

## Features



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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - The local troop #72 of the century old Boy Scouts of America received some good news recently from the Dexter VFW Post #2659. After struggling with funding for the past several years, a donation of \$1,000 was made to Bloomfield Boy Scout Troop #72.

Created in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides young boys a place to build character, learn responsibility, develop personal fitness, and lifelong values.

Scoutmaster Daniel Slavings is the current leader of Troop #72. His diligence and hard work to keep scouting afloat for years and his generosity giving of both his time and support has helped maintain the Boy Scouts in Bloomfield.

Eric and Janet Smith also wanted to praise Troop #72 and gave each boy scout a Certificate of Achievement for all the work they did at the Community Fair in April of this year.

Each boy scout helped the vendors unload their items that they were selling, kept trash picked up and after the event, the boys helped the vendors in any way they could. At the end of the day, they helped with clean-up of the fair grounds.

The Grounds Keeper even complimented the boys as it was the cleanest he had seen it in a long time.

" These kids worked really hard on the day of the Stoddard County Community Fair, and we believe they should be recognized for their efforts." stated Eric Smith of Team Spark of Hope/Relay for Life. The Community Fair is an annual fundraiser for the Stoddard County Relay for Life.

Local Boy Scout groups continue to be a strong part of the growth among young boys in our community. ***The Dexter VFW has offered a challenge to area businesses to join them in supporting local scouting troops by helping them to raise funds.*** Contact your local scoutmaster to arrange for contribution to support the Boy Scouts locally.

Many ShowMe Times readers may have some great memories of their scouting days. The selfless commitment of scoutmasters and volunteers begins the process of these boys on the right path toward their future. Parents, including both men and women, often sacrifice their own money, vacations and week nights to teach young men many important life skills.

Scouting is an honorable endeavor for all that are involved. Their efforts and those that support them should be remembered and encouraged through your support. With volunteers and mentors for the boys, it will build more conscientious and responsible young men and a more productive society as a whole.

Check out the national boy scouts website at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and contact your local boy scouts to volunteer your time.

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