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Essex, Missouri - Laura Stickles of Essex returned from Columbia where she was elected as a Regional Representative to the Missouri State 4-H Council. The election took place as part of the 72nd annual State 4-H Congress, May 31-June 2, which was attended by over 200 Missouri teens.

The State 4-H Council is a group of teens who represent the voice of youth for Missouri 4-H, serving as mentors, ambassadors, and playing a major role in statewide 4-H events. 4-H is the youth development arm of MU Extension, and last year over 22,000 Missouri children and youth participated in one of Missouri's 804 4-H clubs.

Laura is a junior at Richland High school, and an active member of Rebel 4-H, Star Banner 4-H, and Stoddard County 4-H Riders Club.

"I'm looking forward to serving on State 4-H Council, said Laura. I want to further develop my leadership skills, and put my experience to work to help others."

For more information on Missouri 4-H, visit the 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu>

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Altrusa to Host 5th Annual Charity Auction and Dinner

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Altrusa Club will host their 5th Annual Charity Auction and you are invited.

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 a Live Auction, a Silent Auction, 50/50 Cash prize raffle, and Last Card Standing Prize.

Two raffles will take place. The first raffle prize is \$125 gift card for groceries and second raffle Prize is \$125 gas gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased by calling: Tammy Robinson 820-2275 or Kathy White 624-4070 or any other Altrusa member.

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Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. at the Dexter Elks Lodge located at 325 North Two Mile Road. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Live Auction starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person including the meal. For tickets call (573) 624-4070 (days) or (573) 625-1007.

Proceeds benefit UCAN (United Cancer Assistance Network) and Laundry Baskets of Love.

Altrusa also asks that you bring a product or two for the Laundry Baskets of Love, soda can pull tabs for Brandon Scott's annual collection or a new or gently used children's book for future literacy projects.

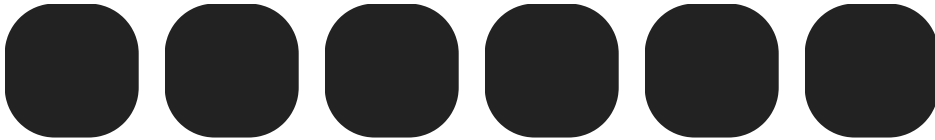
"If attendees would be so kind as to bring one or more of the items suggested," stated Tammy Robinson. "We would be so grateful!"

Items requested for the Laundry Baskets of Love are laundry detergent, toothbrush (singles), chapstick/lip balm, toilet paper, soap (liquid or bar), shampoo, dishwashing liquid, disposable razors, fabric softener, toothpaste, dental floss, paper towels, deodorant, conditioner, body lotion, or air fresheners.

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Farmers Market Returns to Bloomfield City Park

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Bloomfield, Missouri - It's time for fresh vegetables, baked goods, and more during the Farmers Markets.

Each Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield City Park.

There is no charge to set up a booth and sell plants, fruits, fresh baked goods, lemonade, sunflowers, and vegetables.

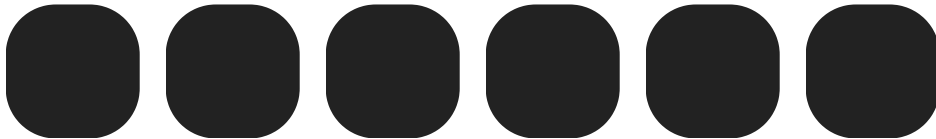
Must sell homemade or homegrown products to participate.

The Bloomfield City Park is located on South Prairie Street.

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Dr. Joel Rhodes of SEMO University presents: Growing Up in a Land Called Honalee

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Stars & Stripes Museum will host Dr. Joel Rhodes of Southeast Missouri State University on Monday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m. at their monthly Stoddard County Historical Society meeting.

This study examines how the multiple social, cultural, and political changes between John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961 and the end of American involvement in Vietnam in 1973 manifested themselves in the lives of preadolescent American children.

Because the preadolescent years are, according to the child development researchers, the most formative, Joel P. Rhodes focuses on the cohort born between 1956 and 1970 who have never been quantitatively defined as a generation, but whose preadolescent world was nonetheless quite distinct from that of the "baby boomers." Rhodes examines how this group understood the historical forces of the 1960s as children, and how they made meaning of these forces based on their developmental age. He is concerned not only with the immediate imprint of the 1960s on their young lives, but with how their perspective on the era influenced them as adults.

If you are interested in joining the Stoddard County Historical Society and supporting the history of Stoddard County please contact Laura Meyer at the Stars & Stripes Museum (573) 568-2055 or follow them on **Facebook** by clicking **HERE**.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Nutrition Center located at 23 W. Stoddard Street in Dexter will host a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Meal will consist of two (2) pieces of catfish, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, a dessert and a drink (sweet tea or unsweet tea) for \$12.

Children's plate which will include one (1) piece of fish, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, a dessert, and a drink will be \$6.

Additional homemade desserts will be available for purchase!

Call in orders are encouraged. Call (573) 624-7234.

Remember this is a fundraiser for the Stoddard County Nutrition Center. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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