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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - On Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 AM, American Legion Post 114 from Sikeston, MO arrived at the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery and presented the Bloomfield Assistance League of the Missouri Veterans Cemetery INC with a donation of \$17,000.00.

This money is from their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Poker Run and Cook-Off Competition fundraiser they had in May. They held a Wing War and Bean Bag Toss Tournament on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> they held a Poker Run and a Cook Off-Team Competition cooking ribs, pork steak and chicken.

They even held an auction, 505/50 drawing and served dinner charging a small fee. Everyone enjoyed the event and they are already planning next year's event.

**Shown in the photo above is Vickie Wilson from the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary presenting the donation to Kenneth G. Swearengin, Director of the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery.**

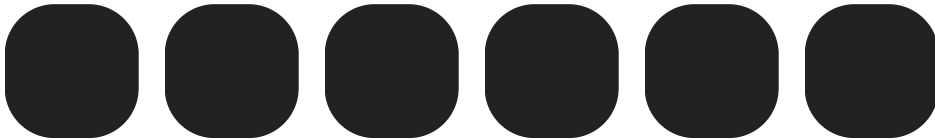
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## Shown in the photo are Members of the Bloomfield Assistance League of the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

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# Patriotic Parade for Kids on July 4th

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Small towns are wonderful especially this time of year and you can't get more American than a hometown kids' Patriotic Parade!!

Now in its 23rd year, the Fourth of July Patriotic Parade for kids will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. This annual parade will begin at the corner of Elm and Vine streets in downtown Dexter.

The "just for kids" parade was started by Janice Barney, Lisa Greer and Jean Rahm. The parade leadership has passed to a new generation, as Kristi and Jason Banken, now host the holiday parade. The Bankens began hosting the parade 9 years ago, and have continued to build upon the Independence Day tradition.

The parade will follow its traditional route down Elm Street to Stoddard Street with kids on bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, golf carts, on foot or in strollers. You may even see a few patriotic dogs in the parade.

The youngsters guided by Uncle Sam will gather on the steps of the U.S. Post Office on Stoddard Street to salute the American Flag with the Pledge of Allegiance. They will sing a few patriotic songs and pose for those ever-lasting photos.

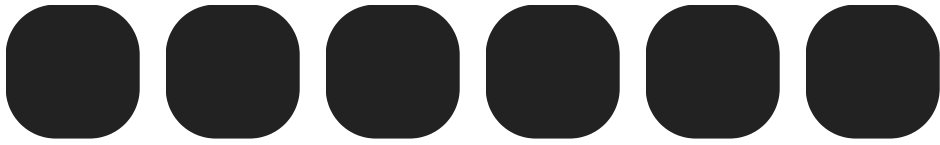
The parade will get moving again, east down Stoddard Street to Poplar Street, where it will turn south at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) back to Vine Street and turn west and return to the Bankens' front yard where they will be treated to lemonade and a small snack.

Children are invited to participate. They may walk or bring their bikes and other means of transportation for the parade. Parking will be available for grown-ups in the city parking lot on Vine Street across from the Dexter Municipal Building.

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## Animal Tales Invade Keller Library on Wednesday

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### Animal Tales Invade Keller Library on Wednesday

**Dexter, Missouri** - Keller Public Library held probably the most exciting Summer Reading program of the season when Wildlife Biologist Jonathan Hardison brought Animal Tales from Mayfield, Kentucky.

Hardison presented several animals for the children to see and touch. He explained their habitats, what they liked to eat, and told the children the names of each critter.

When he brought out the very large Brazilian Rainbow Boa, the crowd gasped and some of the parents seemed to squirm in their chairs when they saw the large snake.

Other animals featured were a red kangaroo, chinchilla, African crested porcupine, and a small bird.

Their mission is to educate, entertain and inspire children to love animals. A professional Wildlife Biologist and the former Curator at the AZA Accredited Zoo, Jared Baker, started Animal Tales.

“Baker hired Hardison in 2015 and was so impressed with his ability to both simultaneously control and educate the kids all the while keeping them entertained.

Hardison was born and raised in Western Kentucky, spending the majority of his childhood in the Mayfield and Benton areas. Being the son of a pastor, Jonathan also spent time growing up in both Vermont and Brentwood, TN. He now lives in Dover, TN with his wife, Natalie, and their two children, Dylan and Joy Beth.

Jonathan is a 2002 graduate of Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Biology.

Jonathan’s career in Wildlife Biology was paused for a short time when he accepted the call into the gospel ministry. He is currently the pastor of Dotsonville Baptist Church in Woodlawn, TN.

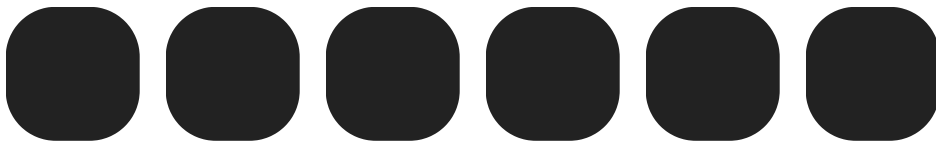
Before joining Animal Tales in 2015, Jonathan worked in helicopter and aircraft maintenance at Fort Campbell Army Base. With Animal Tales, he looks forward to being able to utilize both his education and experience in wildlife biology to teach and share with others the unique programs that Animal Tales has to offer.”

***The Keller Public Library will continue their weekly Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with Super Magic Super Hero, Magician Marty Hahne at 11:00 a.m. Should be a great program!!***

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# Fireworks are Fun, But Be Safe!

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Fireworks are Fun, But Be Safe!

**Dexter, Missouri** - Using consumer fireworks on the 4th of July is a tradition. And it can be safe if a few common sense rules are followed, says Ralph Apel, the spokesperson for the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

Consumer fireworks go through vigorous third party testing in China before being shipped to the United States. But he notes, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (“CPSC”), there were an estimated 9,600 fireworks related injuries during the Fourth of July season in 2011. Most of these injuries would not have occurred if the fireworks had been used under close adult supervision and if some basic safety steps had been taken.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety offers these common sense safety tips for using consumer fireworks in hopes that injuries to consumers can be greatly reduced this season:

- Know your fireworks; Read the warning labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Have a designated shooter to organize and shoot your family show.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise teens if they are using fireworks.
- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors.
- Always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Wear safety glasses whenever using fireworks.

- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.
- Never attempt to alter or modify consumer fireworks and use them only in the manner in which they were intended.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety urges Americans to follow common sense safety rules in their holiday celebrations.

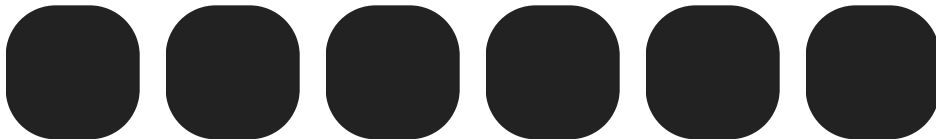
The National Council on Fireworks Safety is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose sole mission is to educate the public on the safe and responsible use of consumer fireworks. For a full list of consumer fireworks safety tips and a safety video, please visit [www.FireworksSafety.org](http://www.FireworksSafety.org).

***The Dexter Fireworks Display will be held at dusk on Friday, July 3rd.  
Happy 4th of July!***

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