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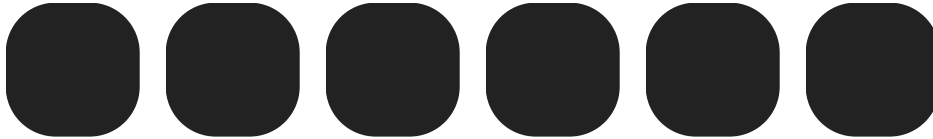
Dexter, Missouri- Moonlight Madness will take place in Downtown Dexter tonight from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Many stores in the downtown area will be participating in this event, as well as other area stores that are not located in Downtown Dexter.

This is the perfect time to begin your Christmas shopping, as many stores will be offering great sales for the upcoming holidays!

The Welcome Center (Old Depot) will be open Friday evening during the Moonlight Madness until 9:00 p.m. They will be coffee, refreshments, and restrooms available to the public. They will also have tables and chairs for relaxing if the weather is chilly!

Come out and support our community as you shop and enjoy the great sales!

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Missouri - The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers that school is in session. Every week day across the state, our young people are traveling to and from school. In 2012, three persons were killed and 353 people were injured in 886 school bus crashes in Missouri. Missouri schoolchildren are placed at risk needlessly when drivers do not stop for a school bus stop arm. It's important that drivers remember and observe state law pertaining to school buses and vehicle operation.

Missouri law states that on a two-lane road, if a school bus is stopped and displaying warning signals while loading or unloading children, drivers must stop when meeting and following the bus. It is only necessary to stop on a four-lane highway when following the bus. However, drivers must obey the stop sign, stop arm, and flashing lights of a school bus.

The school year is far from over. Thousands of Missouri's children are going to school every day. It is critical that drivers be alert. It is imperative that parents talk to their children about being alert—whether they walk, bike, drive, or ride—when traveling to school each day. Students walking to school should use sidewalks, be aware of their surroundings at all times, and observe marked crosswalks. All drivers need to pay attention. Using a cell phone, texting, or adjusting the radio are distractions and can lead to a traffic crash. Drivers must pay attention and observe all traffic laws. Even before a school bus turns on its red or yellow flashing lights, drivers should be vigilant—the school bus may be stopping or turning at some point.

It's up to all of us to ensure that our children arrive at school safely. Please, watch for school buses and schoolchildren. Do your part.

Shown in the photo is Mrs. Dee Wamble, Bus Driver for Dexter Public Schools. Thank you for keeping our students safe on the road!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School DECA Club and CCE Class are sponsoring a Moonlight Ramble on **Friday, November 15**. The Moonlight Ramble will start at *10 p.m* . at the Bearcat Event Center and will wind through downtown Dexter. You can walk, jog, or ride a bicycle to participate. This is a FUN, non-timed 5k event. Register early for \$25 and receive a free t-shirt and glow-stick necklace! If you register the day of the Ramble, the cost will be \$30.

The DECA Club will have funnel cakes for sale before and after the event for \$2.50. Even if you don't want to participate, come out and join the fun of cheering on your friends and family.

All participants during the activity may stop at The Loft for half priced coffee during the Ramble!

To register for the Event, ***email crowleyt@dexter.k12.mo.us or stop by the Dexter High School office to pick up a registration form.***

The merchants of downtown Dexter are sponsoring a Moonlight Madness open house on the same night from 5 - 9 p.m. We thought it would be fun to tie in with this fun night of activities.

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Missouri - This Veterans Day, Gov. Jay Nixon is encouraging Missourians to recognize and thank throughout the year the dedicated men and women who have honorably served in our nation's military.

"Generations of Missourians have answered the call to serve in our military and preserve our freedoms," Gov. Nixon said. "On Veterans Day, especially, we acknowledge the sacrifices these men and women have made and give renewed honor and respect to our armed forces. On behalf of six million Missourians, I thank our veterans for their selfless dedication to our country."

Gov. Nixon's administration has made it a priority to ensure veterans have a smooth transition from military life to civilian life, including access to high-paying and meaningful careers. In 2010, Gov. Nixon established the Show-Me Heroes program, an initiative that helps connect military veterans with job opportunities when they return home from service.

"Serving in the Armed Forces, one develops a unique set of skills and strong work ethic, making these men and women incredibly valuable members of our workforce," the Governor said. "From an Army Civil Affairs Specialist, to a Business Operations Specialist, or a Navy Hospital Corpsman to an EMT, these folks are highly trained individuals with in demand skills. I encourage all employers to consider how hiring veterans could improve their business."

Administered by the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, Show-Me Heroes showcases Missouri businesses that are willing and eager to hire veterans. Employers participating in the Show-Me Heroes program sign a pledge to ramp up efforts to reach out to, recruit and interview veterans for job openings at their business.

To date, 3,440 Missouri businesses have taken the Show-Me Heroes pledge and 4,622 veterans have been hired. Businesses that have hired veterans receive the Flag of Freedom award, which consists of a plaque featuring an American flag patch from the combat uniform of a member of the Missouri National Guard worn while that Citizen-Soldier or Airman was deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Gov. Nixon thanked Missouri businesses that have taken the Show-Me Heroes pledge and made efforts to hire local veterans.

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Jefferson City, Missouri – Gov. Jay Nixon and First Lady Georganne Nixon today applauded participants in the Governor’s 100 Missouri Miles Challenge for achieving their goal of logging 1 million miles on Missouri trails this year, and encouraged Missourians to continue to log miles at [MO.gov](#) as part of this outdoor fitness initiative. To celebrate this milestone, on November 12 the Governor will visit Nevada, Mo. where the community has used the 100 Missouri Miles Challenge to advance the goals of its Healthy Nevada Project, a wellness initiative designed to promote wellness and reduce health care costs.

“Here in Missouri, getting out and enjoying the outdoors isn’t just something we do, it’s part of who we are, and reaching our 1 million mile goal is a great example of how these outdoor traditions are stronger than ever in communities across our state,” Gov. Nixon said. “The First Lady and I are proud to celebrate this accomplishment with the 12,000 Missourians who have taken the 100 Missouri Miles Challenge and encourage Missourians to keep logging their miles online at [MO.gov](#) to see how many miles we can log by the end of the year.”

Launched to promote Missouri's distinction as the 2013 Best Trails State in America, the outdoor fitness initiative challenges Missourians to complete 100 miles of outdoor physical activity by the end of the year. Since the official launch on June 1, 12,000 participants have completed more than 1,000,000 miles, including 347 miles by the Governor and 377 miles by the First Lady.

Earlier this year, Missouri was named the "Best Trails State" by American Trails, a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting our nation's hiking, biking and riding trails. The award recognized efforts by federal, state and local agencies as well as private organizations to expand and improve Missouri's comprehensive recreational trail system, which offers trails for a wide range of interests and abilities, including hikers, backpackers, cyclists, paddlers and equestrians.

Nearly 500 organizations – including schools, cross country teams and fitness clubs – have signed up to take the Challenge as a group, while almost 200 Missouri businesses have implemented the initiative into office wellness programs to promote overall health and physical activity among employees.

The Governor's 100 Missouri Miles Challenge is a partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Missouri State Parks, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Division of Tourism, the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions and the Office of Administration.

For more information and to take the Challenge, visit MO.gov. Participants can also share adventures, post photos and learn about upcoming events by connecting with 100 Missouri Miles on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) using #100MoMiles

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