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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce welcomed Betty Lou Boutique, LLC on Thursday with a ribbon cutting event.

The Boutique, owned and operated by Sherry Disney and her daughter, Deana Stevens, opened for business this week.

The shop boutique features both women and children's clothing, jewelry and vendor booths with home decor, antiques, jewelry, furniture, western themed items, and a variety of other items.

The building, formerly “Weekenders,” has undergone a remodel transformation by Mike Cox and Craig Disney with Precision Tile and Remodeling.

On the first Fridays and Saturdays from May through September, Market Days will take place at the boutique which will include outdoor vendors on the property.

Betty Lou Boutique will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The boutique’s phone is 624-3888.

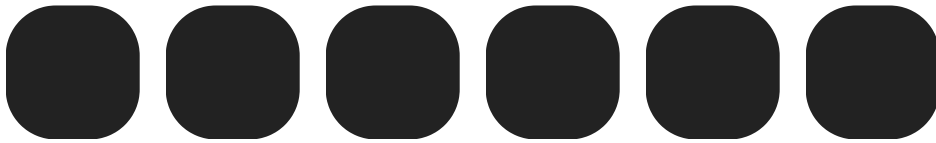
Pictured at the ribbon cutting event are (in front, left to right) Alderman Jerry Corder, Mayor Joe Weber, Deana Stevens with her children, Isaac and Isabella, Sherry Disney,

and Chamber First Vice President Debbie Stidham. In back are Chamber Member Jeri Pierce, City Administrator Mark Stidham, Derek Stevens, Mike Cox and Craig Disney.

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Drive 4 UR School Fundraiser Set for Saturday

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Dexter, Missouri – When was the last time you were able to donate \$20 to your school without it coming out of your own pocket?

Robert Shell and Bud Shell Ford sales representatives will be on hand to help T.S. Hill Middle School JR Beta Club raise money through their annual Drive 4UR

School event on Saturday, April 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This event will be held at the middle school in Dexter and every test drive earns \$20 for their school. They have set a goal of \$6,000 and want to max that out!

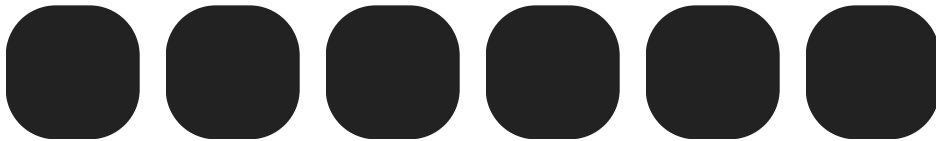
Bring your family (18 years and older) and your neighbors to help the JR Beta Club earn money for their national convention trip to Nashville.

And don't forget the Diaper Derby and Toddler Trot slated for 10:00 a.m. at the middle school. What a fun day of raising money for a good cause and get to drive a brand new Ford vehicle!!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Spring Festival hosted the 2nd Annual Gary Don Dowdy Memorial Car Show on Saturday, April 4th at East Park in Dexter.

Several cars, trucks and even a pedal tractor were on hand for the public to view. Vehicles from as far away as Piggott, Arkansas traveled to enjoy the spring festival.

Winners in each category are:

Stock and Street Rods:

- €€€€€€ First Place, Darrell Schlegel's 1931 Chevrolet two-door sedan; (Shown in the photo above)
- €€€€€€ Second is Archey Maloney's 1953 Ford Victoria HT Anniversary model;
- €€€€€€ Third is Doyle Bruce's 2002 red Thunderbird two-seater;

Mustangs:

- €€€€€€ First Place Jery Yamnitz's 1985 Mustang;
- €€€€€€ Second Scott Ferrenburg's 2015 impact blue Mustang.

Corvette

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- €€€€€€ First Place Henry Avery's 1979 black Vette

Stock Trucks:

- €€€€€€ First Place Freddy Manees 1938 Dodge
- €€€€€€ Second James McGuires' 1966 Ford F-100

Modified and Street Rods:

- €€€€€€ First Place James Maguires' 2003 Chevy Baja;
- €€€€€€ Second Lee Fulkerson's 1995 Chevy S-10.

Tractor:

•€€€€€ Little Liam Yamnitz' Petal Tractor wins First Place.

Best Use of Color goes to Angela Collins for her 1967 Ford LTD.

Best Work in Progress goes to James Maguires' 1966 Ford F-100.

Most Unusual Paint is won by Lee Fulkerson's 1995 Chevy S-10.

Commander's Choice James Maguires' 1966 Ford F-100.

People's Choice Archey Maloney's 1953 Victoria.

Longest Drive went to Piggott Heritage Cruisers.

Thank you to everyone who participated and judged the cars and trucks!

More photos of all of the winners can be seen at on our ShowMe Times Facebook page.

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Stoddard County Spring Festival Pageant Winners

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Macey Shuffler, 2015 Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival Queen

Dexter, Missouri – What a beautiful weekend it was to have a pageant! The Stoddard County Spring Festival held their annual pageant this weekend at East Park in Dexter.

Paige Williams and Casey Arnold promoters of "For the Love of Pageants" from Bernie along with a close friend, Ellen Snider, braved the brisk morning at the park to host the event and what a great job they did!

Little girls from baby to high school age participated wearing their favorite spring outfits. This annual event will be held on the first weekend of April and plans are already underway for next year.

Below is a list of winners:

Baby Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

2nd alternate, Adalyn Kate Rommel, daughter of Walter and Trisha Rommel. 1st alternate, Aryssa May Payne, daughter of Cody and Paige Payne. Queen, Lennox LeBeau, daughter of Kurt and Lindsay LeBeau.

Wee Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

1st alternate, Sadie Jayne Ramsey, daughter Brian and Jessica Ramsey. Queen, Olivia Jean Towe, daughter of Jeromy and Jean Towe.

Tiny Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

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2nd alternate, Braylee Fowler, daughter of Nathan and Alicia Fowler. 1st alternate, Gracie Johnson, daughter of Brad and Polly Johnson. Queen, Reese Elizabeth Mattingly, daughter of Lauren Brown and J.W. Mattingly.

Little Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

2nd alternate, Brileigh Daniels, daughter of Aaron and Emily Parson. 1st alternate, Kyndall Evans, daughter of Lonnie Evans and Amanda King. Queen, Gabby Johnson, daughter of Brad and Polly Johnson.

Petite Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

2nd alternate, Alexa Dillinger, daughter of Nick and Cara Dillinger. 1st alternate, Tatum Anthony, daughter of Jon and Kelli Anthony. Queen, Lauren Hobbs, daughter of Lee and Sarah Hobbs

Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival

1st alternate, Megan Cullum, daughter of Andy Cullum and Mindy Holman. Queen, Macey Shuffler, daughter of Derek and Stephanie Shuffler.

The next annual Stoddard County Spring Festival will be Saturday, April 2, 2016 at East Park in Dexter.

Shown in the photo above are Megan Cullum and Macey Shuffler.

Thank you to all of the participants at the Stoddard County Spring Festival Pageant. We hope to see you next year!

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Stoddard County Spring Festival Features A Walk Back in Time

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Stoddard County Spring Festival Features A Walk Back in Time

Dexter, Missouri – The glory days of America's wild frontier are long gone, but you can still take a step back in time and relive a little history at the 6th Annual Stoddard County Spring Festival in Dexter's East City Park.

The Spring Festival will host a Walk Back in Time Living History Encampment placing you back in the 1800's where the smell of kettle corn will tickle your senses. Old Mountain Men will talk of tall tales and entertain you with their old fashioned music. A blacksmith will be on hand to demonstrate and create unique iron pieces.

There is something for everyone to see and do when you attend a Living History event such as this one. Owner of Two Feathers Trading Co. dreamed of hosting such events and educating the young about the past.

"I have been attending events such as these since 1999 when my daughter was just 5 years old," commented Dee Loflin, co-owner of Two Feathers Trading Co. She with her daughter Jessica have been camping for years and it has been a hobby of theirs for many years. They both enjoy meeting people from all over the country who do this for a living.

"You may indulge your senses with the aroma and taste of rootbeer, old-fashioned candy, fry bread burgers, hand-squeezed lemonade, home-style potato chips, and kettle corn," commented co-owner Jessica Loflin. "Who wouldn't want to try some of these delicious foods and there is a candy cannon that we shoot for the kids. They love it!"

The event begins Friday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. – Sunday at 2:00 p.m., but the bulk of the Spring Festival will be on Saturday, April 4th from 9 a.m. - 5

p.m.

There is plenty to do at the Rendezvous: Knife and Hawk Throw, Primitive Bow, leather tanning, weaving, primitive traders with goods for sale, a blacksmith's shop, atlatl demonstrations, furs and pelts, skulls, candy cannon at 10 a.m. and noon, old fashioned music and of course the food!

There will also be a 50 cal percussion cap rifle being raffled off at the big green tent! This is FREE to the public and plenty of parking at East Park in Dexter.

Don't forget there will be the 2nd Annual Gary Don Dowdy Memorial Car, Truck, Tractor & Motorcycle Show. Entry fee is \$20 per car, but if you enter more than one car it's only \$10 per car. All proceeds will go to the Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 in Dexter. Contact Eric Smith, Commander of the American Legion for more information at 573-718-2021.

There will be plenty of Craft Booths available as well. Perfect for small businesses or home businesses to get their product out to the public. These are outside spaces and registration is only \$25 with proceeds also going to the American Legion. If you didn't pre-register that's ok, please come out at 8 a.m. and set-up!

There will also be the Miss Stoddard County Spring Festival Pageant at 10:30 a.m. The attire is your cutest spring outfit and registration is \$25.00. Contact information is Paige Williams at For the Love of Pageants in Bernie, Missouri. Her number is 573-421-1396.

Age divisions are for girls only and are Baby Miss (0-9 months), Wee Miss (10-23 months), Tiny Miss (2-3 years), Little Miss (4-6 years), Petite Miss (7-10 years), Junior Miss (11-13 years) and Miss (14 years and up). This is a non-glitz pageant and no excessive hair or make-up. There will be a Queen and two alternates in each division.

If you have any questions about the Stoddard County Spring Festival find them on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

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