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By Annabeth Miller, ShowMe Times Editor

Four young Dexter ladies had the opportunity to participate in one of the leading leadership development programs in Missouri last week.

Dexter was well represented at Missouri Girls State by Malinda Mayo, Jennifer Aslin, Rosa Lara and Sarah Langley. The young ladies were among the 750 girls from throughout the Show-Me State at the weeklong event held on the campus of University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Missouri Girls State each summer. The purpose is to promote pride in America and to create a fictitious state that the citizens will govern at the city, county and state level. We will have speakers who serve as leaders in our Missouri government as well as hold important offices in our communities.

During the week at Girls State, the Dexter ladies were busy with a wide variety of activities:

- **Jennifer Aslin:** resident of Compton City and Bacon County, elected mayor of Compton City; a Bacon County Committee member; City Problem Committee; a Nationalist Party delegate.
- Sarah Langley: resident of Pershing City and Scott County; Scott County Collector;

Banner Committee.

- Rosa Lara: resident of Boone City and Davidson County; State Fair Committee; City Problem Committee.
- Malinda Mayo: resident of Benton City and Barton County; ran for governor; City Problem Council; City Committee. Mayor also was a member of the Girl State Choir. The chorus performs during the week and the main performance is before the Inauguration on Friday evening.

The girls will all be seniors this fall at Dexter High School.

Also attending Girls State were Natalie Riley, who served as a Girls State Committee member; Dee Wamble, a counselor; and Karsen Adams, who attended Girl State last summer and returned this summer as an assistant counselor.

Photo Above: Participating in Missouri Girls State from Dexter were (from left) Malinda Mayo, Jennifer Aslin, Rosa Lara, and Sara Langley.

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