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**Dexter, Missouri** - Keller Public Library hosted another great Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, July 1st. Magician Marty Hahne delighted youngsters and adults with his mighty magic.

Marty has almost 30 years experience performing magic. He is regarded as one of the top entertainers for children and recently flew to New Zealand to teach at their international magic conference.

The children were completely engaged throughout Marty's performance. There were even a few adults wondering how he performed some of his magical feats. It was certainly one of the most entertaining moments in library history.

The "Every Hero Has a Story" series continued Wednesday, July 8th at 11:00 a.m. with Missouri Conservation Agent Mark Reed. He will present a program on animals native to Missouri.

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## Keller Public Library Memorial Donations

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### Keller Public Library Memorial Donations

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Keller Public Library in Dexter has released their latest list of Memorial Donations to the library. If you would like to donate a book in memory of a loved one please contact Pam Trammel, Director at (573) 624-3764 or stop in at 402 West Grant Street in Dexter.

**In memory of Bill Baker:** Eden and Her Happy by Tracy Schlepphorst and 14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson donated by Dr. and Mrs. John Schlepphorst.

**In memory of Jo Ann Wheeler:** Trisha's Table: My Feel-Good Favorites for a Balanced Life by Trisha Yearwood donated by Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Orr; Slowly Slowly Slowly Said the Sloth by Eric Carle, The Foolish Tortoise by Eric Carle, Blue Hat Green Hat by Sandra Boynton, I Wish You More by Amy Rosenthal donated by Laura Kirkbride and Andrea Duckworth.

**In memory of Shirley Triplett:** A Treasury of Miracles for Friends: True Stories of God's Presence Today by Karen Kingsbury donated by Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Orr.

**In memory of Cory Nelson:** The Overlook by Michael Connelly (audio edition) and Maximum Ride: Forever by James Patterson (audio edition) donated by Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Orr and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Horton.

**In memory of Morris Hampton:** Dark Places by Gillian Flynn donated by Jill, Grant, Braden and Makenon Hampton.

**In memory of Neal and Minnie Mouser:** The Mouser Family History (Volumes I & II) by Barbara Mouser Nathman donated by Neva Mouser Gressman.

**In memory of Billy Almond:** The Road to Character by David Brooks donated by Keller Library Staff.

**In memory of June Coffey:** Families and Faith: How Religion is Passed Down Across Generations by Vern L. Bengtson donated by Jim and Yvonne Hall.

**In memory of Clifford "Bud" Shell:** Out of the Wilderness by Max Brand donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy; The Winged Horse by Max Brand donated by Jim and Jamie Cook.

**In memory of Ernestine Webber:** Double Down by Fern Michaels donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Danny R. Gregg:** Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 of the World's Greatest Trips by Keith Bellows donated by Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Jovada June Kincy:** On the Farm by David Elliott donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Valerie Williams Simpson:** You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Tall Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Rev. Donald L. Cooper:** The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code by Dennis Prager donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Robert Francis:** God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions by Rick Warren donated by Dan and Linda Dowdy.

**In memory of Verna Godwin:** Future Wise: Educating Our Children For a Changing World by David N. Perkins donated by Lynn Hassell; Growing the Midwest Garden by Edward Lyon donated by Richard and Joyce Hodder.

**In memory of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Clifford T. Manlove:** In Defense of Freedom: Stories of Courage and Sacrifice of World War II Army Air Forces Flyers by Wolfgang W. E. Samuel donated by Richard and Joyce Hodder.

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## Bel Rescued After Falling into Well

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**Dexter, Missouri** - There's something to be said about growing up in a small town in the Heartland. It may take a village to raise a child, but it only took the Dexter Fire Department and the city of Dexter Street Department to rescue Bel.

On Wednesday, Scott Kruse and his family knew all too well how important it was that their local fire department came to the rescue!

Bel, their family dog, who just recently joined the family fell into a seven-foot well near their property. Scott Kruse and his daughter, Andie, had decided to take a walk and didn't have Bel on a leash. While they were out for their stroll, Bel just disappeared.

"We were about 10 feet away when we heard a thud," commented Kruse, who is a local middle school principal. "We realized Bel was gone and when we went over to the area there was a well partially covered with grass. Looked down and there was Bel."

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Two hours later, tired and a little thirsty, Bel was rescued by Fire Chief Don Seymore and his band of helpers. Even the city of Dexter's Street Department combined their efforts to help dig a hole next to the well to get poor Bel out safely.

"Thanks to everyone, especially Don, who crawled through yards and yards of underground piping in the mud and yuck," laughed Kruse who compared it to a scene from the movie "Shawshank Redemption"

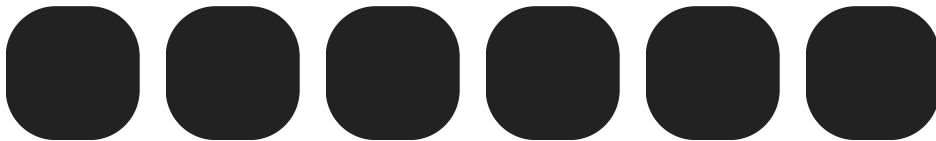
"We are very blessed and it is great to live in small town USA!" continued Kruse. "Dexter in particular. Thanks to everyone who helped rescue Bel."

Scott and Kerri Kruse, along with their daughter, Addie and Andie are extremely thankful to the Dexter Fire Department and the city of Dexter's Street Department for rescuing their beloved pet.

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# Area Blood Drives Need Your Assistance! Please Give!

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**Stoddard County, Missouri** - The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help offset a seasonal decline in donations and prevent a shortage this summer by giving blood.

During June, July and August, there are about two fewer donors than needed at each Red Cross blood drive. This can add up to more than 100,000 fewer donations during the summer. Many schools that host blood drives are out of session, and vacation schedules can make regular donors less available – both contributing to the seasonal decline.

Donors of all blood types – especially those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative – are needed to help ensure blood products are available to hospital patients this summer. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types. Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting immunity. It is often needed for burn, trauma and cancer patients.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There will be four blood drives during the month of July in Stoddard County. Please come out and donate. You can save 3 lives!!!

## Advance

Friday, 7/17/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Bank of Advance, 105 East Gabriel

## Bernie

Wednesday, 7/29/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 307 West Main

## **Bloomfield**

Saturday, 7/18/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bloomfield High School, 301 West Missouri

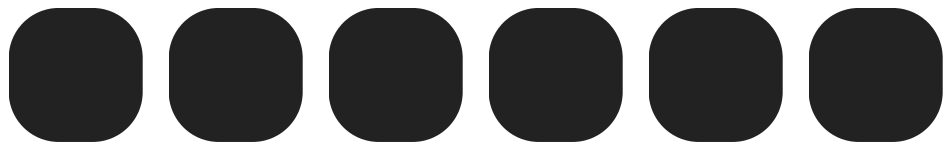
## **Dexter**

Monday, 7/27/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Walgreens- Dexter, 904 West Business U.S. 60

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## Be Fireworks Savvy This Independence Day!

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**Missouri** - This Independence Day millions of American will celebrate with fireworks! The city of Dexter will host their annual Fireworks Display at dusk on Friday, July 3rd with a rain make-up date of Sunday, July 5th.

The state of Missouri has few regulations on the purchase and use of fireworks; however your local county or city may have ordinances banning certain fireworks or have specific time they are to be used.

In Missouri seasonal retailers may sell from June 20<sup>th</sup> until July 10<sup>th</sup>. State permits should be displayed at all seasonal retail.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency in 2010 fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 reported fires including 1,100 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 14,100 outside and other fires.

The Missouri Office of the Fire Marshal suggests fireworks users follow a few safety guidelines:

- Purchase fireworks only from a properly licensed retailer
- Always wear eye protection and earplugs if you have sensitive ears
- Tie back long hair and don't wear loose fitting clothes
- Only light one firework item at a time
- Never try to re-light any fireworks that have malfunctioned
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- Never have any part of your body over fireworks
- Keep young children away from fireworks
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and leaving them in a trash can
- Always have a bucket of water on hand
- Don't drink alcohol and use fireworks
- Use a "designated shooter"



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