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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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## Bikers for Re-Entry Event Deadline July 23rd

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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.

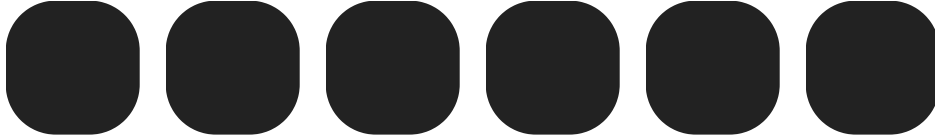
Local re-entry groups, such as the Cape Girardeau Area Re-Entry team, bring community agencies, organizations, and citizens together to help break down those barriers through collaboration and innovation. Some of the biggest challenges are finding employment, stable housing, and transportation, and this 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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## Rachel Putnam is July Calendar Girl

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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.

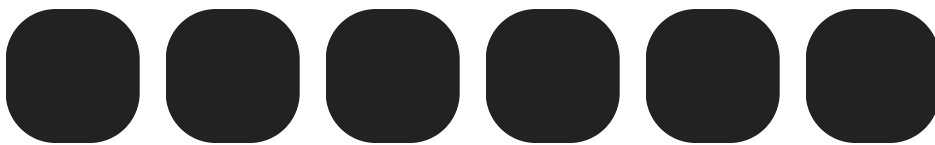
Congratulation Rachel!

*Photo provided by Shannon Putnam.*

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Paul Rinck, who died almost a year ago was an avid supporter of 18FORE Life since it all began back in 2000. Through the connection of the farming industry and agriculture business ventures, Rinck and Barry Aycock (CEO of AgXplore) valued a close friendship.

In honor of his friend, Paul Rinck, Dr. Barry Aycock wanted to remember his free and giving spirit and his commitment to friends and family and therefore Aycock decided to make a contribution to 18FORE Life.

At the 18FORE Life charity banquet a check in the amount of \$10,000 was presented. Scott Kruse was blown away by the gift and valued the donation dearly. As with any donation the money goes towards providing \$1,000 love offerings to area cancer patients. Just recently Kruse announced that \$90,000 was being mailed to cancer patients.

For more information about 18FORE Life click **HERE**.

*Shown in the photo are from left to right: Charlie Kruse, Ryan Lancaster representing AgXplore, Scott Kruse, Rinck's mother Jackie Rinck, Pam Kruse, and Rinck's sister, Amber Rinck.*

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## Maggie Thorn to Open for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - Looking for a great place to be entertained this Fourth of July? Check out Maggie Thorn and Brothers Walker! They are both opening for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on Friday, July 4th at the Boat House Wine Co.

Brothers Walker produced and recorded Maggie's awesome CD "Gravel Road"! Maggie begins the concert at 5 p.m. followed by Brothers Walker and then the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. That's not all; there will be FIREWORKS to celebrate and mark the occasion!

Maggie is from Bloomfield, but is currently attending Belmont University in Nashville. Follow her on Facebook on Maggie Thorn's Music Page by clicking **HERE**.

Several food trucks will be available that day and tickets can be bought at the door for \$25. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a beautiful evening. Weather should be perfect!

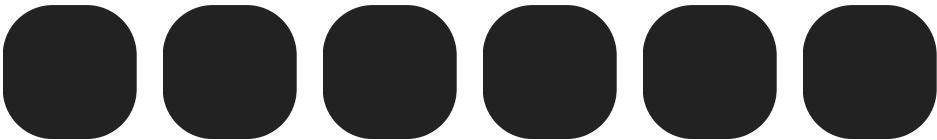
The Boat House is located on County Road 252. For more information click **HERE**.

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