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# Yard Sale Season Is Here!

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**Dexter, Missouri** – If yard sale signs are appearing, then surely it must be spring! Conditions are ideal! Temperatures above 70 and daylight savings time are key ingredients for the perfect treasure hunting adventure.

Everyone knows you can find a really good deal at a garage sale. With homeowners having a collection of stuff left over from spring cleaning and many yard sale enthusiasts who cannot wait to do some bargain hunting after a winter spent cooped up indoors, it's a win win situation for all involved. Sellers get rid of their unwanted items and make money, while buyers score some once-in-a-lifetime deals.

Advertising your yard or garage sale is a must; however most cities and counties have rules, especially for signage. The City of Dexter states that you can only have a yard sale 3 days a month and only 2 days in a row.

Also you may not post a sign on CITY EASEMENT and definitely not on stop signs, utility poles or other types of traffic signs. Community sponsored events and produce are exempt from these rules, but may have different their own set of rules to follow.

A Sales Tax Certificate is also required and that falls under the Missouri

Department of Revenue (Chapter 144RSMo) and not the city of Dexter. That is something most people do not think about, but it is the law.

To get the biggest bang for your buck with advertising don't forget there are hosts of free online classifieds. Yardsi, Facebook, Twitter, and Craigslist just to name a few are extremely popular online tools you can advertise your yards sale for free.

Here are some tips for having a successful yard sale:

Advertize as much as possible

Sell on Saturday

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Get a team of friends together

Start early

Sell with your neighbors

Safety first (don't let strangers in your home)

Price everything in advance

Be willing to negotiate on price

Don't sell anything unsafe, broken or recalled

Put big ticket items close to the road or out front

Offer coffee or lemonade (free) or even doughnuts (cheap)

Use fanny packs and have lots of change

This weekend there are a ton of yard sales in Dexter and throughout Stoddard County. A perfect advertisement like this one will get lots of attention!

### **Huge 8 Family Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 a.m.

Empty Lot next to Dexter BBQ

Furniture, Brand Name Clothing, TV's, Home Décor

Toys, Shoes, Purses, Tons of Baby and Kids Clothing and Accessories

If rain, make-up day will be Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 a.m

**This is a real yard sale occurring in Dexter** and has all the elements of a great advertisement for newspaper or online. It has a tag to get your attention, denotes date, location and time and what happens in case of bad weather as well as a few items of interest. These are all the right ingredients of a perfect ad.

So enjoy your day of shopping for bargains this Saturday or any weekend now that spring is truly here. Soon it will be time for the big 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hundred Mile Yard Sale located on Highway 25 in Stoddard County. A weekend of much fun and treasures galore!

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# Daddy's lil' Hunting Princess

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**Puxico, Missouri** – There is nothing more rewarding than taking your daughter on her first big hunt. It takes time, patients, and a good hunting environment. The type of game is not as important as the methods and means to having a great hunt that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Alex Hanners took his daughter, Jennifer, on her first “real” hunt. Sure they have hunted deer and various other critters in southeast Missouri, but this was Texas. Some say everything's bigger in Texas!

They traveled with Curtis Waggoner , Adam Koehler and Four Corners Archery out of Sedgewickville, Missouri to the Texas ‘S’ Bow Hunting Ranch in Clarksville, Texas to hunt HOGS!

Jennifer Hanners, age 12, and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Puxico Jr. High was eager to hunt with her Dad and his buddies to kill some mean ole’ boar, but she never expected to meet up with a Corsican Ram!

On the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>, carrying only a primitive wooden homemade bow and some handcrafted arrows, she stalked her prey and hit the beautiful 157 lb ram dead center.

“I will hunt with that girl anytime!” exclaimed Dale Kemp, Sergeant at Arms of the Crowley’s Ridge Blackpowder Club and long-time friend of the family. He too hunted with her the entire weekend and harvested his hogs. He remembers when she was just a little princess, dressed in pink and just a baby.

Jennifer is your typical young pre-teen student who is not only a beautiful, but also likes to hunt, fish and camp! She loves sports, such as playing basketball at her school, attending school dances, designing and making jewelry, playing the French horn in the school band and singing. She also loves blackpowder rendezvous events, swimming and kayaking.

She is the granddaughter of Dale & Teresa Hanners of Campbell, Missouri and Robert and Elizabeth Eldridge of Winona, Mississippi. They are very proud grandparents and can't believe how their little girl grew so fast.

Her parents, Alex and Shannon Hanners and little brother, Brandon are very proud of her as well. "I was so excited for my daughter, not only because she got game on our hunt, but because of how she handled herself," commented Dad. "Jen made good ethical decisions and I saw my little girl grow up right in front of me!"

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Piggott Taxidermy in Piggott, Arkansas is currently mounting Jen's Corsican Ram. She is looking forward to hanging the ram in the living room, right above the television. It should be ready before school starts in August.

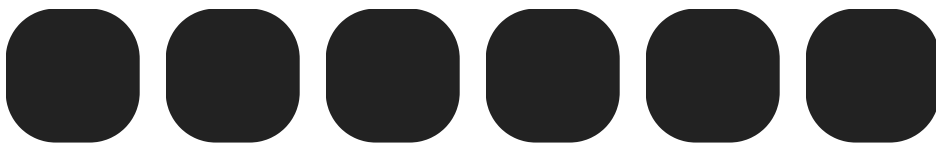
Miss Hanners also killed her first hog on this hunt, an 85 lb boar shot with her primitive bow and wooden arrows.

Congratulations Jen on your big hunt! We look forward to seeing pictures of your hunting adventures in the near future.

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# Keep Sam A. Baker Park Beautiful Day

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Keep Sam A. Baker Park Beautiful Day

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**Patterson, Missouri** - The public is invited to spend the day outdoors and help one of Missouri's most scenic state parks at "Keep Baker Beautiful Day" on Saturday, May 4 at Sam A. Baker State Park. Sponsored by Missouri State Parks, the 21st annual event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to this special event that recognizes both Earth Day and Missouri Beautification Month by getting the park in shape for the upcoming busy season. Planting, trail care and litter patrol are just a few of the projects planned for the day. After the work, volunteers will receive a free picnic lunch and a one night camping coupon per family to be used at a later date. Participants are encouraged to bring a pair of work gloves, wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water. Those wanting to participate need to register by **May 2**.

Sam A. Baker State Park is located four miles north of Patterson on Highway 143 in Wayne County. For more information on the event or to register, call the park at 573-856-4411. For more information about Missouri state parks and historic sites, visit [mostateparks.com](http://mostateparks.com). Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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## Star Banner 4-H Trivia Night

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**Dexter, Missouri** – Grab a group of friends or gather your family members and join the Star Banner 4-H Club for a night of fun and trivia. It's for a worthy cause! Donations will be made to 18 Fore Life!

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting night at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Dexter with trivia beginning at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is only \$10 per person and you need 8 participants per table.

Light snacks, soda, lemonade, tea and coffee will be available and there will be attendance prizes as well. You may also bring a snack or drink for your table to share.

Cash prizes awarded to the top three teams!!

If you would like more information contact Monie Brehmer at 624-2361 or send and email to [mbrehmer@wildblue.net](mailto:mbrehmer@wildblue.net) to reserve your table.

18 Fore Life is striving to exceed their goal of giving away \$1 million this summer. They are going to need your help and this will be a great night of entertainment and fun to get the job done! Since the charity began in 2000, families who are fighting cancer have been receiving love offerings from this wonderful charity. Needless to say, their efforts have made a huge impact, however the fight to end cancer is not over.

If you are not familiar with 18 Fore Life, please go to their website, [www.18forelife.com](http://www.18forelife.com) and take a few minutes to read about Ben Kruse and the history of 18 Fore Life. If you are on Facebook, then hit like and keep up-to-date with their mission and Drive For \$1 Million! It is truly an amazing organization!

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## Soapin' For A Cause! at the Corner Cottage

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Join Chad and Nikki Gaylord, creators of the Gaylord Soap Co., for a fun-filled day introducing the new Dirty Birdie soap at the Corner Cottage in Dexter.

This soap was created to help benefit the 18 Fore Life Foundation and is the latest creation from Gaylord Soap Co. Come in and show your support for this amazing organization and visit with Chad and Nikki Gaylord about their great line of soap products. 50% of the proceeds go directly to 18 Fore Life.

A percentage of proceeds of all soap products sold that day will be donated to 18 Fore Life. We will be serving up yummy refreshments and have other surprises in store for you!!

"We began making soap about three years ago as just something fun to do on a weekend. That one 4-hour soap-making class turned into a passion and so it began. Most of our friends and all of our family got soap of some kind as a gift that year and of course we asked for feedback. We began experimenting with soap recipes and finally came up with a recipe that we liked. We didn't want to just copy someone else's recipe - we wanted to be original! Gaylord Soap Co. didn't actually become a full-fledged business until 2012. We love making all-natural soap and we love the fact that we are able to offer people a choice that doesn't contain all the chemicals that commercial soaps do. As we have begun expanding our product line, we continue to strive to make all-natural, quality products that enhance and make our customers lives better," from the Gaylord's website.

The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 2:00 p.m. The Corner Cottage is located at 1424 W. Bus. Hwy 60 in Dexter.

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