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# Missouri Selects Hillary Starnes for Delta Leadership Program

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## **Missouri selects 4 fellows for Delta leadership program Delta Regional Authority effort encourages regional collaboration**

Mississippi River Delta Region - Missouri is sending four leaders from across the southeastern portion of the state to the Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) Delta Leadership Institute (DLI.) They will join fellows from seven other states and participate in the 10-month DLI Executive Academy program to help further their skills in community leadership and policy development to promote regional collaboration and local economic growth across DRA's eight- state region.

Missouri's DLI fellows will attend six sessions across the region, visiting each of the eight states in the DRA footprint. They will engage in policy and program development, advocacy training, case-study discussions, and on-the-ground field experiences aligned with DRA's priorities for the region. Those priorities include: transportation and infrastructure; workforce training and education; entrepreneurship and disaster resilience for small businesses and communities; public health; policy and governance; and culture and tourism.

“DRA is pleased to begin working with this new class of leaders from southeast Missouri who are committed to learning from each other and working together with their fellow leaders from other states to build a strong future for the Delta,” said Peter Kinder,

alternate federal co- chairman of DRA. “As a Missouri native, I am proud to announce this group and support their collaborative efforts with their colleagues from other Delta-region states.”

The fellows, who were selected by Gov. Greitens and DRA leadership, represent a diverse cohort of community leaders. The class includes seven members from Alabama; eight from Arkansas; five from Illinois; five from Kentucky; seven from Louisiana; eight from Mississippi; four from Missouri; and seven from Tennessee.

Missouri’s 2017-2018 DLI Executive Academy fellows are:

- Kelli Behrle of Perryville | Project Coordinator at the Southeast Missouri State University’s Economic and Business Engagement Center
- Trish Erzfeld of Perryville | Director of Perry County Heritage Tourism
- Jay Lancaster of Sikeston | Director of Public Works for the City of Sikeston
- Hillary Starnes of Dexter | Executive Director of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development

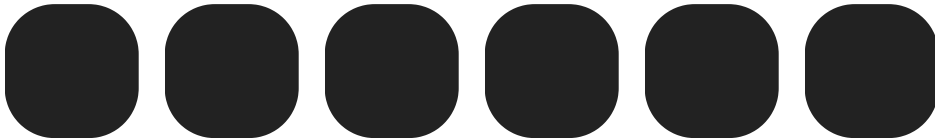
Since 2005, DLI has worked to strengthen the knowledge and skills of community leaders across the Delta by broadening their understanding of regional issues and building a corps of alumni that have a regional and national perspective. Upon graduation, the 51 new members will have a toolkit of resources for addressing issues facing their local communities and providing the training and professional development needed to extend the pipeline of skilled local leadership within Delta communities.

### **About the Delta Regional Authority and the Delta Leadership Institute**

The DRA is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to help create jobs, build communities, and improve lives through strategic investments in economic development and infrastructure projects in 252 counties and parishes across eight states. DRA has provided leadership development to nearly 500 community leaders over twelve years and strengthened regional collaboration through the Delta Leadership Institute. DLI is a program of the Delta Regional Authority in partnership with three institutions of higher education from the DRA’s states: the University of Alabama, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro and the University of Louisiana Monroe. Learn more at [www.dra.gov/leadership](http://www.dra.gov/leadership).

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# Dexter PD to Participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

## Dexter PD to Participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Dexter, Missouri - On Saturday, October 28th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, the Dexter Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the lobby of the Dexter Police Department at 305 Cooper Street, in Dexter. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,050 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

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Dexter, Missouri Breaking Boundaries is seeking a staff worker in the Dexter center.

High School diploma or equivalent is required.

Experience working with developmental disabilities is also preferred.

Contact Alanna Lee at (573) 614-5745 or stop by at 812 West Oak Street in Dexter.

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# Dexter Police Dept Releases Results of Child Restraint Checks

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## **Campaign Reminds Motorists to Boost and Buckle Kids Under 8**

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department participated in the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week Law Enforcement Campaign conducted September 17-23, 2017. During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 35 traffic tickets including: 3 child safety seat violations; 11 safety belt tickets; 7 speeding tickets; and 14 other traffic violations. 1 felony arrest was made as a result of the crackdown along with 1 fugitive apprehended. 34 warnings were also issued during the traffic stops for various

violations.

Missouri law requires all children under the age of eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless they are 80 lbs or 4'9" tall.

“It’s so important for parents and caregivers to understand the importance of child restraints,” Chief Sammy Stone. “It’s not just about following the law – child restraints help prevent serious injury and may even save your child’s life.”

Funding for this effort was provided through a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation’s Traffic & Highway Safety Division in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Missouri Safety Center.

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# FAKE City of Dexter Facebook Page Created

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## FAKE City of Dexter Facebook Page Created

Dexter, Missouri - Everyone knows that social media was created to be a positive way to communicate; however there are always those few people that think it's cool or fun to create FAKE Facebook pages. What they don't realize is that some people fall for those FAKE news reports and think badly about someone or a business and it does harm to those people.

Most recently a FAKE Facebook page was created called The City of Dexter. Posts are ridiculous; however it has cause concern among residents in Dexter.

**The best thing you can do is to NOT Like that page, but to follow the City of Dexter by clicking [HERE](#).** If you have Liked that page, go back and unlike it. That takes the power away from FAKE postings.

City Administrator Mark Stidham said, "The City of Dexter has been receiving inquiries about a Facebook post that is not affiliated with Dexter what so ever. The first inquiries came on Wednesday the 6th and continued into the 7th."

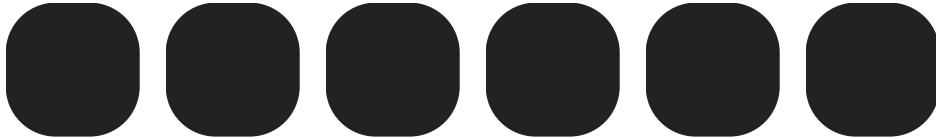
"If you pull up the post you'll notice other cities Sikeston, Jackson, and Poplar Bluff have been blessed by this hack also please let your followers know this is fake."

It's up to everyone to "police" Facebook and other social media outlets and to distinguish between what is real and what is fake; however sometimes it's hard to tell. The City of Dexter has one page on Facebook and always sends notices to local media outlets to get information out to the public.

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