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EZ Portable Buildings Ribbon Cutting

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EZ Portable Buildings Ribbon Cutting

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for EZ Portable Buildings located at 1503 W. Business 60 on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

The business is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and is owned by Carole Sims.

EZ Portable Buildings manufactures durable, handcrafted buildings for sheds, garages, cabins, tiny homes and barns.

Shown in the photo from left to right are Celia Keene, Mark Stidham, Debbie Stidham, Terry Battles Mayor Joe Weber, Carole Sim, Owner, Andrew Cottrell, EZ Portable Buildings Vice President, Lauren Sims, Scott Nelson and Chamber Executive Director Hillary Starnes.

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Bloomfield Police Dept Relocates to New Building

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Police Department also held a special celebration following the Open House at the Bloomfield Public Library on Saturday, June 25th.

The police department has been housed at City Hall since a fire destroyed their old building in January 2014.

"You can imagine that we have been in very cramped quarters," commented Mayor Bill Aslin. "We are now strategically located as we possibly can be in the city of Bloomfield. We are just very pleased at how things have turned out."

It was Mayor Aslin who saw the potential in the new location. The building is in walking distance of the sheriff's office and the Justice Center and only a few blocks from the Bloomfield Schools. It is centrally located for all Bloomfield residents. The building was for sale and Aslin was the main force in arranging the sale to the city to house the police force.

"The building is a perfect fit for our police department," commented Police Chief Daniel Dew. "It is not as cramped as City Hall and it is very close to everything in town."

Dew oversees three other full-time officers and one part-time officer for Bloomfield. The Police Department is located at 500 S. Prairie St.

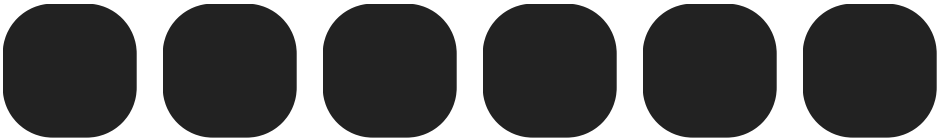
Shown in the photo from left to right: Bloomfield Mayor Bill Aslin, Police Chief Daniel

Dew, Alderwoman Bonnie Blue, and Alderwoman Donna Deardorff, and 151st State Representative Tila Hubrecht.

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Bloomfield Public Library Renovation Completed

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Local businessman, Norman Harty, made a considerable donation of \$125,000 to the Bloomfield Public Library for a major overall. On Saturday, June 25th the Bloomfield Public Library was officially dedicated with an Open House that included Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder giving the address.

The library was already full of material and well organized, but one had to go from room to room to find their reading materials. Now there is plenty of room for their Children's Story Hour and Summer Reading Program with a open floor plan. It just has that open

feel along with the stained hard wood floors and stacks and stack of books.

There is now a newly designed work state for the librarian and eleven separate computer work stations.

Bloomfield Mayor Bill Aslin spoke to the guests first giving much credit to Librarian Linda Meyers for her contribution during the renovation project. Jim Mayo, Stars & Stripes Museum and an expert on Stoddard county history gave a brief overview of the beginnings of the Bloomfield Public Library.

"Twelve women formed a book club and met every week," commented Mayo. "and it all began in the early 1900s. They called themselves The Round Dozen."

Peter Kinder spoke on the accomplishments of Mr. Harty. "Many if not most of Norman Harty's good works have gone unheralded, without a ceremony as we see here today," Kinder said. "in the 35 years that I have known him, he has been extremely generous in many areas for many causes."

"He comes from good stock and people who looked you in the eye and dealt with you humbly and honestly," continued Kinder. "His character is demonstrated in not only his business dealings, but in his lifetime works. He is repeatedly helped his fellow man."

Harty followed Kinder in a brief address with these words, "Bloomfield has a very proactive Library Board and saw this renovation to completion. I thank Mr. Mayo for working behind the scenes and I think contractor Jim Gingerich for his work as well." Harty had a vision to better the community of Bloomfield and through his generosity he was able to fund this project. He ended with, "It is never too late to further educate yourself."

Congratulations to the Bloomfield Public Library. If you haven't had a chance to see their new furnishings, shelving, floors, and computer stations stop by at 200 W. Seneca.

Shown in the photo from left to right: Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Norman Harty, and Billy Pat Wright, representing the office of Senator Doug Libla.

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Dexter, Missouri - Keller Library Summer Reading Program hosted "Nature's Olympians" with Animal Tales, providing "edZOOcation" for everyone!

More than 170 children and adults packed the library on Wednesday to witness some of nature's most exotic animals from all over the world. These animal athletes utilize very unique abilities to compete and survive in the wild.

The zoo keeper was fantastic with the crowd showing them snakes, a very large frog, a Chinchilla, a Red-Foot tortoise, and a baby kangaroo who enjoyed hopping around the room and eating from Librarian Pam Trammell's bowl full of goodies.

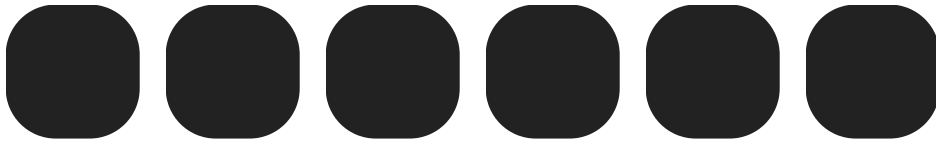
Photos of the event can be seen on the ShowMe Times Facebook page. If you would like more information about Animal Tales click [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, July 6th at 11:00 a.m. "Ready, Set, Tumble, and Cheer" with Courtney Potts of Dexter Tumbling and Cheer will present the Summer Reading Program.

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Support Mother-to-Mother Program at 1st Thursday

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Dexter, Missouri - Please join Regional Healthcare Foundation at their 1st Thursday on July 7th.

This Thursday, July 7th located at 529 North Walnut, Dexter, Missouri, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with proceeds going to support their Mother-to-Mother Program. Your wonderful donation for gently used items will make a difference in a young mother's life.

If you would like to donate rather than shop, please consider your gently used items for others to purchase. You may drop off your items at their office on Grant Street or contact Linda Ulm at (573) 624-0365 and she can schedule a time to meet with you.

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