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# Prayer Walk Set for Sunday, August 18th

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The Annual Prayer Walk will be held on the campus of Dexter Public Schools on Sunday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m.

The later time was set in hopes it will be a little cooler at that time. Please meet at Southwest Elementary.

The entire public is welcome to attend. You do not have to walk from building to building you can drive on your own.

The Walk will begin at Southwest Elementary, then walk to the High School, Charles Bland Stadium, T.S. Hill Middle School, the Administration Building and finally end at Central Elementary.

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# Stars & Stripes Museum Paint for a Cause Project

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#### Stars & Stripes Museum Paint for a Cause Project

Paint for a Cause - Cape Girardeau, MO will be at the Stars and Stripes Museum on Saturday, July 27 for Occupy Bloomfield-our Civil War event. We will also have a food truck on-site. Come by between 10 am and 4 pm.

A new mural is being created for the Stars & Stripes National Museum and Library in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Anyone, any age any ability can paint a triangle for a \$2 donation. Paint will be put on the brush and participants will be shown where to paint. A journal will be kept listing each painter's name, age, job title, and hometown. Painters can paint in memory or in honor of a military person.

This Paint for a Cause project will be ongoing for a year or more. The public can stop by Painted Wren Art Gallery during business hours or at the Stars and Stripes Museum when the mural is scheduled to be there.

When this mural is finished, ti will be permanently installed on the big, red barn at the Stars & Stripes. The journal and money raised will go to the Museum.

They are seeking venues to host this project, as well as sponsors for the project.

Painted Wren Art Gallery is located at 620 Whitelaw Avenue in Cape Girardeau.

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# Little Miss Choo Choo Pageant Hosted by the Berry-Glenn Museum

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Little Miss Choo Choo Pageant Hosted by the Berry-Glenn Museum

The Berry-Glenn Historical Museum located in Puxico, Missouri is hosting a benefit Little Miss Choo Choo Pageant on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at Veterans Park in downtown Puxico.

You can register every Saturday afternoon from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Berry-Glenn Historical Museum. There are only two opportunities to register on July 20th and July 27th, so please get in there and sign up!

There are only five categories. Categories are ages 0 - 6 months, 7 to 11 months, 1 year to 23 months, 2 years to 3 years and 4 years to five years. You do not have to live in Puxico to participate.

Entry fee is \$30 per contestant and is non-refundable.

This is a casual wear pageant.

Cash only please. Pageant starts at 10 a.m. and all entries need to be there at 9:30 a.m. to check in. No late entries will be taken.

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Bloomfield Chamber Farmer's Market Sponsored by

## Las Brisas

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#### Bloomfield Chamber Farmer's Market Sponsored by Las Brisas

Bloomfield Farmers Market will be held each Tuesday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. June 25th - August 13th at the Las Brisas Mexican Restaurant Parking Lot on Highway 25.

Accepting baked goods, flowers, plants, cookies, vegetables, jams and jellies, handmade craft items, fruits, eggs, herbs, small livestock such as chickens, ducks, rabbits and much more.

Tables and tents are NOT provided you must bring your own. If unsure if your item is allowed at market please email **dloflin@showmetimes.com** or you may text (573) 380-3318.

If you are interested in having a booth the cost is \$5 each week to be paid at time of set-up. Exact change is required. You may not set up prior to 3:00 p.m. and will be on a first come first serve basis.

The Farmers Market is co-sponsored by Las Brisas Mexican Restaurant.

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# Bootheel Regional Community Foundation Awards First Four Grants

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#### Bootheel Regional Community Foundation Awards First Four Grants

The Bootheel Regional Community Foundation has awarded four grants of \$1,200 each to non-profit organizations in Southeast Missouri to support programs with health-related purposes.

Grant recipients include: Dunklin County Caring Council for its Hygiene for Health Program; SEMO Food Bank for its Build a Better Childhood Mobile Pantry Program; Advance School District R-4 for its Personal Care Cart Program; and the Bootheel Youth Museum for development of an exhibit on Historical Medical Practices of the Bootheel.

This is the first round of grants awarded by the Bootheel Regional Community Foundation, which became the 54th regional affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks in September. Applications were sought earlier this year and were reviewed by a grant committee of BRCF and approved for award by the foundation's board of directors.

Grant funds must be used within the six counties of the Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission—Dunklin, Stoddard, Pemiscot, Mississippi, New Madrid, and Scott. This round of funding was provided to BRCF by the Missouri Foundation for Health for grantmaking to address issues related to public health.

"We are very excited to award our first round of grants and look forward to the role BRCF can play in our region to improve the quality of life for families in the six counties we serve," said Melissa Combs, chair of the board. "The board was pleased with the applications we received. We anticipate having another round of grants later this year."

Members of the board are Melissa Combs of Kennett; Jayne Ellen Ray of Charleston; Christi Pipkin of New Madrid; Alisha Trammel of Dexter; Jonathan Douglass of Sikeston; Loyd Rice of Bloomfield; Nick Darter of Malden; Jana Carey Merideth of Caruthersville; Joel Evans of Sikeston; and Jim Grebing, director of the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission.

Community foundations offer a variety of charitable fund options like endowments, scholarships, and donor-advised funds, which are managed for long-term growth. As the

funds grow, grants are distributed to eligible nonprofits, including education, faith-based and municipal organizations that work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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