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Walk N' Roll Early Learning Center Ribbon Cutting

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*Written by
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Dexter, Missouri - Walk N' Roll Early Learning Center held their Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting last week. They are located at 1017 Arvin Road next to Patrick Roberts, CPA.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. and serves children from birth to 12 years of age. They also have a before and after school program.

The center offers a certified preschool program for children age's three to five. They also have an infant center, a toddler center and a preschool center. All staff are CPR and first aide certified.

In the photo are City Alderman Jerry Corder, City Administrator Mark Stidham Mayor Joe Weber, Owner Danielle Devers, Chamber Second VP Kevin Bishop, Asst. Mgr. Mary Goodman, Preschool Teacher Jordi Humphrey, Patrick Roberts, CPA, David Green of American National Insurance, and Chamber Executive Director Janet Coleman.

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School Board to Meet August 20th

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board will meeting, Monday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. **This is open to the public; however there are considerations if you want to discuss a topic.**

Note: The public tax rate hearing is scheduled for 5:50 p.m.

The tentative agenda for the regular Board Meeting of the Dexter Public Schools will include Public Comments; however you must **pre-register** with the Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item or you may pre-register with the superintendent in writing at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item. **Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes with a maximum of 15 minutes allowed for the public comments section.**

Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the Board until the District's complaint procedure has been exhausted. Complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.

Old business to be discussed will be policies, bid for door locking mechanisms and installation and the request for proposals for the football stadium entrance.

New business will include 2013-2014 tax levy, set up non-resident tuition rate and approve Special Services Director as District Test Coordinator; Foster Care Coordinator; Homeless Coordinator; 504 Coordinator; Surrogate Parent Coordinator; and Compliance Coordinator of Policy AC which prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Other new business shall include approve School Reach for another two years, approve bus routes, consider tree landscaping proposal, consider HB253 Board Resolution and approve paper bid.

Discussion items shall include Stoddard County Admission Passes, Student Registration Day, Ag Building RFP, MSBA Fall Conference, Food Service Program, Annual Secretary Board Report/Audit, and Kim Bearden – Special Development.

Once the Open meeting has been completed, the Board will enter an Executive Closed Session.

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CDL Testing Effected by State Law

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Submitted by Jill Temples

SMT Writer

The CDL testing will be effected by a change in the state law. Federal regulations will take in effect on August 28, 2013.

Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, would like to inform the public of a change in state law and federal motor carrier safety regulations that applies to commercial vehicle driver's licenses. Presently drivers applying for a commercial vehicle driver's license are required to pass a written test and then pass a skills test to obtain the appropriate class of commercial driver's license. Under current law the skills test can be taken on the same day the permit is received.

The new requirement which takes effect **August 28, 2013**, states that commercial drivers, after passing the required written test(s), **must obtain a permit, and maintain the permit for 14 calendar days** before they will be allowed to take the skills test, which includes the pre-trip, basic, and road tests.

Questions regarding this new requirement may be directed to the Driver Examination Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, at 573-751-2341.

For further information about obtaining a commercial drivers license, please contact: Capt. J. Tim Hull
Q862013 (573) 526-6115

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Puxico Homecoming Events

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Puxico Homecoming Events

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SMT Writer

Puxico, Missouri -The Puxico Homecoming events will begin on Tuesday, August 13th and end on Saturday, August 17th. Below is the event schedule.

PUXICO HOMECOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

SQUARE DANCING EVERY NIGHT

TUESDAY, August 13th

Official Opening

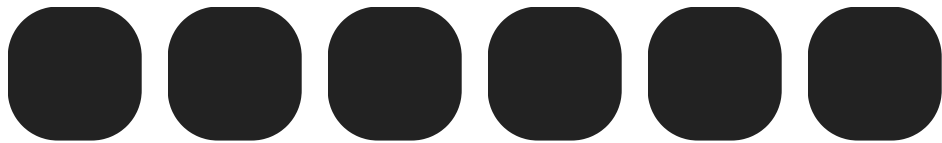
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Midway Opens	6:30 P.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30-10:30 P.M.
Pre- Queen Contest Ceremonies	7:00 P.M.
Little Miss Puxico contest	7:30 P.M.
Miss Puxico contest	Immediately after Little Miss
Attendance Drawing	10:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, August 14th	
Church Night (Veterans Park)	7:00 P.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30 – 10:30 P.M.
Attendance Drawing	10:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, August 15th	
Goat Burger Golf Classic (Ozark Ridge Golf Course – Poplar Bluff)	8:00 A.M
Bracelet Night	6:30 – 10:30 P.M.
Bluegrass Music	7:00 P.M.
Attendance drawing	10:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, August 16th	
Baby Contest	10:00 A.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30- 10:30 P.M.
Alumni Meeting (Puxico R- 8 cafeteria)	6:00 P.M.
Doniphan New Life Singers	7:00 P.M.
Attendance Drawing	11:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, August 17th	
Mingo Tractor Club Show	9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Parade	1:00 P.M.
Berry-Glenn Museum Quilt Show	10:00 -4:00 P.M.
Children’s Bracelet Matinee	1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Children’s Attendance Drawing	4:00 P.M
Bracelet Night	6:30 – 10:30 P.M.
Iron Mountain Station	7:00 P.M.
Attendance Drawing	11:00 P.M.

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Perseid Meteor Shower Tonight

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Missouri - The annual Perseid meteor shower created by leftover bits of a comet is at its best in the night sky now, but there are a few tips to keep in mind to make the most the cosmic fireworks show.

The [2013 Perseid meteor shower](#) will peak in the late overnight hours of **Sunday and Monday (Aug. 11 and 12)**, and could light up the night sky with up to 100 meteors an hour for stargazers with the best viewing conditions. To see the most meteors, you will need clear weather and a dark sky far from the interference of bright city lights. This may not happen if the clouds do not dissipate in Missouri.

"For optimal viewing, find an open sky because Perseid meteors come across the sky from all directions. Lie on the ground and look straight up into the dark sky," NASA scientists advised in a skywatching guide. "Again, it is important to be far away from artificial lights. Your eyes can take up to 30 minutes to adjust to the

darkness, so allow plenty of time for your eyes to dark-adapt."

The Perseids appear to radiate out of the constellation Perseus, which is how they get their name. The constellation is currently in the northeastern night sky after sunset, but observers will likely see more meteors by looking straight up, and not directly at the constellation, NASA scientists have said.

If bad weather spoils your Perseids viewing, don't fret. You can also watch the meteor display online tonight in two free webcasts. You can [watch the Perseid meteor shower webcasts live on SPACE.com](#), courtesy of NASA and the Slooh Space Camera.

Beginning at nightfall, NASA's all-sky camera at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., will offer a live view of the night sky and any meteors that flare up overhead. The webcast caught 14 Perseid meteors during its first night on Saturday (Aug. 10), MSFC officials said.

At 7 p.m. EDT (2300 GMT) tonight, the Slooh Space Camera, an online stargazing website that uses remotely operated telescopes, will offer a free webcast from its observatory on Mt. Tiede in the Canary Islands, off the western coast of Africa. You can watch the feed on SPACE.com or directly from Slooh via the [Slooh Space Camera website](#).

Skywatchers around the world have already begun enjoying the Perseid meteor shower. Photographer Jeff Dai joined a group of stargazers in China who ventured up Mount Jinfo in Chongqing to observe the celestial display.

"Our 10-man group enjoyed more than 300 meteors early this morning," Dai told SPACE.com in an email today. "The waves of cheering lasted all night."

The Perseid [meteor shower](#) occurs each year in mid-August when the Earth passes through a dusty trail of leftovers from Comet Swift-Tuttle, a comet that orbits the sun once every 133 years. Most of this comet debris, which is made up of bits of ice and dust, is more than 1,000 years old, according to a NASA description.

As the Earth passes through the Swift-Tuttle debris stream, the ice and dust fragments slam into the atmosphere and burn up, creating one of the [best meteor showers of the year](#) for stargazers.

Humans have been observing the Perseid meteor shower for at least 2,000 years, NASA officials said. If you are planning an all-night meteor session, here are two more tips:

Get comfortable: Staring up at the night sky from the ground or a standing position can be tiring on your neck. Consider a reclining lawn chair to stay comfortable.

Stay warm: It can get chilly at night, even in the summer, so a light jacket or windbreaker might be just what you need to avoid dipping back inside and ruining your night vision.

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