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On The Move with MoDot

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JEFFERSON CITY - What kind of transportation system do you want to see for Missouri? That's the question the Missouri Department of Transportation will be asking of Missourians over the next few months with a new statewide initiative called "On The Move."

The effort will update Missouri's long-term transportation plan through a series of listening sessions, a mobile tour and virtual forums. The "On The Move" website launched today at www.missourionthemove.org.

Visitors to the site can learn about the assets of Missouri's transportation system, track what MoDOT is hearing from Missourians, keep track of "On The Move" events, and comment on the specific projects they think are needed. "Missouri transportation begins with Missouri citizens - the very people who use our roads and bridges, railways, greenways, waterways and airways to travel to and from work, to the doctor, to soccer practice and everywhere in between," says MoDOT Chief Engineer Dave Nichols.

"Engaging Missourians to provide input is a critical step to ensure that MoDOT outlines a sustainable and economically viable transportation vision that serves the growing needs of Missourians well into the future."

The first two listening sessions are scheduled for February 5 in Columbia from 6-8 p.m. at the Reynolds Alumni Center, and **February 19 in Cape Girardeau from 5-7 p.m. at the Osage Center.**

The general public and transportation stakeholders are invited to attend, but due to limited seating, interested persons must register to secure a seat by RSVPing at missourionthemove.org/community-engagement/schedule-of-events.

Registration closes at noon the day prior to each listening session. Details on the remaining events will be forthcoming.

Feb. 5	Columbia
Feb. 19	Cape Girardeau
Feb. 21, 26, 28	St. Louis/St. Charles
March 5	Joplin
March 7	Springfield
March 12, 13, 14	Kansas City
March 19	Lebanon
March 21	Poplar Bluff
April 3	Kirksville
April 4	Hannibal
April 9	Maryville
April 11	St. Joseph



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Southeast Missouri - The Circuit Breaker tax rebate program, also known as the Missouri Property Tax Credit program has been in effect since 1973, but has changed some over the years.

The Missouri Department of Revenue will provide training to acquaint volunteers and other interested parties in how to prepare these forms.

The training will be held on January 30th from 1:30 p.m. until around 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Southeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging office, located at 1219 N. Kingshighway, Suite 100, Cape Girardeau. If you would be interested in a training closer to you please let us know, it might be possible.

Each year seniors who meet the eligibility guidelines can file for this tax rebate and there are volunteers available to assist with the filing.

For more information about Circuit Breaker Program, check out the article under Blogs on the ShowMe Times web page. There is a very interesting article by Ruth Dockins, Public Information Director.

Seniors do not need to pay for this service because there are plenty of well trained volunteers available for assistance.

If you would like to attend this training please call 1-800-392-8771 to register.

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Dexter, Missouri – The Stoddard County Genealogy Society met on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the Hickory Log for their annual awards banquet.

Installation of officers was held and the winner of the M.A. Hart Volunteer Award for Society Volunteer was also announced.

Officers are Shirley Carney, President; Frances Moore, Vice-President; Lynda Stewart, Secretary and Rick Young, Treasurer.

This year's recipient was Lynda Stewart who has been an active member of the Stoddard County Genealogy Society since 2005. Presenting the award was M. A. Hart and Frances Moore.

Lynda has served as the Editor of the Society newsletter and Secretary of the organization. She volunteers in the Genealogy Room at the Keller Public Library and assists the staff with the cataloging and maintenance of the Genealogy Collection. She also assists patrons with their genealogical research. Lynda helped to organize the Beginning Genealogy Workshop, which was held in June 2012. She is also helping organize the FamilySearch Workshop that will be held on February 9th at the Keller Public Library.

The M.A. Hart Volunteer Award is  presented annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions to Genealogy and the preservation of the history of Stoddard County. We congratulate Lynda Stewart for her endless ability of volunteering her time to this endeavor.

font-family:Verdana">If you would like to know more about Genealogy research the Stoddard County Genealogy Society meets at the Keller Public Library once a month and they have a wonderfully informative Facebook page, www.facebook.com/StoddardCountyGenealogySociety.

font-family:Verdana">If you are interested in the FamilySearch Workshop, please register by calling the Keller Pubic Library at 624-3764.

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On Tuesday afternoon, the heartland experienced an unexpected wintery weather mix. The light snow quickly turned into a slick mess and forced many people to cancel their evening plans and many schools to even close early.

With the roads getting dangerous, many schools had no choice but to cancel the after-school activities for that day. Many basketball games, wrestling matches, etc were cancelled Tuesday evening due to the wintery weather.

ShowMe Times would like to thank you for staying tuned in and checking our website for the closings of some local schools and postponing of high school hoops!

When all the cancellations have a rematch date, we will be glad to let our readers know!

Keep in mind that shall we receive any more winter weather that results in cancellations; the ShowMe Times can be your “go-to” place for any additional information.

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Mary Ann Taylor and Her Snow Friends

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Dexter, Missouri - Another fun filled morning at the Keller Public Library in Dexter. Each Tuesday morning at 10:15, a story is read by a wonderful guest. The library story hours are so much fun, even the adults get into the action by singing along with the children.

The library's guest reader this week was Mary Ann Taylor and the kids sure seem to love her. She is so exuberant and it was a pleasure to hear her reading of "Snow Friends"! It's about Little Bear who wakes up early from his hibernation and is startled to see the world covered in SNOW! Unable to find a playmate, he builds a snowman. Otter and Rabbit are Little Bear's two friends. The story is just simply too-cute.

There were quite a few children who endured the bitter, cold weather Tuesday morning to be entertained. They sang, laughed, and a few were even crawling a little as they giggled. Just good old fashioned fun!

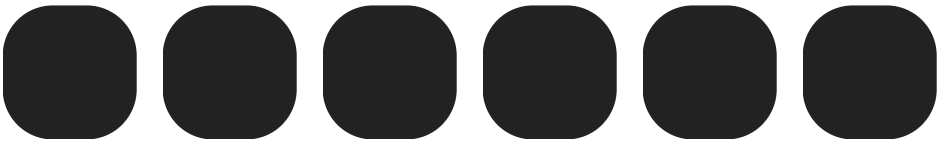
After they listened to Mrs. Taylor read her book, the children were able to sing more songs and do a little hokey pokey. Then they all participated in some fun crafting activities by creating their very own snowman. Some children colored a snowman friend. Each child was very excited to take their artwork home!

Next week, the Keller Public Library will host "Tacky the Penguin" about a penguin that is somewhat eccentric and marches to the beat of a different drum and it will be read by Kim Cook. Mark your calendar for 10:15 a.m. on January 22nd.

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