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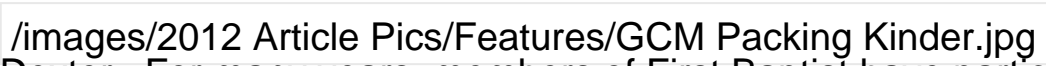
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Dexter, Missouri - When the rainy weather cancelled many outdoor activities for the weekend, volunteers and organizers from Global Compassion Ministries were on hand at First Baptist Church in Dexter to provide a very rewarding event of packing food for their Haiti Missions.


Inspired by a local young man who had attended a mission trip with the Global Compassion this past February, Matt Kinder returned from his trip excited about the opportunity he was given to assist in feeding thousands of families in the Northwest portion of the country of Haiti. In his heart, Matt committed to the preparation, fundraising, and scheduled the event.

 First Baptist Church Dexter. For many years, members of First Baptist have participated on mission teams to Kosovo, Haiti, Mexico, Africa, Nicaragua, Romania and the Dominican Republic just to mention a few. The mission committee at the church corporately participates in many fundraising events such as mission lunches and concessions at the Stoddard County Fair.

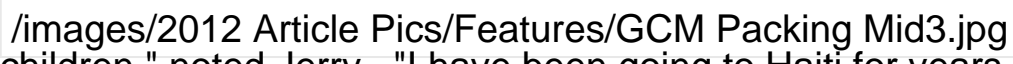
 att shared his desire to have a food packing day. He was met with great enthusiasm from the congregation. Over 120 men, women, and young people were on hand at 10:00 AM Saturday morning to begin the process of filling food bags for [Kids Against Hunger](#) and [Global Compassion Ministries](#).

The rainy weather turned out to be a blessing for the organizers as well. As with everyone, busy schedules often dominate the time of families, but cancellations of baseball tournaments and track meets Saturday only increased the volunteer count for food packing.

Global Compassion Ministries is a unique charitable organization. The entire group is made up of volunteers from across the state of Missouri, including the St. Charles, St. Louis and Fulton areas. With the ability to avoid the typical costs and expenses that accompany organizations of this nature, nearly 100% of the money collected by the group is funneled directly to the ministries of the group.

 vely involved with the work that is being performed in Haiti. The individuals are as they say "the boots on the ground" for the ministry.


Jerry Lantz of St. Charles, Missouri has been a long time member of the Haiti teams. Upon his recent retirement, he began to pursue his calling to personally deliver meals to the starving children he had witnessed in the Northwest section of the country during previous trips.

 londe hair of the children," noted Jerry. "I have been going to Haiti for years and not able to do a lot about it. After retirement, I no longer had a reason to prevent me from getting involved."

In 2012, Jerry began the process of developing the food ministry for Global Compassion Ministries. Jerry partnered with other mission team members to begin the process of surveying one of the area villages to determine the needs that existed. Jerry, along with Lane Konnelmann, were able to deliver 50,000 meals to that village last year.

With the addition of small boat and motor in 2013, Jerry's ability to move about the area was greatly expanded, and his team was able to survey three villages this past February. Early estimates seem to increase the number of meals to

175,000 but a more recent estimate has increase to nearly a quarter of a million meals for the villages currently served.

 "You know the basic needs of man are food, water and shelter," added Lantz. "I am seeing the changes in these children's lives, and that makes me want to get this food to them on an ongoing basis."

[The Global Compassion Ministries](#) has affiliated with [Kids Against Hunger](#), a humanitarian food-aid organization based in New Hope, Minnesota. Both groups share the same hope and mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children and feed starving children throughout the world.

The packages put together today at First Baptist contain six meals in each bag that cost only \$0.25 per meal or \$1.50 per package. Jerry and his team will travel within a 200 mile radius of St. Louis for anyone willing to sponsor 10,000 meals.

"We will bring the bulk food and all the packaging to you and let your church pack it," said Jerry. "We simply ask you to provide the funds to pay for it which includes shipping to Haiti."

To contact Global Compassion Ministries or Jerry Lantz about getting involved or hosting a food packing event, you can email Jerry Lantz at:

jrmklantz@att.net

or

www.globalcompassionministries.com

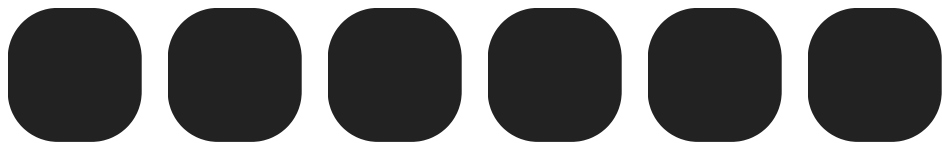




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Fiddler's Celebrates 30 Years

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Dexter, Missouri - Fiddler's Fish House is celebrating 30 years of serving fine farm raised catfish in Dexter, Missouri. To honor all those years, they have decided to host a CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

The event will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Several local businesses will be joining them to help commemorate such an auspicious occasion. American Outdoors, The Metro Gallery, Hutchcraft Motor Sports, Dynamaxx(Patti Shell

and Pat Williams), Jackson Florist, The Missouri Department of Conservation, and Flowers Fish Farm will be on-hand to mark the occasion.

There will be live music, games and prizes for the kids. Lots of fun, so bring out the family and enjoy quality food, great friends and excellent service.

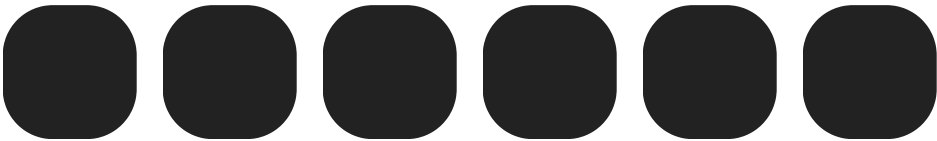
Fiddler's is located at 1104 W. Bus. 60 in Dexter and is open Tuesday – Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday/Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Find them on Facebook at FiddlersFishHouse.

Congratulations Roy Williams for 30 years of wonderful food and great service!

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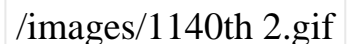
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Dutchtown, Missouri - Nearly 50 National Guardsman with the 1140th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and four different units across Southeast Missouri are on hand in Dutchtown to help with flooding efforts.

The ShowMe Times was able to contact Michelle Queiser, Missouri National Guard's Public Affairs Representative on site in Dutchtown today. She gave us an update on the flooding situation and the Guard's flood prevention efforts.

Michelle stated, "On Monday they spent the day sandbagging along Highway 74 and numerous homes as well. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) offered 10-foot concrete barriers and the National Guard transported those barriers from Sikeston to Dutchtown. They have created an 880-foot wall and fortified it with sandbags along Highway 74."

"Today they are constructing a concrete wall at the highway 74/25 intersection near Dutchtown. The Guard has put in place nine concrete barriers along the corner to keep headwater from coming into the town. They should complete that project today along with fortifying the man-made concrete barrier with sandbags."

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Michelle was able to find Staff Sergeant Justin Bickings of Cape Girardeau on site and he spoke to us briefly, "I have been assigned as Liaison Officer to coordinate with the citizens of Dutchtown, Emergency Management and the Guard so people can easily communicate and get the help they need to protect their homes and family quickly and efficiently.

"We are here for flood prevention. We are placing concrete barriers around the town along with sandbags to prevent flooding of homes and businesses. The Mississippi River is expected to crest at 42 feet on Thursday. If that prediction holds then we feel the Dutchtown community will be safe."

The 1140th Engineer Battalion will remain on stand-by Thursday and possibly Friday at the armory in Cape Girardeau. They will still have much to do before going home with cleaning of equipment and gear.

The Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross assisted the Missouri National Guard to help with sandbagging efforts to protect the low-lying town from backwaters of the Diversion Channel, which is being pushed out of its banks by the rising Mississippi River. Also a group of Junior ROTC students from Charleston, Missouri were on hand to help with sandbagging efforts. The Dutchtown citizens appreciate all the help they are receiving from the area.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. Doyle Parmer is also on-site to oversee the progress of the Missouri National Guard. He is extremely pleased with their efforts and expects the town to be saved.

Parmer stated, "It is a relief to have the Missouri National Guard help the town with flood relief efforts." He put the request for assistance in the early Sunday morning hours and in less than 12 hours he had soldiers responding to his call. "How can you ask for anything better than that? It was a miracle answer for them to be here this week."

"With the guardsmen here days before the river is predicted to crest the town can have the chance to save homes, roads and their lives," continued Parmer.

Specialist Charles Friedrich of Cape Girardeau was deployed to help fill sandbags to help with the flood relief efforts. "It feels good to help out," said Friedrich. "It's nice to be ahead of the waters." Friedrich said. "it doesn't feel as hectic and rushed and the soldiers can do their job efficiently. It doesn't feel like we are racing against time. Its good to be proactive instead of reactive."

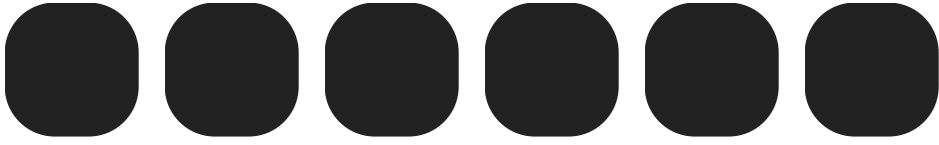
The Mississippi River will crest 10 feet above flood stage on Thursday at Cape Girardeau.

For more information and photos go to their Facebook page, FSC, 1140th Engineer Battalion.

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Dexter, Missouri - Tom Love recently spoke to the Dexter Rotary Club and they were enthusiastic about his passion to help Disabled Veterans.

The Rotarians were so moved by his dedication to help those who have served to fight for our freedom that they donated \$500 to the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility.

Post Commander Darryl W. LaPierre of the American Legion/Kenady Hanks in Dexter and Tom Love, founder of the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility met at the Gobbler's Ridge Farm along with Morris Gregg, Dexter Rotarian, who presented them with the check. It was a beautiful day and the three of them sat on the porch of the cabin and chatted for a bit about the Wildlife Facility.

For many veterans who are confined to a wheelchair or whose mobility has been restricted as a result of serving their country or due to age, etc accessibility to their once favorite pastime is restricted, but not any more. With the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility, they can enjoy hunting, fishing, photography, or just getting out of the house and into the woods for a daytime adventure!

For more information please or to make a donation, please contact, Tom Love 573-820-0802 or Jim Adams 573-421-3660.

To mail in donations: D.V. Outdoor Fund

American Legion Post 59, P.O. Box 446, Dexter, Missouri 63841

They also have a Facebook page with lots of photographs of the facility, blinds, veterans who have used the facility and just God's creatures living on the land.

Go to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DisabledVeteransWildlifeFacility?ref=stream>

The Dexter Rotary would like to thank Tom Love and his guests for joining them for their breakfast meeting and they look forward to visiting the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility at Gobbler Ridge Farms in the near future.

The Dexter Rotary Club meets weekly for breakfast or lunch and is currently looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Mr. Jack Rodgers at 573-624-5762 or jrod63841@yahoo.com. Their motto is Service Above Self!

Also check out their new Facebook page:

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Submitted by

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Jonesboro, Arkansas— Rosanne Cash hosted last year's second annual Johnny Cash Music Festival, but this year, that honor goes to Tommy Cash, the baby of the seven-sibling Cash family, and with Joanne Cash Yates—the sixth of the seven—the two survivors.

The third annual Johnny Cash Music Festival is set for Aug. 17, again at Arkansas State University's Convocation Center in Jonesboro. Vince Gill is headlining a bill that also stars Yates, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers and the Statler Brothers' Jimmy Fortune.


Proceeds from the event will continue the restoration of the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home in Dyess, Arkansas, as well as support an ASU scholarship fund established in Cash's name. Four students currently attend ASU due to money raised at the previous festivals.

"I'm grateful they asked me to host the show and sing a song or two," says Cash, who has had a substantial country music career in his own right, his signature song being the 1969 hit "Six White Horses," a sort-of country version of "Abraham, Martin And John" that likewise evoked John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Joanne will do a song or two, and then we'll sing a song together," continues Cash, who marvels at both the progress in restoring his family's home in Dyess—to open in spring, 2014—and the eagerness to visit it among Cash fans from all over the world.

Johnny Cash moved to Dyess with his family when he was three, and lived there until he graduated high school in 1950.

The house was part of a community established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s as a Depression-era agricultural resettlement colony. Part of the New Deal program, it provided an opportunity for destitute farmers, who were advanced 20 or 40 acres of farmland, a mule, a small home and money to buy food and plant crops—with the understanding that if they were successful they'd pay back the government.

"The interior is completely done," Tommy  Cash reports. "The only thing odd about it is that when I was a kid, it looked so big, and now I realize how small it was—two bedrooms, one bathroom, living room, dining room and kitchen. But it's beautiful what

they're doing: Joanne and I are the only two siblings left, but we have a lot of nieces and nephews and close friends who are coming to see it, and the amazing thing is that we're getting inquiries from groups around the world who want to come and see the house where Johnny Cash lived and grew up."

Of course back then, he wasn't Johnny Cash.

"He was J.R. to all of us," says Cash. "That was his real name—J.R. Cash. He was just Big Brother to me. He let me ride on his cotton sack when I was four and five-years-old, and made chocolate fudge on Wednesday nights. It wasn't until 1955 when Sam Phillips at Sun Records said, 'You got to have a name other than 'J.R.' and used the name 'Johnny' on his first record that he became 'Johnny Cash'—and the rest is history."

Cash says that their mother already knew that his brother was "different and unique" when he was five-years-old, and Yates recalls that "for as long as I can remember, even as a little bitty girl, he was writing songs, on any kind of piece of paper. I asked him one time if he was writing poems, and he said, 'No. I'm writing songs. I'm going to be a singer.'"

Then, when Johnny Cash "first became a superstar and [early Sun hits] 'Cry! Cry! Cry!' and 'Hey, Porter' were playing on the radio, he brought me to his show in Jonesboro and said that a young man was going to come out and 'front' the show. I asked him what that meant and he said he would come out and get the crowd excited and then they'd bring the star out. And I said, 'Who's the star?' and he said 'I am!' And I said, 'You can't be the star—you're my brother!'"

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Of course, it turned out that the young man who was fronting Cash's show was

none other than his fellow Sun recording artist Elvis Presley.

"All the girls were going crazy, and when Elvis walked off stage and John went on, I went backstage and talked to him. John said, I brought you all the way over to see me sing and you went back to talk to Elvis!' I said, 'I can talk to you any time and hear you sing!' He said, 'I just won't bring you to another show,' and I said, 'Yes you will!'"

But Johnny Cash remained "my big, protective brother through my life—until the day he left us," adds Yates, recalling a day when he miraculously produced an umbrella ("way back then not everybody had one") and held it over her, Tommy and sister Reba Cash during a downpour on the quarter-mile walk home from the school bus stop, "taking the rain" himself.

“There are hundreds of stories like that,” she says, and further likens the Cash family to that of The Waltons.

“Our house was not as big, but as far as the way our family was, we always had that love for each other and we were helping each other,” says Yates. “We had the perfect life, with the exception that my daddy worked as hard as any human being I’ve ever known. But he said one time that working and taking care of your family is a gift from God.”

And now, with the house well on its way to complete restoration, Yates, who is finishing her 30th gospel album, thinks, “Johnny would be absolutely in awe of what’s happening.”

“Not just our house,” she says, “but the other buildings.”

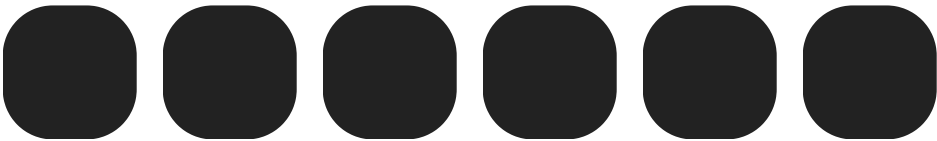
Indeed, the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home restoration project also includes the town’s administration building and theater—the latter facility, which had only its front façade standing, to be rebuilt for use as a visitors center.

The Cash Home will serve as a museum honoring Johnny Cash's legacy.

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