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Dexter, Missouri - Local law enforcement from Stoddard County participated in the Statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Missouri on Thursday, May 19th. Several from the Dexter Police Department, Missouri High Way Patrol, Stoddard County Sheriff's Office, and the Bernie Police Department ran along a stretch of Business Hwy 60 from Wal-Mart to On the Go ending at Hwy 25. The local effort was organized by Detective Capt. Trevor Pulley with the Dexter Police Department.

Law enforcement officers from around the state of Missouri ran the torch to raise awareness for Special Olympics Missouri and the State Summer Games. This year the Special Olympics Games were held at Missouri State University in Springfield on May 20 - 22nd.

Nearly 200 Missouri Law Enforcement agencies are attempting to raise funds this year by selling Torch Run T-shirts and organizing special events throughout the state.

Law enforcement officers participating in the 2016 Stoddard County Special Olympics Torch Run were Larry Patterson, D.J. Robinson, Jeremy Brotz, and Trevor Pulley from Dexter Police Department; John Atkinson and Kristie Palmer from the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office; Wesley Carter from Berni Police Department; Russ Gibson and Richard Owens from the Missouri Highway Patrol.

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Jake Rice Awarded 2016 Outstanding Youth Prevention Award

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Dexter High School student Jake Rice was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Youth Prevention Award by ACT Missouri.

The award honors youth that have made a commitment and significant contribution to prevent underage drinking and substance use in their communities. Award winners were presented the prestigious award along with a Senate Resolution.

“Jake exemplifies the dedication, resourcefulness, and tenacity it takes for youth to make a difference in their communities,” said Alicia Ozenberger, Deputy Director. “ACT Missouri is thrilled to recognize Jake for his hard work over the past year.”

Jake is a Sophomore at Dexter High School. He is involved in Missouri Smoke Free on the local, district and state level. He has attended the coalition training meetings in Sikeston, as well as in Columbia. He has already spent hours of his own time to promote our program district and state wide! He is a council member of the district and state coalition as well as one of our leaders at Dexter. He has also attended the Stoddard County Smoke Free Coalition meetings as well.

Jake recently spoke to our local school board and gained approval to post No Tobacco signs throughout our school campus. Jake also attended the state rally in March at Jefferson City. Coalition leaders throughout the state nominated youth for the award with an essay highlighting their community service and extra-curricular activities. T

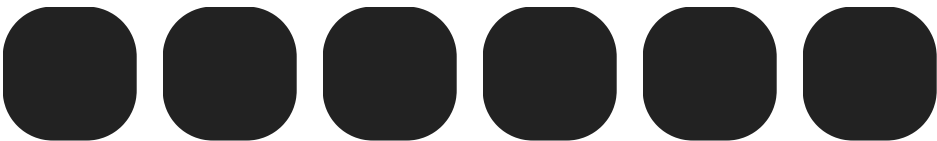
he awards were presented on April 13, 2016 as part of the 12th annual Speak Hard Youth Conference in Jefferson City. ACT Missouri is the statewide training and resource center for substance abuse prevention. Through free trainings, brochures, and education, ACT Missouri works with all areas of the state to combat drug and alcohol abuse, especially among Missouri youth. ACT Missouri also serves at the state representative for national organizations such as SADD and The Partnership for Drug Free Kids. Contact Information: Natalie Newville Public Information Officer nnewville@actmissouri.org 573-635-6669

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Dexter, Missouri - Relay For Life of Stoddard County would like to invite all survivors to join them as they celebrate life at their annual Cancer Survivor's Dinner.

The dinner honoring local survivors will be held on Monday, May 2nd at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, Missouri.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Survivors and a guest are invited to join us for dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. Please RSVP to Nikki by calling 573-614-1401.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department is selling Torch Run T-shirts! The Law Enforcement Torch Run began 31 years ago in Kansas as a vision of Chief Richard LaMunyon, who wanted to give his officers an opportunity to participate in something positive.

The Dexter Police Department, along with several other area law enforcement agencies, will again participate in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Local Dexter PD Detective Trevor Pulley has been participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for 13 years and is spearheading this year's Run in Dexter on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

The route will be from business 60 and Route AD (by Wal-Mart) to Business 60 and Missouri Highway 25 (at On The Go). Let's show our community support by purchasing a t-shirt and lining business 60 and cheer them on as they relay the Run the Torch in honor of those who participate in Special Olympics!

Running in this year's event are Don Donner, Jeremy Brotz, D.J. Robinson, Josh Benton, Larry Patterson, Trevor Pulley, and John Moore from the Dexter Police Department. Chief of Police Sammy Stone will lead the LETR again this year. From the Missouri Highway Patrol will be Tim Pulley, Clark Parrot, Matt Foster, and Jody Laramore. Participating from the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department are Gary Brady, Andrew Johnson, Kristie Palmer, and John Attickson. Wesley Carter from the Bernie Police Department will also be running. (This may not be a complete list as of press time.)

The Dexter Police Department is doing their part by selling Special Olympics t-shirts and hats with all proceeds going to Special Olympics funding. If you would like to purchase a shirt or donate please contact Detective Captain Trevor Pulley at 573-624-5512 or send an email to Trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com

Shirts (youth – 2XL) are \$10 each; 3XL are \$15 each and 4XL – 6XL are \$20 each.

It's more than a run; the Torch Run is a campaign to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The mission of the LETR is to raise both dollars and awareness for Special Olympics. Nearly 200 agencies and 6,500 officers work year-round in Missouri to accomplish this goal; they are some of our greatest volunteers. All funds raised go toward supporting Special Olympics Missouri's year-round sports training and athletic competition program for more than 16,500 athletes across the state.

Shown in the photo from left to right: Trevor Pulley, Larry Patterson, Sammy Stone, and Josh Benton of the Dexter Police Department.

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Bloomfield Heritage Days Set for This Weekend

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bloomfield Heritage Days, sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, will be held this weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at the Bloomfield City Park. It's about celebrating our community and providing a welcoming festival in the spring!

Step back in time to their festival that will showcase traditional music and entertainment, artisan crafts, a tractor show, special activities for the children featuring a Candy Cannon and a  to delight everyone.

On Friday, Two Feathers Trading will have their Living History Encampment from the 1800's. Step back in time and smell the aroma of fresh kettle corn, indulge your taste buds with homemade rootbeer, chicken & dumplings, fried pies, French onion soup. ham & beans and much more. Primitive traders will be selling their hand crafted leather while a blacksmith forges his iron.

Children of all ages will enjoy the infamous Candy Cannon and have fun at the hands-on learning center where they can pet live turtles, feel the furs of buffalo, skunk, possum, raccoon and many more Missouri animals. They can throw a hawk or shoot a longbow or try their hand at throwing the atlatl.

Modern crafters will be set up on Saturday only. The Miss Bloomfield Heritage Days Pageants begin at 10:00 a.m. for ages 0 - 9 months, 10 - 23 months, 2 - 3 years, 4 - 6 years, 7 - 10 years, 11 - 13 years, and 14 and up. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

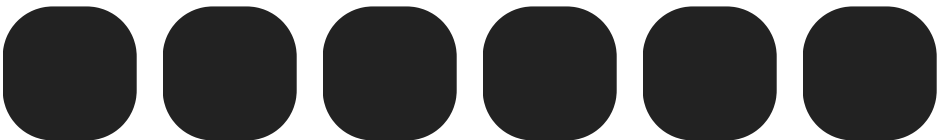
There will be plenty of music as well. On Friday evening Zack Zook and the Leftover will perform beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday Rawhide will perform at 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., the McAtees at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Maggie Thorn at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in the Heritage Days please contact Brook Allen at Sweet T's in Bloomfield 573-820-0628 or Dee Loflin, (573) 380-3318.

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