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**TIPTONVILLE, Tenn.** - A small earthquake rattled Southeast Missouri and western Tennessee early Sunday morning June 17.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported a 3.3 magnitude earthquake at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, centered around the Mississippi River about two miles west of Tiptonville, Tenn.

The quake was large enough to be felt locally. USGS had reports of the tremor being felt in Portageville and other Southeast Missouri and western Tennessee communities.

The epicenter of the quake was at 36.411°N, 89.529°W, 4 miles from Tiptonville, Tenn., 14 miles from Marston, and 149 miles from Memphis, Tenn.

The earthquake was one of the tremors that shake the New Madrid Seismic Zone from Illinois to Arkansas along the Mississippi River. It is one of the most active earthquake zones in the United States. The area felt two of the most powerful earthquakes in our nation's history when a series of 8.0+ magnitude quakes hit in 1811 and 1812.

No reports of damage from the quake were reported to USGS.

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## Last Night for 18 Fore Life Carnival

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There are a lot of great times taking place on Business Highway 60 this week next door to Dexter BBQ at the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Carnival. The crowds continue to build each night.

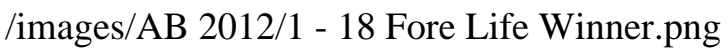
As the welcome rain passed through the area early in the week, the weather has been more than cooperative during the carnival nights. With only one night remaining, the promise of another great night seems to be good to wrap up the weeks activities.

The Millers Extravaganza Show filled this date at the last minute. moving locations from the fair grounds to the open land on Business Highway 60 next to Dexter BBQ and Ozark Fitness. Getting into the traffic of the summer was the goal and it has appeared to pay off for the group.

"We really wanted to come back to Dexter to do our show as we really like the people around here", commented carnival owner, Freddy Miller of Greenbrier, Arkansas. "... and teaming with the 18 Fore Life Foundation has been a great chance for us to give back to

the community."

Montgomery Bank, County Wide Insurance Agency and the ShowMe Times all coordinated the event at the last minute to bring a little fun to the summer months.

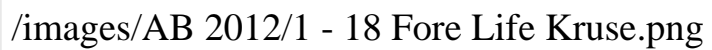
"We feel we can do so much more with this event next year", commented Dana Adams, Branch Manager of Montgomery Bank.  "We simply didn't have time to get the extra events planned this year but are already making plans for 2013."

The Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Foundation has become a strong local charity that is favored by many in the community. With only a quick call to Scott Kruse, the event was quickly planned over a weekend and has been a success for both 18 Fore Life and the community of Dexter.

"What do I always say ... 'YES'", explained Scott Kruse. "I always say 'Yes' to people that are wanting to give of themselves to help move our charity forward.

Kruse went on to explain that after the record setting event three weeks prior, the 18 Fore Life request list continues to have individuals and families that have needs. The list is just longer than the amount of money that can be raised.

The slogan of "More Than Just A Golf Tournament" is held true with the activities surrounding the 18 Fore Life events. From Crappie Tournaments to Volleyball Games to Santa Clause pictures, the list continues to grow in diversity and fun.

 "You get into the idea of raising money for a good cause and that is basically a great part of helping 18 Fore Life", commented Alan Hedrick of County Wide Insurance Agency. "But reality happens when you get a chance to see firsthand the impact that this charity brings to our community and the surrounding area."

Hedrick went on to tell the story of a young lady that stopped by the County Wide office to inquire about the 18 Fore Life charity. Her father had been diagnosed this week with cancer and her family was facing some difficult times ahead.


"I was able to help her make a connection to the 18 Fore Life Foundation to request assistance." beamed Hedrick. "I was also able to point her to Pastor Tim Russell of Lighthouse Christian Center and Lighthouse member, Kay Davison, to assist with the

spiritual needs of the family."

The 18 Fore Life Foundation is far reaching in what it delivers to our community. We all agree that the events bring a great time and good fun to our lives. On a much grander scale, this charity touches lives in our community at the times it is needed the most.

That story alone is motivating to help motivate a person to attend the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Carnival. Your purchase of tickets for the Miller Extravaganza Show rides earns a large donation to support 18 Fore Life.

Have fun at the Carnival!!

It is also noted that these events do not just happen without the cooperation and help of the entire community. Special thanks goes out from the sponsors to the neighbors surrounding the carnival grounds for tolerating a little extra traffic, some minor trash issues and just the congestion in the area. Those are **Dexter BBQ, Ozark Fitness, B A Promotions, Sherm Smith Jr., Dr. Bobby Jibben, American Steakhouse, Bank of Advance as well as many others.** Thanks for being great neighbors for this event.

The sponsors also would like to offer a huge debt of gratitude to **Scott Rankin, owner of SEMO Land Design** and **Tim Holden, owner of Holden Pallet Company**. Both of these gentlemen jumped in after the rain last Monday to make certain the grounds were ready for the event. Scott Rankin in particular took his professional skills and charitable heart to make a contribution to making this event successful. **Thanks to Everyone!**

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# Flag Day 2012: Celebrate America's Colors

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Thursday is Flag Day throughout America - a day that commemorates the adoption of the original 13 Stars and Stripes, which occurred June 14 in 1777.

The young men in Dexter's Boys Scout Troop 200 were out early to place American flags in the Historic Downtown district, as well as on Business Highway 60 in town.

Although President Wilson officially proclaimed it as "Flag Day" in summer of 1949, it is not what is known as an official federal holiday.

According to the Defense Department, ten Navy ships, including USS Fort McHenry, are commemorating Flag Day today at the site of the historic War of 1812 battle 200 years ago that inspired the National Anthem.

Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen will take part in Flag Day events at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, the star-shaped fortress that endured what's become one of the most remembered engagements of the war.

On the night of Sept. 13, 1814, British ships in Baltimore harbor bombarded the outgunned U.S. resistance at the fort for 25 solid hours. Francis Scott Key, a civilian lawyer who was sent to Baltimore to negotiate an American hostage's release, found himself in a front-row seat to the battle aboard a British ship.

As dawn broke the following morning, Key stood on the ship's deck, amazed to see the U.S. flag still flapping in the breezes over the battered fort. He was so moved that he penned the poem that became the lyrics of the National Anthem.

The Navy ships in Baltimore are part of a flotilla making its way up the Eastern Seaboard to mark the bicentennial of the war that historians say marked the dawn of U.S. naval power.

Eighteen tall ships, including the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, and navy vessels from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico and Norway are accompanying the Navy gray hulls in the "Star Spangled Sailabration."

The flotilla spent 12 days in Norfolk before arriving today in Baltimore for a week of activities including a tall ship parade, an air show by the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron, fireworks and a parachute jump into Camden Yards.

### **Flag Etiquette**

Federal law stipulates much of flag etiquette, which is often called the Flag Code. Some of the general guidelines to properly display the American flag are listed below

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

***Photo above: The American Flag flags in the early orning sunlight along Stoddard Street in Historic Downtown Dexter. (ShowMe Times photo by Annabeth Miller)***

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WASHINGTON – The primary agriculture tool of the Federal government – the Farm Bill – is currently on the agenda of lawmakers in Washington, D.C., and Southeast Missouri’s member of the U.S. House of Representative will hear area farmers and producers at a forum in the Bootheel this week.

U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R- Cape Girardeau, will hear from local producers at a forum in New Madrid County devoted to the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization. The meeting will be at 3 p.m., Thursday, June 14 at the Delta Center near Portageville.

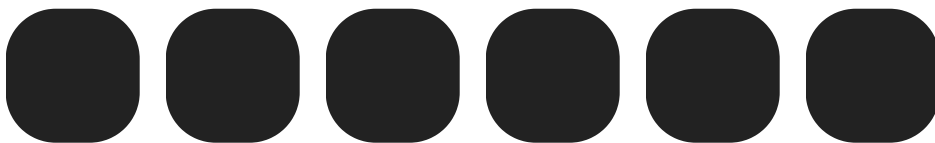
“Our producers have a lot riding on the policies enacted in the Farm Bill. When I’m advocating for Southern Missouri in these debates, the personal stories I share are always the most effective,” Emerson said. “My colleagues who have never been to a farm or ranch can really benefit from hearing the point of view of hardworking folks in Southern Missouri when they make important decisions on U.S. agriculture. This is where our national food supply comes from.”

- **WHO:** U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson
- **WHAT:** Forum on the 2012 Farm Bill Reauthorization
- **WHEN:** Thursday, June 14 at 3 p.m.
- **WHERE:** The Delta Center, Hwy T, Portageville

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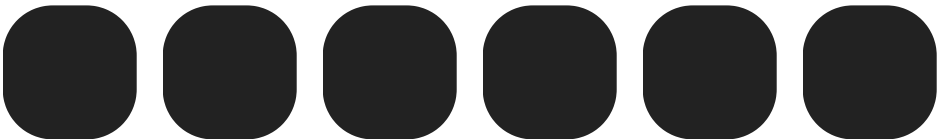
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