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CAPE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PROMOTION

Cape Girardeau, MO - The Cape Girardeau Police Department recently announced the promotion of Sergeant Rodney Barker to the rank of Lieutenant. Family and friends gathered at the Osage Center in Cape on July 1st to honor his promotion and years of dedication to the department. Rodney is a 27-year veteran of the Cape PD and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Lieutenant Barker has served his entire career in the patrol division of the Cape PD and has served as a Platoon Sergeant for the past 14 years. His promotion will offer a new assignment as the Patrol Commander.

Rodney remained in Cape after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Southeast Missouri State University in 1986. He continued his education by also receiving a POST Commission through the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

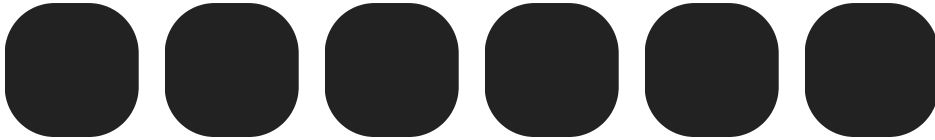
Barker was further honored with his wife, Crystal Cryts Barker (*a DHS Graduate*) and 14-year old son, Weston Barker, participating in the promotion ceremonies. (*pictured above*) Also on hand for the event were Rodney's parents, Wayne & Jeanie Barker.

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The Donut Palace to Host Grand Opening on Monday

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Dexter, Missouri – The Donut Palace is having their Grand Opening on Monday, July 7, 2014. They have over 30 years experience in donuts and will open their

doors at 5:00 a.m.

Donuts are made fresh daily. The Donut Palace also offers Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Breakfast Croissant Sandwiches, Biscuits, Drinks, and a full line of DONUTS!

Hours are Monday – Saturday from 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 5:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m..

There will also be a drawing giveaway on August 1st, a 32” Flat Screen TV. Just register to win every time you come in!

The Donut Palace is located in the old Sonic building at 429 Business 60 West in Dexter. If you need to place an order by phone please call them at 573-624-3424. The Donut Palace also offers discounts to churches and schools.

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"You know I like my chicken fried
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A pair of jeans that fit just right
And the radio on"

We all love fried chicken and most of us grew up with mom or grandma fixing this delicious meal on Sunday afternoon.

In the United States, **National Fried Chicken Day** is celebrated each year on July 6. On this day, fried chicken lovers, across the country, celebrate this American favorite at a nearby restaurant, at home, the neighbors, a friends house or at an outdoor picnic.

The Scottish immigrants brought their tradition of deep-frying chicken in fat, to the southern United States. After it's introduction to the American South, fried chicken soon became a common staple. Over time, seasonings and spices were added to enrich the flavor of the chicken.

Fried chicken is a dish that consists of chicken pieces which have been floured or battered then pan-fried, deep-fried or pressure-fried. The breading adds a crisp coating to the exterior of the chicken.

Crisp well-seasoned skin, which been rendered of the excess fat, is the make-up of well made fried chicken.

Traditionally the chicken is fried in lard, however, corn oil, peanut oil, canola oil or vegetable oil are also frequently used.

Following is a "tried and true" recipes for you to enjoy!

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/southern-fried-chicken>

Have a HAPPY NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY!

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Dr. Blair Honored for His Service to the Library

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Dexter, Missouri – Dr. John T. Blair was recently honored for having served nine years as a member of Keller Public Library Board of Directors.

He was recognized with a plaque of appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the library at the June meeting.

Presenting the plaque to Dr. Blair is Pam Trammell, Director of the Keller Public Library.

The Keller Public Library is located at 402 W. Grant St. in Dexter, Missouri. If you would like more information please click **HERE** or follow them on **Facebook**.

Photo provided by Pam Trammell.

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Let's Celebrate Independence Day!

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Southeast Missouri – Every year American empty their wallets buying fireworks for the Fourth of July holiday and celebrate America's independence. Though the origins of fireworks were not associated with the holiday, but with New Year's Eve, it has now become an annual tradition that everyone seems to enjoy.

What are you doing this Independence Day?

Are you looking for 4th of July celebrations this holiday season? Several cities in the area are having their planned fireworks display on other days than the forth. You may still light your own fireworks as long as you follow city laws.

City of Dexter – Public Fireworks Display will be held on Thursday, July 3rd at East City Park . They are allowing fireworks until midnight on July 3rd and 4th inside the city limits.

City of Bloomfield – fireworks permitted on July 4th until midnight.

City of Bernie – Fireworks permitted on the 4th of July only.

Other locations do not allow fireworks within the city limits like Sikeston and Poplar Bluff.

One of the largest fireworks displays will be held at **Wappapello Lake**, which will be held on Saturday, July 5th at dusk.

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