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Bernie, Missouri – Challenge to all Bernie high school students over the age of 16 and to the Bernie teachers!! The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations. Please mark your calendar for ***Monday, July 14th at the United Methodist Church from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.*** The church is located at 307 W. Main in Bernie, Missouri.

The American Red Cross encourages blood donors to help prevent a summer shortage by rolling up a sleeve to give. Donors of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative.

Type O negative is universal and can likely be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to patients with either Rh positive or negative blood. These blood types are the most in demand and the first to run out if there is a shortage.

The Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood and help save lives, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

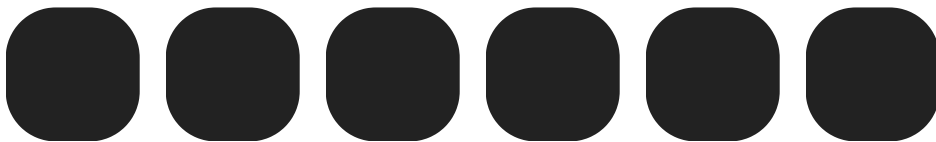
About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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Dexter, Missouri – Family Video will host a fundraiser until the end of July for the Dexter Animal Shelter.

They are asking for donations to help off-set the cost of housing stray, unwanted, and lost dogs and cats in Dexter.

Supplies needed are black trash bags, lots of paper towels, gloves, cat food, dog food, bleach, spray bottles, cat litter, blankets, cleaning supplies for the floors like Pine Sol. They would really like to have some old cages for both cats and dogs, especially animal carrier cages. They don't have to be brand new, just in working condition.

Financial donations are always welcome!

It takes a great deal of money and supplies to help our lost friends find great homes. Financial donations will go towards dog and cat shampoo, rubber mats, treats, toys, and collars.

Family Video also has available bracelets created by Brandy Fox, Manager of the store. They are just \$1.00 with all profits going to the Dexter Animal Shelter.

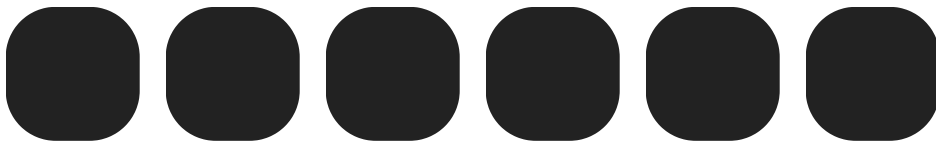
Please stop by with your donation and help the Dexter Animal Shelter. If you would like more information contact Family Video at 573-624-8226 or contact Ross (Animal Control Officer) at 573-624-5512

The Dexter Animal Shelter is located at 601 E. Grant St. in Dexter and there are plenty of sweet dogs and cats waiting for adoption. It is an extension of the Dexter Police Department. Thanks to Ross and many volunteers they are solely responsible for taking dogs off the street and providing them a temporary home at the shelter until their owners are found or they are adopted.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony

for A&A Loans located at 907 B. West Hwy 60 just behind Family Video.

The newly established business focuses on Check and Title Loans. For Check Loans bring in current bank statement, proof of income, proof of address and a valid photo ID. For Title Loans bring in title in applicant's name, proof of insurance, current registration, proof of income, proof of address, valid photo ID, and one extra set of keys.

They are open 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday and Friday. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Contact them at 573-624-8887 for more information or stop by their office.

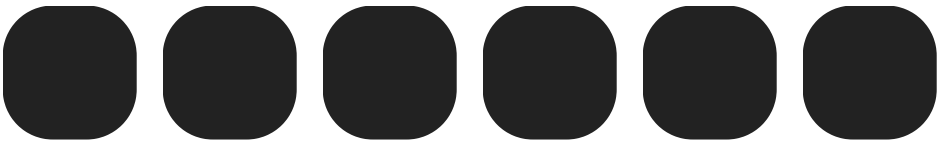
Owners are Sherry, Jan, and Alma Ward of Batesville, Arkansas.

Shown in the photo - from left to right: Chamber Executive Director Janet Coleman, Ricky Perkins, Chamber 2nd Vice President Debbie Stidham, Mayor Joe Weber, Manager Dana Perkins, Chamber President Jackie McKuin, property owners Connie Smith and Sherm Smith, and Alderman Terry Battles.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - " Bikers for Re-Entry" event will be hosted by Cape Girardeau area re-entry partners, businesses, and citizens on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Lawless Harley-Davidson.

All bikers are welcome to join the motorcycle run through the three scenic counties of Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, and Perry, and show off their bikes at the bike show.

In addition to door prizes, there will also be free food, music, and other family-friendly activities at Lawless Harley-Davidson that day.

Christian rock bands "Called" and "Stronghold" will perform.

Pre-registration for the ride by July 23rd guarantees a t-shirt.

Over 97% of people currently incarcerated in Missouri will one day return home to our communities, and they face a number of barriers upon release. Others are placed on probation and face many of those same barriers when trying to get their lives back on track to becoming more productive citizens.

Local re-entry groups, such as the Cape Girardeau Area Re-Entry team, bring community agencies, organizations, and citizens together to help break down those barriers through collaboration and innovation. Some of the biggest challenges are finding employment, stable housing, and transportation, and this event is being held to raise funds to support incidental expenses related to re-entry. Some need help getting their birth certificate and a photo ID to get a job,

some need help with transportation to their new job until they get their first paycheck, and others need bus tickets to job interviews or medical appointments until they can get on their feet.

These people are our friends, family, and neighbors throughout our communities, and supporting them when they are trying to get their lives headed in the right direction makes a big difference—and also make our communities safer.

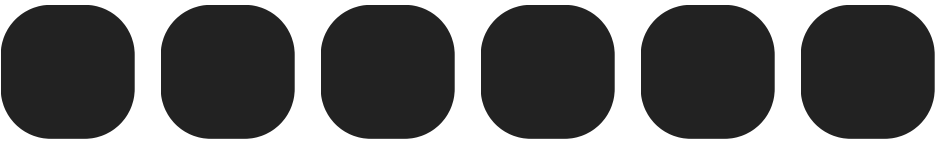
Events include: Food, games, entertainment-FREE -- Fun run ride-\$20; includes t-shirt if registered by 7/23 -- Additional t-shirts for passengers/others-\$10 (while supplies last) -- Bike Show-\$5 entry fee per bike (FREE for paid “fun run” participants)!

Sponsorships are available for as little as \$100. For more information or to pre-register or help sponsor the event, find the “Bikers for Re-Entry” page on **Facebook** or contact Kay Azuma at **Community Caring Council** (573-651-3747 x104).

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Dexter, Missouri – Rachel Elizabeth Putnam has been chosen as the July Calendar Girl.

Rachel is the 17 year-old daughter of Denny and Shannon Putnam. She will be attending Dexter High School as a senior in the fall.

Miss Putnam is involved in Student Council, Honor's Choir, ShowStoppers of Southeast Missouri, D-Unit Pep Club, Rowdy Gals, FCLA, FCA, and Future Teachers of America. She is also Senior Class President and the reigning Miss Dexter.

She recently attended Missouri Girls' State and was sponsored by the Dexter Elk's Lodge. She was able to participate as a representative on the floor of the House while attending Girls' State.

Along with her busy school schedule and extra curricular activities she manages to work part time at Busy B Lumber.

Rachel plans to attend Missouri State University and pursue a degree in Psychology.

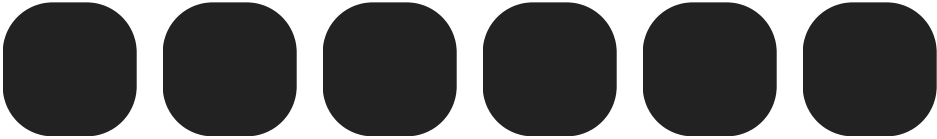
Miss Rachel Putnam is currently Miss Dexter 2013, which is sponsored annually by the Dexter Senior High School Music Department. Each year the attendants and Miss Dexter are chosen as Calendar Girls throughout the year.

Congratulation Rachel!

Photo provided by Shannon Putnam.

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