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Dexter, Missouri - Owners and employees at Key Drugs welcomed the Chamber of Commerce and the public to their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, August 24, 2015.

Marty and Julita Michel are the owners of Key Drug. Key Drug has two locations in Poplar Bluff in addition to the new store in Dexter.

They have a full-size pharmacy, medical equipment and even a drive-through for your convenience. The pharmacy has the latest technology providing an App to help with refills. They also help you synchronize medicines and provide auto refills.

"Marty has been employed by Key Drugs since 1983 when he graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy with honors. In 1984 Marty was certified as an Orthopedic Supports Fitter and in 1990 he received his Certified Diabetes Educator license. Marty graduated from SEMO University Law Enforcement Academy in 1993 and received his post graduate degree from William Woods University in 2001 with a Masters in Business Administration. Marty holds a certificate in Compounding medications as well as CPR and AED training. Marty is also a licensed immunizer for vaccinations and has served on the Missouri Board of Pharmacy for 8 years while being president for 5 of those years. He is currently a member of the Missouri State Pharmacy Association executive board."

"Julita has been with Key Drugs since 1994. She has a Bachelors of Science degree in

Business Administration and Accounting that she received through Southeast Missouri State University. Before her employment with Key Drugs she was an office manager with Superior Business Products. She has also been trained in CPR. Julita is very involved with the Animal Welfare Alliance of Southeast Missouri (AWA) and currently she is an executive board member and treasurer of AWA. Julita is also a member of the Senate Bill 40 board."

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Leslie Kyle, Lori Bishop, Alderman Jerry Corder, Chamber First Vice President Debbie Stidham, Mayor Joe Weber, Owners Marty Michel, Julita Michel, Gloria and Ken Michel, Chamber President Kevin Bishop, Pharmacist Brandy Hassbroek, Pharmacist Natalie Bari, and Key Drugs employees LeShae Gibson, Kaysea Kirshaw, and Chrystal Blackwell.

To learn more about Key Drugs go to their website by clicking **HERE**.

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Bernie, Missouri - Keith never expected to be a caregiver for his wife who is fighting for her life and battling cancer. Nor did they ever believe they would be asking for your help. But when your life is turned upside down by this awful disease you are drawn closer, you pray, and you rely on friends to keep your spirits lifted.

Friends have not only set up a bank account at all 10 First Commercial Bank locations, they have started a **GoFundMe Account**. With treatment bills mounting and Nancy unable to work their way of life is threatened to change forever. Money is all but gone and this family who has given to the community for many years may lose all they have worked so hard to maintain.

Nancy and Keith just welcomed to the world their first grandchild and while most of us would be out buying baby outfits and toys, the Abernathys have to count every penny and give to the doctors and hospitals for her ongoing treatment.

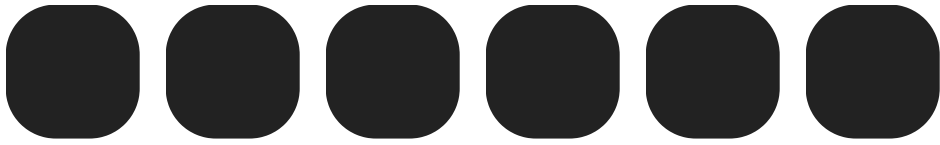
You can help! If everyone who reads this article just gives \$20 an amazing amount of money can be raised to help them so they don't have to sell their home. She would do the same for you, or anyone she knew suffering from this debilitating disease. It's time to give to Nancy!

Since September of 2014 Nancy has dealt with the surgeries and chemotherapy treatments, which has kept her from returning to work. Now she is on unpaid medical leave with insurance premiums higher than you could imagine.

Please take a moment and go to her **GoFundMe Account** by clicking **HERE** and give all that you can!

To follow Nancy Abernathy's journey on Facebook, click **HERE**.

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Delicious Delights - Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

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Essex, Missouri - Delicious treats await you and who couldn't resist a big ole' cinnamon roll!!!

The Harvest Assembly of God Church is hosting their annual Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser this week.

Beginning today through Thursday, July 30th the **Consumed Youth Group** will take your orders.

A dozen rolls are just \$20, but you can also order ½ dozen for just \$12 and if that's still too many you can buy individually for only \$2.00 each.

The proceeds from the homemade delicious cinnamon rolls will go to Speed The Light. What is STL? The concept is very simple. The give so others can speed the light of the gospel to a world in darkness. This is accomplished by providing the "essential transportation and creative communication" equipment for missionary evangelism. Through modern transportation, radio, television, the printed word, and equipment for mass evangelism, their missionaries can better

fulfill the Great Commission.

The Harvest Assembly of God is located at 209 Trotter St. in Essex. You can place an order by **clicking HERE** or by contacting **Becky Rice** or the church at (573) 283-5577.

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Raising Money to Improve Football Fieldhouse

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Bearcat D Club Fundraiser

Dexter, Missouri - A group of "like-minded" Bearcat Supporters have come together with the purpose of raising monies for the Dexter Public School

Foundation to be utilized for some major improvements at the Charles Bland Stadium.

A few of the items that are in need of sprucing up or repair is the Bearcat field house. They are slated to begin work during the athletic "dead week" by putting in a new drop ceiling in the field house, fresh paint inside along with a new water fountain. They are also painting the concession stand to match the other buildings at the football field and are painting the chain link fence surrounding the property as it has a lot of exposed rust.

The new inside look would not be complete without all new lockers. They have ordered 65 new lockers for the football team!

Along with the new football lockers are nameplates. These 10" x 6" nameplates will be attached to the locker and remind players of the community's support as well note historical Bearcats who walked the halls of Dexter High School.

Whether you are a past or present Bearcat, a family member of a Bearcat, or a dedicated Bearcat fan, you are a part of a great Bearcat Nation! You can have your own custom dedication plaque. Each nameplate will cost \$400 and can be purchased by individuals, businesses, reunion classes, groups of friends, families, and teammates can go together to sponsor a locker.

The old lockers will be removed and there are plans to sell them. That information will be made available at a later date.

Anyone can make a donation of any dollar amount to help support our Bearcats!

To Support Our Bearcats just make a check payable to Dexter Public School Foundation c/o Laura Miller and send to 1031 Brown Pilot Road in Dexter, Missouri 63841.

For more information you can contact Jason Comfort at (573) 624-5540, ext 235 or (573) 421-0742 or Brett Dorton at (573) 625-8828 or Robert McMullin at (573) 891-0648.

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Benefit Fund Set-Up for Nancy Abernathy

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Bernie, Missouri - In September of 2014 Nancy Abernathy was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma, a cancer of the smooth muscle connective tissue and is often referred to as LMS. This is a relatively rare form of cancer.

Nancy went in for a routine surgery and by the time she left the hospital her world was turned upside down. The doctor informed her that they had found cancer in her uterus. She was immediately referred to a specialist in St. Louis.

That's when the dreaded diagnosis was given, Leiomyosarcoma. They had removed the cancer; however she was required to return in three months to run tests.

In March of 2015 things changed. During a scan they found multiple spots on her lungs. Just after the birth of her first grandchild she was headed back to surgery.

She didn't heal quite as fast this time and Nancy had to start chemotherapy.

Since treatment began things have gotten progressively worse for Nancy and her family. She is on unpaid medical leave and now has to pay a very high premium for her health insurance. They have even put her house up for sale to help cover medical costs.

A fund has been established at all 10 branches of First Commercial Bank to benefit Nancy.

Contributions may be made to The Nancy Abernathy Fund at any of the location and as well donations can go directly to the Abernathy family in Bernie.

"A couple of very caring customers wanted to start the account anonymously for her," commented Kathy Jones. "She has touched so many hearts and we have some very amazing people who wanted to help her and her family."

For further information contact either Kathy Jones or Mary Lawrence at Dexter's First Commercial Bank at (573) 624-8828.

A Facebook page: Nancy Abernathys Battle Against Leiomyosarcoma has also been established. **Click HERE to LIKE** her page.

Nancy is a Christian woman who has spent her life serving the Lord and helping others. Now it's time to give back to this amazing woman.

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