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Potosi, Missouri - Authorities in Missouri are searching for a former football player for Washburn and the University of Kansas. He also has friends living in southeast Missouri and the Dexter area.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol posted a missing person's report that said 24-year-old Brandon Kyle Bourbon has been missing since Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Washington County Sheriff's Capt. Zach Jacobsen said Tuesday that Bourbon's family last saw him Saturday evening in the Potosi area, where his family lives. He says Bourbon's car, a silver minivan, is also missing, and that Bourbon's phone is off.

Bourbon played football for Kansas until 2014, and transferred to Washburn for the 2015 season.

Jacobsen says since leaving college, Bourbon has been living in the Potosi area. He says authorities don't suspect foul play but are concerned because it's out of character for Bourbon to leave without contacting his family.

If you have any information please contact local authorities.

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Dexter, Missouri - Lt. Josh Benton with the Dexter Police Department will be joining efforts with statewide law enforcement on April 14th 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 occupants 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.”

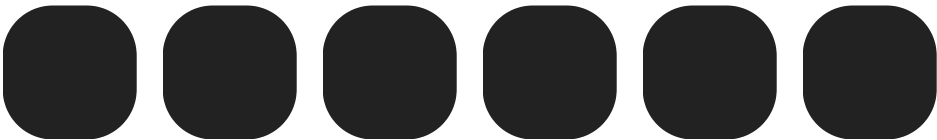
Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For information on Missouri seat belt usage, visit www.saveMOlives.com.

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Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages people to discover nature this spring by learning about the ruby-throated hummingbird. Missourians will be seeing this delightful bird this time of year a lot more now due to migration. In an average year, ruby-throated hummingbirds arrive in Missouri around early to mid-April.

“Hummingbird migration all depends on the weather,” MDC Wildlife Ecologist Brad Jacobs said. “This year’s migration should be about average for hummingbirds and they should be increasing in numbers over the month of April.”

Jacobs noted a great website map from hummingbirds.net to visit to see when and where hummingbirds are migrating: <http://bit.ly/1cCTWae>. The hummingbird migration map shows locations of where ruby-throated hummingbirds have been spotted already this year in North America. The website allows visitors to help out with this by entering the dates and exact locations where people have spotted hummingbirds.

Just like most birds, hummingbirds typically migrate south in early fall and migrate back north in the spring.

“Our hummingbirds begin their southward migration in mid-August and most are gone by early October,” Jacobs said. “A few overwinter in extreme southern coastal states, with most wintering from southern Mexico to Costa Rica. Migration means some of them fly nonstop for 600 miles from the Gulf coast of the U.S. to the Yucatan Peninsula over the Gulf of Mexico. The often lose half their body weight during this trans-Gulf, 24-hour flight.”

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

Hummingbirds are more than just a delight to watch flying around, they also play a very important part in our ecosystem.

“Hummingbirds are important pollinators for many species of plants that require just such a long-billed pollinator,” Jacobs said. “Because of their small size, hummingbirds also risk ending up as food for many predators such as, large insects, spiders, birds, and frogs.”

Hummingbirds are summer residents throughout the state either around nectar feeders outside homes and in parks and gardens. Hummingbirds nest in wooded areas, and are frequently observed near forests, and streams.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - As people stroll along the riverfront in Cape Girardeau, they may notice a yellow buoy that arrived this week. It looks like a small boat floating near the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the buoy is part of the MDC's cooperative effort with the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center's (Great Rivers Ecological Observatory Network (GREON) project to monitor water quality.

The local buoy is one of seven buoys placed in various places along the Mississippi River housing water quality and weather monitoring equipment. The Cape Girardeau buoy is monitored by Molly Sobotka, MDC resource scientist.

"This buoy allows us to monitor the water for oxygen, temperature, nutrients, and clarity and collects data on wind and sunlight," Sobotka said. "All of this information helps us understand the water quality in the river, regional differences in river reaches, and how sediments and nitrogen flow through the system."

Sobotka said data from the buoy will help scientists understand how major events like floods impact the river in real time.

"It takes hourly water quality and weather data and transmits it to the project server," she said. "By using the buoy, we can collect data during floods or storms when we would otherwise have trouble collecting it ourselves."

Ultimately, the GREON project has a goal of establishing a network of identical water quality monitoring buoys in great rivers around the world. The work in Cape Girardeau is an important preliminary step in establishing this network.

The monitoring station is marked with reflective tape and lights for nighttime visibility. The monitoring equipment is fragile and difficult to replace and the scientists request that boaters, anglers and hunters avoid disturbing this equipment.

For further information, contact Sobotka at the Big Rivers and Wetlands Field Station, at Molly.Sobotka@mdc.mo.gov or (573) 243-2659, extension 1048.

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Dexter, Missouri - U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's staff will host a Mobile Office on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Dexter Chamber of Commerce.

Mobile Offices are opportunities for Missourians to discuss their questions or concerns with the federal government one-on-one with members of Senator Blunt's staff.

Senator Blunt's Columbia office also extends one-on-one service to all Missourians who have an issue with a federal agency or need additional assistance.

To reach the Senator's Office of Constituent Services, please call at (573) 442-8151 or

send a letter to 1001 Cherry Street, Suite 104, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

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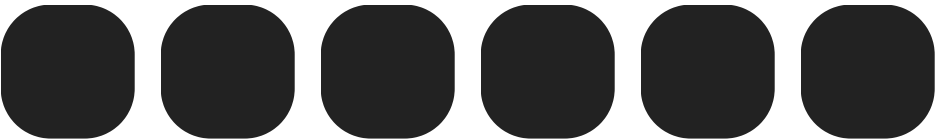
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