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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at LA Cotton located at 1402 N. Outer Road, Suite C.

The business is owned by Leslie Ackman and features clothing, Jewelry, make-up, candles and other items. She also does heat press and embroidery.

Shown in the photo front row from left to right: Rhonda Hall, Leslie Ackman, Avere Ackman, Annsley Ackman, Mayor Joe Weber, Jason Banken, Alisha Trammell, Debbie Stidham, Cameron Bell, and Hillary Starnes, Dexter Chamber Executive Director. Back row from left to right are: Jerry Corder, Tammy Moore, Trey Ackman, Ryder Ackman, Terry Battles, Kim Norman, and Jeri Pierce.

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Garden Symposium Workshop Planned

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Dexter, Missouri - The University of Missouri Stoddard County Extension Office will conduct a Garden Symposium workshop on Saturday, April 29, at the Faith Lutheran Church, 1002 Saddle Spur Road in Dexter, MO.

The program will bring Extension Specialists to Dexter who will provide practical knowledge on gardening, garden fertilization, native plants, farmers markets and other topics.

This is a great opportunity for garden enthusiasts and small commercial growers in the area to ask questions and gain knowledge on garden related topics.

The Garden Symposium will begin at 9 a.m. with a welcome followed by presentations by Sarah Denkler, Horticulture Specialist, Jeff House, Agronomy Specialist and Van Ayers, Community Development Specialist. Kara McSpadden from Missouri Department of Conservation will discuss native plants. Master Gardeners will present on several garden topics.

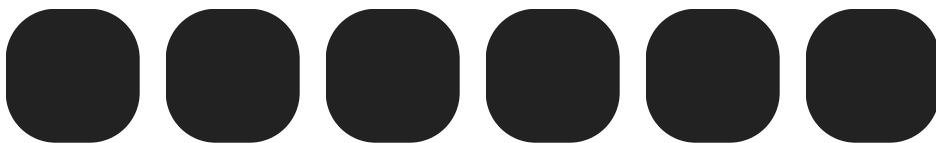
The event includes lunch with activities concluding by 1:30 p.m. To register call the University of Missouri Stoddard County Extension Office at 573-568-3344. There is a \$10 fee payable at the door.

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El Camino Real Tour by MSSDAR

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The Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the El Camino Real Markers on Friday, March 10. MSSDAR

Missouri Trails Chair Lemira Parks organized the event. El Camino Real is the oldest public road in Missouri and was the main line of travel from New Madrid to St. Louis.

Centuries ago the road was traversed by Native Americans in their expeditions and by the French and Spanish and early pioneers. In later years, it was the first post road and telegraph road west of the Mississippi and the main highway in this part of the state for military usages during the Civil War.

There were a number of important settlements along El Camino Real. Kimmswick was the site of a ferry crossing established by Jean Baptiste Gomache. Ste. Genevieve is the oldest settlement in Missouri followed by St. Louis and then New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, and "Little Prairie" which is Caruthersville today. Perryville was important due to being near a salt springs. Sikeston, Benton, and Rock Levee (Scott City) were also important stops along the Royal Road or King's Highway.

The marking of this trail was a labor of love for Mrs. Jennie Kochtitzky and the Old Trails Road Committee of MSSDAR. In 1914, Mrs. Kochtitzky discussed the mapping out of the trail and the plans for marking the route. In 1915, discussion of the cost of marking and the hope of getting money was evident. MSSDAR was sure this would happen, but a fire at the Warrensburg Normal School (University of Central Missouri) caused the allotted funds to be redirected. Other MSSDAR funds were applied to the cause and three Missouri red granite boulders were purchased for \$100. The three markers purchased were sent to New Madrid, Sikeston, and Rock Levee (Scott City). Two more boulders were purchased and placed at Caruthersville and Benton. By 1917, four more boulders had been purchased to be placed at Cape Girardeau, Perryville, Ste. Genevieve, and Kimmswick.

The ceremony held at the Benton El Camino Real marker was hosted by the Crowley's Ridge Chapter of Dexter and the Chalk Bluff Chapter of Campbell. Attending from the Crowley's Ridge chapter were Glynda Bates, Shirley Richards, and Shirley Carney, Treasurer. Attending from the Chalk Bluff Chapter were Lemira Parks, Ann Polsgrove, and Martha Fine.

Photo and article submitted.

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Miss Flip Flop into Summer Pageant

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Dexter, Missouri - For the Love of Pageants will host a Miss Flip Flop into Summer Pageant at the Dexter Pioneer Days on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. located at 1503 W. Business 60 just behind EZ Buildings (Old Walmart Parking lot) and next to Ultimate Flooring & Paint.

Age Divisions are for girls only: 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 Flip Flop into Summer (14 years and up).

Entry fee is \$25 if pre-registered. Day of the pageant it will be \$30. Casual attire plus your favorite flip flops or sandals. Registration begin at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

This is a non-glitz pageant. No excessive hair or make-up. Standard pageant walk. There will be a Queen and two alternates in each division. Queens will receive a trophy and crown. Alternates will receive a trophy. All scores are final and no refunds.

Registration fees may be sen via PayPal to williamsp@bernie.k12.mo.us or contact Paige Williams at (573) 421-1396.

2017 Dexter Pioneer Days will be held on Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Crafters will be there on Saturday only. Living History Encampment will be there rain or shine with lots to do! Shoot a bow, throw an atlatl or tomahawk, see live turtles, feel pelts and furs of Missouri and the candy cannon at noon and 3 on Saturday! Don't forget the fantastic old fashioned foods!!

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4th Annual Sikeston Women's Show

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Sikeston, Missouri - The 4th Annual Sikeston Women's Show will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the City of Miner Convention center.

The Convention Center is located at 2610 E. Malone in Miner.

Need a little spring added to your decor? This unique women's trade show features wonderful hand-made items, crafts, health and beauty, home decor, jewelry, boutique wear and much more!

The admission is only \$2.00 each with proceeds going to help the Girls Scouts "Save Camp Latonka!" campaign. What a great organization to give to that helps young ladies become responsible and caring women in our community.

There will be more than 60 vendor booths for women to shop!

A Spring Fashion Show will be at 11 a.m. along with FREE Health Screenings all day and a Girl Scout Cookie Treat Hour at 1 p.m.

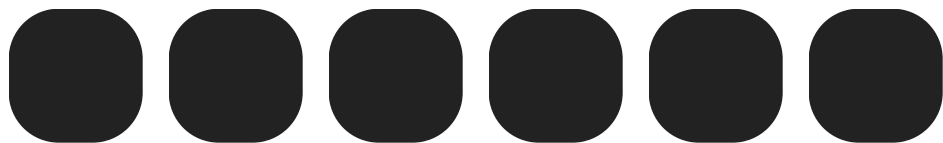
You can also register to win a 3-night stay at an all-inclusive couples resort in Jamaica!! Donated by 1st Class Travel.

For more information and follow them on **Facebook** click **HERE**.

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