-impaired driving. If you think driving while high won’t affect you, you are wrong; it has been proven that THC – the chemical responsible for most of marijuana’s psychological effects – slows reaction times, impairs cognitive performance

and makes it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. The bottom line is this: It doesn't matter what term is used, if a person is high, stoned, wasted or drunk, he or she is impaired. Driving while impaired by any substance is illegal and can be deadly to the driver and other road users.

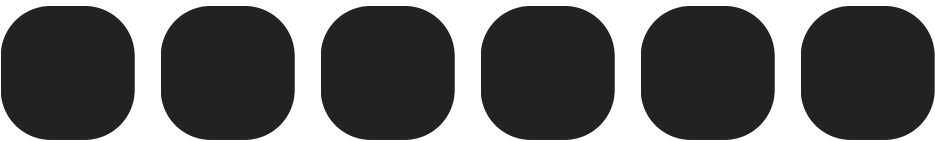
“Our goal is to save lives and we’re putting all drivers on alert – Drug impaired driving is against the law. Remember “Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!” said Captain Pulley.

For more information on drug impaired driving, please visit <http://trafficsafetymarketing.gov/>.

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***MDC encourages people to help hummingbirds
It's time to put out feeders! Their numbers will increase throughout the month of April.***

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages people to discover nature this spring by learning about the ruby-throated hummingbird. Missourians will begin seeing these birds this month as the tiny long-distance fliers return to the state as part of their spring migration.

“Hummingbirds will be arriving soon and a few have already been spotted in southern Missouri,” said MDC State Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick. “It’s time to put out feeders! Their numbers will increase throughout the month of April.”

Hummingbird feeder sugar water does not need to be colored red, added Kendrick. The birds will find it and drink it without coloring.

She noted hummingbirds.net/map.html is a fun and useful website to see when and where hummingbirds are migrating. The migration map shows locations where the birds have already been spotted this year as they migrate northward into the U.S. and Canada. The website also allows visitors to help out by submitting dates and exact locations of hummingbird sightings. Other online resources, such as eBird.org, also use birder-submitted information to track bird sightings as they move northward.

Like about 80 other bird species that breed in Missouri, hummingbirds typically migrate south in early fall and migrate back north in the spring.

“Hummingbirds arrive in Missouri in April and May to nest and raise their young. They then make their fall southward migration in mid-August with most leaving by early October,” Kendrick said. “A few birds overwinter in extreme southern coastal states, but

most overwinter from southern Mexico to Costa Rica. These tiny birds are so amazing! During migration, they fly nonstop for 600 miles from the Gulf Coast of the U.S. to the Yucatan Peninsula over the Gulf of Mexico and then back on their return trips. They can lose half their body weight during this 24-hour flight.”

Early spring arrivals rely on sap oozing from sapsucker-drilled holes and insects for food. With warmer weather, they soon switch to eating nectar from many different kinds of flowers later in spring. This gives them energy needed to catch insects all day long to feed their young.

Hummingbirds are more than just a delight to watch zipping around at your feeder, they also play very important roles in our ecosystem.

“Hummingbirds are important pollinators for many plants that require a long-billed pollinator,” Kendrick said. “And because of their small size, hummingbirds can end up as food for predators, such as large insects, spiders, other birds, and frogs.”

She added, “Another great way to help hummers and other migratory birds is to grow native plants. Native plants attract native insects, which are a vital food source for breeding birds. Great native plants for hummingbirds include cardinal flower, jewelweed, and trumpet creeper.”

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Hendrickson Business Advisors is excited to congratulate their most recent graduates of the Dale Carnegie Course. During the course, the participants focused on self-confidence, building relationships, motivation, effective communication, stress and worry management, and leadership skills. Rhett Hendrickson said, “We could not have wished for a more engaged, fun group of participants. The self-confidence and interpersonal skills they developed during this eight-week course will directly impact the work they do for their companies and in the community.”

The nine graduates of this course are:

Kevin Rowett-DHL Supply Chain
Cantrell Andrews-Cape Girardeau School District
Aaron Adeoye Cape-Girardeau School District
Kweku Arkoful-Cape Girardeau School District
Wyky Jean-Cape Girardeau School District
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Jeremy Toll-HAVCO Wood Products
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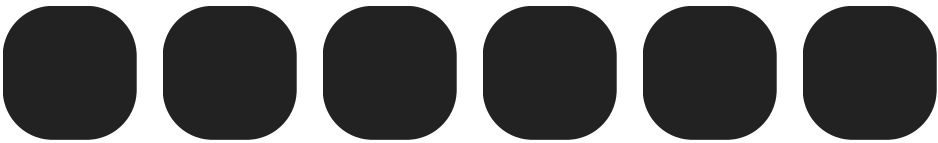
Hendrickson Business Advisors will conduct The Dale Carnegie Course again in the coming weeks in a three-day format. Those interested should contact Rhett at Hendrickson Business Advisors: 573.335.1885 or via email at **rhett@hendricksonba.com**.

Dale Carnegie Training was founded in 1912 and offers professional corporate training in the areas of leadership, management, communications, presentations, and sales skills. Dale Carnegie courses are taught each year in all 50 U.S. States and 87 foreign countries. More than 8 million people have completed Dale Carnegie Training at a 99% satisfaction rate.

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