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Dexter, Missouri – "Service Above Self" is the motto of the Dexter Rotary Cub. One of the oldest civic organizations in Stoddard County, these dedicated individuals spend hundreds of hours each year volunteering for many local charities and raising money for scholarships and other charitable projects.

On Friday, June 19th they will host their 10th Annual 4-Person Golf Scramble at Hidden Trails Golf Course. $75 player entry fee will include mulligans, green fees, skins, 50/50, and a light meal following the scramble.

A Polo T-Shirt will be given to each player. Awards will be given for the Longest Drive, two closest to the Pin Holes, and Longest Putt. This is an 18-hole scramble and free beverages will be offered on the course and a light meal following your afternoon of fun in the sun. There will also be prizes for two flights. Tee-off is at 1:00 p.m. with registering beginning at noon.

Hole sponsorships are $100 and this year the Rotary Club will be purchasing new signage with logos for each Hole Sponsor.

Please contact the Rotary Club President Dave Ellinghouse at 624-5540 or Henry Kestner at 820-6168. Registration begins at noon.
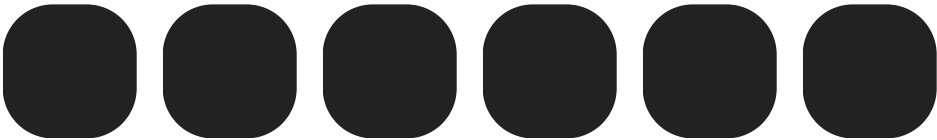
They have donated money to help those affected by the tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma. This year they donated money to ShelterBox to help people of Nepal after a devastating earthquake destroyed much of the country. Other recent projects have been an added Donation Building given to the Stoddard County Gospel Mission, numerous blood drives including one dedicated to Levi, a young boy with cancer, and they have generously donated to the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility, Relay for Life, The Children's Home, and other local charities.

The Dexter Rotary Club is also having a membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a member please come out and enjoy an afternoon of golf or just visit with the Rotarians for a bit. The public in encouraged to visit the Hidden Trails Country Club where an information booth will be available.

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Bloomfield, Missouri – Monday is Memorial Day in the United States. It is a day to reflect and remember those who sacrificed so much for our freedoms. The Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield will hold their annual Memorial Day program at 1:00 p.m.on Monday, May 25th.

The Keynote speaker is John Michael Mowrer, Commissioner of the Missouri Veterans Commission. Mike is a veteran of the United States Army and was commissioned through the University of Missouri- Columbia, Army ROTC and will highlight his Regular Army service from 1967 – 1974.

He completed the Army Ranger School and was Battery Commander of an airmobile-filed artillery 155 firing battery in Vietnam and three years as Assistant Professor of Military Science Army ROTC, UMC. He served from 1974-1980 in the active US Army Reserve as a Medical Service Corps Officer. He is an active member of VFW Post 5443 and the Samuel T. Adams Post 66 American Legion in Kennett, Missouri.

He is a native of Unionville, Missouri and his family moved to Kennett where he has been a partner in the law firm of Dalton and Mowrer, LLP since 1977. He serve as Kennett's Municipal Judge and as the City Attorney for Campbell and Malden. Mike's community involvement has included several civic organizations, Boy Scouting and church activities.

Please welcome him as he pays homage to those who fought for our country. Each year Memorial Day is traditionally set aside to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield for their tribute to fallen solders, prisoners of war, those missing in action, and those who served our country then you have missed a very emotional tribute.

Please support our troops near and far and those who have died for your freedom by attending this breathtaking ceremony on Memorial Day.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Keller Public Library will present their Summer Reading Program - "Every Hero Has a Story" beginning Wednesday, June 10th.

Below is a list of their upcoming events and meetings:

11:00 Wednesday, June 10 -"Heroes to the Rescue!" - Dexter Fire Department

11:00 Wednesday, June 17 - "The Heroes Around Us!"

11:00 Wednesday, June 24 - "Animal Avengers !" - Live Animals from Animal Tales

11:00 July 1 - "Super Magic Super Hero" with Super Reading Magician Marty Hahne

11:00 July 8 - "Heroes of the Wild!" - Agent Mark Reed, Missouri Department of

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11:00 July 15 - "The Hero in You!" - Crafts and Ice Cream Sundaes

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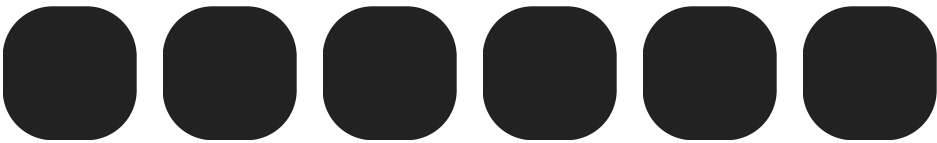
Keller Public Library Board of Directors meeting - Thursday, August 27, 5:15 - Library Community Room

July 14 - 5:00 - 6:30 Chamber Business After Hours at the Keller Public Library "Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library"

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Dexter, Missouri – The 2015 Stoddard County Relay for Life was one of the most successful events in their twelve years.

Unofficial figures for this year stand at just over $80,000, but more money will be forthcoming throughout the days ahead.

A total of 16 teams raised $64,840.74. Liberty Hill Church team from Aid, Missouri led this year's pack bringing in $21,733.78. the Central Cats of Dexter came in second with $7,257.78 and Southwest Elementary of Dexter brought in $7,204.78. Other fundraisers were Rebel Warriors who delivered $6,016, Four Oaks Hospice with $4,664, Carmode Family with $2,872, Faith Lutheran Church with $2,805, SoutheastHEALTH of Stoddard County with $2,091, KDEX with $2,030, Spark of HOPE with $1,840, Tyson Foods with $1,339, Faurecia raised $1,285, Bowlers Against Cancer raised $1,206, Webfoot with $1,120, Walgreens with $899, and First General Baptist Church of Bloomfield with $475.

In addition to team money, three corporate sponsors, Bud Shell Ford, Carrillo's Martial Arts, and Bank of Advance raised nearly $12,000 through their combined efforts.

Students of Carrillo Martial Arts "kicked off" Relay with their annual three minutes of kicking to raise money.
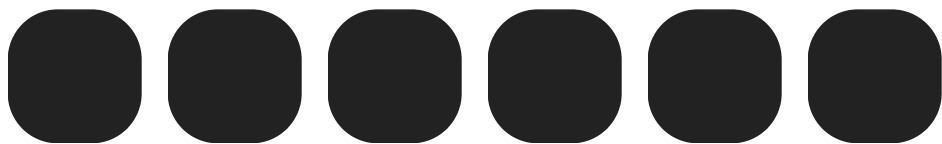
Bud Shell Ford representatives were on hand sponsoring a Test Drive campaign which donated $20 for every vehicle participants took for a spin.

Additional Corporate Sponsors accounted for more than $30,000 for this year's Relay for Life.

"It was an overall fantastic event," commented co-chair Belinda Worley. "The weather was great and we had a large crowd."

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Dexter, Missouri – No child should ever have to endure living with cancer. Levi Stinson of Bloomfield was diagnosed with type B acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in 2014.

ALL is a form of cancer of the blood cells which causes the overproduction of immature, cancerous white blood cells and limits the production of normal red and white blood cells and platelets.

Levi has been receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

On Monday, the Dexter Rotary Club will host a blood drive in his honor at the Sacred Heart Church from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please come out and support this little guy as he undergoes treatment. There will also be a donation jar available for financial donations.

Facebook users can follow him on Love 4 Levi page by clicking here. His mother, Sarah Stockton, updates his page regularly.

No appointment is necessary, but you can pre-register at redcrossblood.org to save a little time waiting.

For anyone who comes and registers to give blood they will receive a FREE Pizza Hut pizza coupon! The Rotary Club also provides sandwiches, cookies, juice and other goodies to those who participate.

This will be a great opportunity to give to an organization that helps our community in many ways. The Red Cross not only handles 1/2 of the United States supply through these blood donations, but offers CPR classes, first aid classes and other health and safety programs, they provide food, shelter and emotional support to victims of disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and floods.

What do you need to donate blood? It's very simple!

1. A blood donor card and driver's license or two forms of identification, especially if you are a first time donor are required to check-in.

2. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in reasonably good health.

3. Donating blood involves four basic steps: Registration, Medical history and mini-physical, Donation and at the end a nice Refreshment.

Any information given to the Red Cross during the donation process is confidential.

The need for blood is constant and every pint counts. Each day, patients in our county are helped by donors who have given blood.
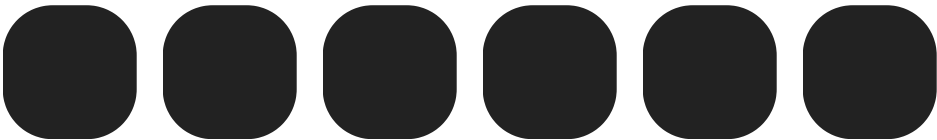
Here is just one example of how a blood drive recently helped a person. Thirty units of red blood cells and five units of platelets were transfused to a car accident victim and saved their life. Had generous donations not been made his/her family would be attending a funeral instead spending time with their loved one. Thanks to the many dedicated Stoddard County residents who have given over the years, the blood products were available for these types of patients and other like them.

The Red Cross needs your help! Donate today! Visit **www.redcrossblood.org** or call 1-800-733-2767 for more information on how to volunteer or donate. We hope to see you at the Rotary Club Blood Drive Thursday.

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