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Want to be a Conservation Agent?

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Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is accepting applications from July 21 through Aug. 18 for its next class of conservation agent trainees. Selected candidates will undergo 26 weeks of intense training in all facets of law enforcement and resource management.

Those who make the grade will receive county assignments and become the face of conservation in their assigned communities – enforcing the Wildlife Code of Missouri and helping the public with issues such as nuisance wildlife and land management.

To qualify, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a field related to the natural sciences or criminal justice.

To apply -- and for more information including salary range, duties and responsibilities, degree requirements, qualifications, and special-ability requirements -- visit the Job Openings section of the MDC website Careers page at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/careers.

Contact MDC Protection Programs Supervisor Cheryl Fey at 573-751-4115, ext. 3819, or Cheryl.Fey@mdc.mo.gov with questions.

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National All American Pet Photo Day

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United States - For many pet owners, a special day isn't needed to remind them to take photos of their furry family. But just in case you need an excuse to post to your Facebook page, Friday, July 11th is ALL AMERICAN PET PHOTO DAY!

You can get in on all the fun by dressing up your pets in their finest attire, take him/her to the park, set them in a chair, put them on a fancy pillow or whatever your imagination gives you for a special photo and snap away.

When you are done, post to Facebook or any social media source and share your pride and joy.

This day is all about the pets, which to most people are an extension of their family. No matter what photo you take you will end up with some sweet memories to put into a photo album, on the fridge or in a picture frame on your desk at work.

Shown in the photo is Lilly Loflin at the 4th of July Parade in Dexter. Lilly is a Dachshund and lives with Jessica Loflin. She is one of many pets owned by Jessica and her mom.

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Winona, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has closed the refuge portion of the Peck Ranch Conservation Area until further notice due to road damage caused by recent flooding. This closure includes the elk viewing route.

Wildlife Biologist Preston Mabry, manager of Peck Ranch Conservation Area, said this puts a temporary halt on auto tours and other activities in the refuge. He said access is still allowed on approximately 12,000 acres outside the marked refuge fence.

The Peck Ranch Conservation Area lies in both Carter and Shannon counties. The refuge portion of the area encompasses approximately 11,500 acres. In the portion of the Peck Area that's open to the public, Mabry still recommends caution wherever roads might have suffered damage due to recent flooding.

For more information, call the Peck Ranch Conservation Area at 573-323-4249 or the Missouri Department of Conservation's Ozark Regional Office in West Plains at 417-256-7161.

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Dexter, Missouri – Mark your calendar for this month's Business After Hours sponsored by the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. This month's host is Bagby Investment Consultants at 302 N. Walnut Street.

This event is open to the public from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Dexter, Missouri – The Missouri Highway Patrol is proud to announce 34 newly commissioned troopers including two from Dexter, Missouri.

According to Col. Ron Replogle, superintendent of the patrol, the group was commissioned in a ceremony on June 27, 2014, on the south lawn of the Missouri State Capitol.

Landon J. Haggett and Gregory T. Ulm, both Dexter natives, are among the new academy graduates. Haggett has been assigned to New Madrid and Pemiscot Counties in Troop E, while Ulm will be working in Carter and Reynolds Counties in Troop G.

Governor Jay Nixon gave the keynote address at the graduation ceremony. In his remarks, the governor congratulated the new troopers and also issued a charge.

Referencing President Thomas Jefferson's comments about Meriwether Lewis, Gov. Nixon encouraged the class to have, "undaunted courage, possessing a firmness and perseverance of purpose ..." He expressed his respect for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, saying the organization not only embraces its traditions, but also embraces diversity, and advancements in technology and equipment. The governor said that the new troopers don't know what challenges they will meet each day, but that he has supreme confidence in the Missouri State Highway Patrol and that confidence now extends to each of them.

Replogle also spoke to the class, offering his congratulations and emphasizing the importance of their family's support throughout the rigorous 26 weeks of Academy training. He instructed the new troopers always remember the **Patrol's core values-- integrity, responsibility, respect, professionalism, compassion, resourcefulness, character, and commitment.** The colonel reminded the troopers that they are ladies and gentlemen who enforce the law, and to treat others as they would want to be treated.

The 98th Recruit Class reported to the Academy on January 2, 2014. The new troopers will report for duty in their assigned troops on July 14, 2014. Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for the other 32 members of the 98th Recruit Class:

Matthew P. Acord, Bonne Terre, MO, Troop F, Miller County

Ruthanne A. Altaffer, Springfield, MO, Troop D, Greene County

Grant A. Ayres, Jefferson City, MO, Troop I, Crawford County

Daniel R. Becker, Athens, IL, Troop A, Platte County

Logan M. Bolton, Salem, IL, Troop C, Jefferson County

Jeffrey J. Burnett, Sparks, NV, Troop C, St. Charles, County

Keenan J. Cool, Newton, MO, Troop H, Daviess/DeKalb Counties

Cathryn L. Davis, Wright City, MO, Troop G, N. Howell/Shannon Counties

Krystalyn H. Davis, St. Joseph, MO, Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties

Iris R. Elfrink, Leopold, MO, Troop E, New Madrid/Mississippi/Scott Counties

Matthew R. Freeman, Kennett, MO, Troop E, New Madrid/Pemiscot Counties

Mark A. Frigy, Decatur, IL, Troop C, Franklin County

Gregory T. Hackett, Springfield, MO, Troop I, Pulaski/Maries County

Jacob R. Hardy, McKenzie, TN, Troop F, Camden County

Brandon L. Harris, Jefferson City, MO, Troop F, Boone County

David W. Henley Jr., Nevada, MO, Troop D, Greene County

Kyle L. Huggins, Poplar Bluff, MO, Troop E, Butler/Ripley Counties

Nicholas W. March, Columbia, MO, Troop C, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties

Brian N. Marquart, Ballwin, MO, Troop A, Clay County

Thomas W. Meyer, West Plains, MO, Troop D, Greene County

Tyler W. O'Brien, Springfield, IL, Troop B, Randolph/Monroe Counties.

Matthew R. Parker, Springfield, MO, Troop F, Camden County

Matthew H. Riley, Atlanta, MO, Troop B, Clark/Scotland Counties

Roberto A. Rizo, Rolla, MO, Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties

Jose Sanchez Jr., Glendale, AZ, Troop C, North St. Louis County

Keith D. Scruggs, Overland, MO, Troop C, South St. Louis County

Spencer D. Sears, Gravois Mills, MO, Troop A, Clay County

Alex J. Shibley, Desloge, MO, Troop C, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties

Shaun P. Sprague, Agency, MO, Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties

Tyler R. Stults, Branson, MO, Troop B, Marion/Ralls Counties

Cody D. Tucker, Corning, AR, Troop E, Wayne County

Ethan N. Wilson, Aurora, MO, Troop A, Platte County.

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