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Dexter, Missouri - "On behalf of the Regional Healthcare Foundation, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and wonderful donations to this worthy cause," press release from the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

They wish you all a Happy New Year and a healthy 2016. ***On Thursday, January 7th they will host their first 1st Thursday of 2016*** . Located at 529 North Walnut Street in Dexter on the first Thursday of each month.

It's never too late to donate and they would love to receive gently used and unwanted items. Their re-sale shop is always accepting donations.

Please contact **Linda Ulm at (573) 624-0365** and she will schedule a time for you to drop off your items. Tax credit forms are available upon request.

Come out and shop their **1st Thursday, January 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at Cox Corner in Dexter. Proceeds go to the Mother-to-Mother Program at the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

The Mother To Mother (M2M) is a three-phase mentoring program to support young women who are pregnant or parenting by giving them the resources and skills they need to become successful parents.

They provide them with CHOICES, OPPORTUNITIES, and ACHIEVEMENTS. The Mother-to-Mother mentoring program works with the young women through their pregnancy and the first year of their child's life.

They hold regularly scheduled activities where the girls can participate in programs that promote the physical and social growth of both parent and child.

They introduce participants to additional services in the community that can help them make choices that will bring about a better life for tem. After Phase I (pregnancy) and Phase II (baby's first year) the girls may choose to remain in the program and contract with them to enter Phase III.

In Phase III she may retain all the benefits of the program, if she agrees to continue her education or obtain employment. They believe that education will insure a brighter, more secure future for the young families by reducing the level of poverty.

You can also follow them on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

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Breaking News! ShowMe Times Announces Text Alert Messaging!

BREAKING NEWS! BREAKING NEWS! The ShowMe Times is pleased to announce **TEXT ALERT MESSAGING!** Beginning January 1, 2016 the ShowMe Times will now offer Text Alert service on News, Sports, Weather, and School Alerts.

1. First we have to build our list and it's easy to sign up. Go to www.showmetimes.com website.
2. Click Text Alerts in the upper right hand corner in the County Wide Insurance ad or the First Midwest Bank ad. They are our great sponsors for the News and Sports!
3. Put in your phone number (1234567890)
4. Hit Subscribe
5. Your phone will receive a text message with a 5 digits. Type them in the SMS Verification Code blank.
6. Choose your categories: News, Sports, Weathers, Schools or all four
7. Click Subscribe and you are done! Way to go!

It's a work in progress this week so please be patient, but we expect to be sending out Text Alerts during the Dexter boys basketball game Tuesday, January 5th vs Perryville at the Bearcat Event Center.

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Peggy Currie Retires From the Dexter Public School District

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Peggie Currie Retires from Dexter Public School District

Dexter, Missouri - Peggy Currie was honored with a Retirement Tea at the Dexter School District's administrative offices. She worked for the school system for 28 years.

Peggy began volunteering at Southwest Elementary when her son was in second grade in 1987. She was then hired of August 1988 to fill the first full-time workroom aide position at Southwest Elementary, transferring the following year to Secretary to the Director of Special Services at the administration office.

She retires as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at the end of December 2015.

Currie resides in rural Dexter with her husband, David. They have two sons, Jim and Michael and two grandchildren.

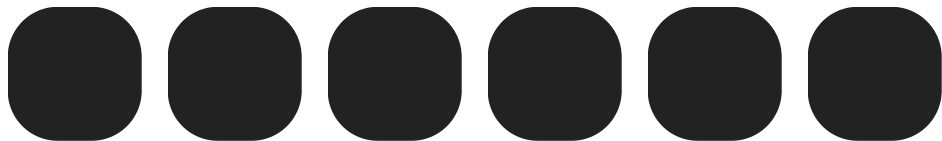
Peggy has fulfilled a multitude of job duties in her 28 years at Dexter Public Schools and she now hopes to spend many days fishing and being a little "relaxed" around the house!

We wish her the best in her retirement!

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Rotary Club to Host Blood Drive in Honor of Gavin Thompson

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Dexter, Missouri - What should have been Gavin's first day of kindergarten turned out to be a day of needles and chemo. When Gavin grows up he wants to be a Hematologist and develop a needle that doesn't have to hurt children.

No child at the age of five should even have to think of things like that, but for Gavin the next year will be full of blood tests, chemo treatments, and missing school. His mother Nicole Thompson says he absolutely hates to miss school and can't wait to get back after each treatment.

Gavin is 5 years old, son of Grant and Nicole Thompson, and a kindergartner at Southwest Elementary School in Dexter. He was diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia on August 12, 2015. Gavin had a port put in on August 13th and his first day of chemo was August 14th missing his first day of school.

Since his diagnosis his family has been making weekly and sometimes twice a week road trips to St. Louis for treatment. Gavin struggles with blood transfusions as he continues to develop antibodies and has had severe reactions at times to the transfusions. He has to be still for as much as 4 hours to receive warm blood during the transfusion. If you know anything about five year old little boys that's a difficult accomplishment in its self.

The Rotary Club of Dexter is known for their Service Above Self motto when it comes to donating blood.

They host numerous Red Cross Blood Drives each year, but this one is a little more than a normal blood drive. You see Gavin has captured the heart of Rotary President, Dee Loflin. She has had the opportunity to visit with him on many occasions at his school, at a football game, and even helped find his most favorite hat that he had left at school. To her he is Superman! Brave beyond words, adorable, super polite, and smart! He's extremely intelligent for being just five.

On Thursday, December 17th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. the Red Cross and the Rotary Club will be ready to go at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall located at 102 East Castor Street. Please donate!

A special donation jar will also be available for financial donations as the burden is great with medical bills mounting and travel expenses increasing.

You can make an appointment by calling Dee Loflin, (573) 614-4804 and leave a message. The Rotary Club has set high hopes to receive at least 60 donors during the Blood Drive; that will potentially save 180 lives.

Gavin is incredibly strong and will undergo treatment in St. Louis during the blood drive so please give the gift of life. Cancer sucks! Support Gavin and his family and have a very Merry Christmas!

Platelets and type AB plasma also needed

Platelet donors and those with type AB blood are also continually needed to help ensure patients receive the lifesaving blood products they need. Platelets – a key clotting component of blood often needed by cancer patients, surgical patients and bone marrow recipients – must be transfused within five days of donation, so donations are constantly needed. Donors with type AB blood are urged to give blood or platelets to restock the plasma supply. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types.

Individuals who donated blood earlier this summer may be eligible to donate again and help patients like an expectant mother at a Red Cross-supported hospital who is currently receiving nearly 100 units of blood products a week until she delivers. Her need alone could add up to 1,100 units.

How to donate blood

The free Blood Donor App – available in app stores by searching for American Red Cross or by texting BLOODAPP to 90999 – not only makes appointment scheduling easy, but donors can also access their digital donor card and be notified when their donation is distributed to a hospital. Donors can also visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

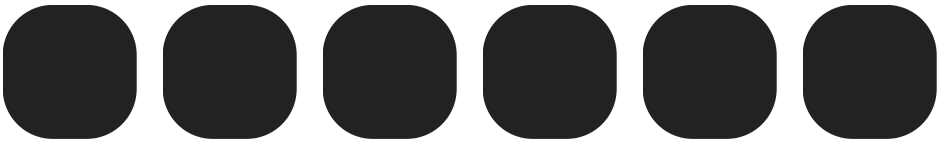
Blood donors in the Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading

and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

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Dexter Chamber Hosts K9 Biz Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter Chamber Hosts K9 Biz Ribbon Cutting

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting at K9 Biz, located at 38 E. Stoddard Street in downtown Dexter on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

Owners are Claire Stadt, ABCDT and Christa Tucker, ABCDT.

Their mission is to provide top quality dog training to customers looking for a personal, fun experience working with their dog.

Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you would like more information on their dog training contact them at (573) 225-7321. Their motto is “Training is fun for you and your furry friend!” Don't forget to follow them on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

On Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. K9 Biz will have a Grand Opening celebration with Santa! Bring your pet and have their picture made with SANTA! Pictures will be available for download on their Facebook page with a donation. All donations will be donated to the Dexter Animal Shelter.

Cake and punch will be served and a special doggy cake will be available for your four legged friends.

Linda Kush with Sit and Stay Dog Boarding and Training will be here with her dogs, Roxie and Riley to do a trick show at 11:30 a.m.

K9 Biz not only offers Basic Obedience courses, but other types of training as well. Plus they have a unique assortment of treats, collars, leashes, clothing, and so much more for your fur babies!

Bouncer and Daisy will also greet you at the door. Just be very careful Bouncer is blind and might bump into you. Daisy is just a pup and is very curious.

Pictured from left to right: Hillary Starnes, Dexter Chamber Director, Christa Tucker holding Daisy, Bouncer the black Lab, Rhonda Hall, Mayor Joe Webber, Chris Brannan, Claire Stadt with Katie a Border Collie rescue dog, Mark Stidham, Kevin Bishop, Chamber President, and Terry Battles.

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