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Bloomfield, Missouri - Jerald and Ginger Sifford and grandchildren of Dudley, Missouri, were among the families honored during the 59th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, at the Missouri State Fair.

The Sifford family was selected as the Stoddard County Missouri Farm Family by the Stoddard County Extension Council and local Farm Bureau.

Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state who are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The annual event is sponsored by five partner agencies: the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri State Fair and Commissioners, the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and University of Missouri Extension.

One hundred twelve of Missouri's 114 counties were represented this year, with two counties still dealing with the aftermath of the recent flooding in southern Missouri.

The event showcases the impact Missouri Farm Families have on the economy and heritage of the state. "These families are involved in agriculture activities in their

communities, and are active participants in local outreach and extension,” said Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. “As the showcase for Missouri agriculture, the Missouri State Fair is most certainly the appropriate place to celebrate these families.”

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Keller Library Receives Memorial Donations

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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 honor of Carroll Russell: Bone Box by Faye Kellerman donated by Randy and Betty Russell.

In memory of Richard Hodder: Into the Black by Rowland White donated by Terry Turlington; Traveling Light by Max Lucado donated by LeVeda Scates; Hap Arnold: The General Who Invented the U.S. Air Force by Bill Yenne donated by Jeanie French; Mig Alley - Sabres vs. Migs over Korea by Warren Thompson and Pati's Mexican Table: The Secrets of Real Mexican Home Cooking by Pati Jinich donated by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Isbell.

In memory of Phillip E. Ivy: Pignapped! by Julia Van Nutt, Talk, Baby! by Harriet Ziefert, The Pigeon Needs a Bath! by Mo Willems, Scaredy Bear by Sarah Nash, and Wicket Goes Fishing by Melinda Luke donated by Shaaron Geisler and Family.

In memory of Ed Cokley: At Mama's Knee by April Ryan donated by Stoddard County Democrat Club.

In memory of Vera Ross: To School and Beyond by Judy Katschke, Sleeping in a Big Bed by Jaclyn Crupi, The Smelly Story of Hazel the Weasel by Lili Chartrand, H is for Horse by Mike Ulmer donated by Shaaron Geisler.

In memory of Marvin Ferguson: Fast & Loose by Stuart Woods donated by Jim and Kathy McGhee; Lou: Fifty Years of Kicking Dirt, Playing Hard and Winning Big in the Sweet Spot of Baseball by Lou Piniella donated by Michael McGhee Smith; The Operator by Robert O'Neill donated by Lydia A. and J. Grady Smith; Murder Games by James Patterson donated by Danny and Joy Hudgens.

In memory of Jayne Meadows Brown: Beneath Copper Falls by Colleen Coble donated by D.H.S. Class of 1975.

In memory of Regina Duckworth: The Hideaway by Lauren Denton donated by D.H.S. Class of 1975.

In memory of Linda "Gaye" Cooper: Horse Breeds by James Kingston donated by the The Bishop Family.

In memory of Wayne Hutchcraft: Trail of 32: The True Story of a Youthful Spirit That Knew Not of Defeat by Paul Rega and Gardening for Birds, Butterflies & Bees by Birds and Blooms donated by Crowley's Ridge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

In memory of Joyce Jane Averett Flowers: The Heritage of Cherokee County Georgia 1831-1998 by Cherokee County Heritage Book Committee donated by Crowley's Ridge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

In memory of Truman Cato: D-Day:The Climactic Battle of World War II by Stephen E. Ambrose donated by Darryl and Diana Orr;

In memory of Wilson Horton: The Soul of a Horse: Life Lessons from the Herd by Joe Camp and Classic Car:The Definitive Visual History by Chauneay Dunford donated by Darryl and Diana Orr.

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UCAN 4-Person Golf Tournament Set for September 15th

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The UCAN 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament will be held at the Crowley's Ridge Country Club in Bloomfield on Friday, September 15, 2017.

All proceeds benefit UCAN the area's first non-profit organization formed for the singular purpose of assisting area cancer patients.

Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will also be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with check in time beginning at 11 a.m.

There will be hole prizes and other options: Skins game \$20 per team, Mulligan is \$5 per player and the infamous 50/50 Pot!!!

For more information contact Kim Sifford at First Midwest Bank in Dexter (573) 624-3571 or Janice Nichols (573) 624-5525.

Hole Sponsors are \$100 each. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause and come out and play golf on a very nice course!

Please send entry form below and fees (made payable to UCAN) to: Kim Sifford, First Midwest Bank of Dexter, P.O. Box 158, Dexter, Missouri 63841

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Blood Drives in Stoddard County - Earn a FREE T-shirt

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Earn a free t-shirt and save three lives! Sounds like a plan to me! Donate blood at three different locations in September in Stoddard County.

When you give blood, you never know who it will help. But to a mother of a toddler in the hospital, the husband of a wife facing cancer treatments, or the daughter of a man fighting to survive a major car accident, it's very personal. Your gift can change lives forever.

As we get closer to Labor Day weekend, holiday travel often leads to a steep drop in donations. Please help us overcome the drop and make sure patients will get the care they need without delay.

To thank you for giving blood during the Labor Day weekend, if you donate between September 1 and September 5, you'll receive a special edition Red Cross t-shirt.*

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American Legion Post 59
620 West Oak Street,Dexter,63841
Friday, 9/1/2017
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sponsor Code: AmericanLegionPost59

Southeast Health Center Stoddard County
1200 North One Mile Road,Dexter,63841
9/5/2017
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sponsor Code: MoSoHealthcare

Bloomfield High School
301 West Missouri,Bloomfield,63825

9/13/2017
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sponsor Code: BloomfieldHighSchool

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Little Free Pantry of Essex

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Little Free Pantry of Essex

Essex, Missouri - Small food pantries are sprouting up in many small communities in our area. The Little Free Pantry of Essex was established back in March of 2017 and has had quite the success from canned foods to fresh tomatoes.

It is located in the middle of Essex between City Hall and the fire station.

"I came across the idea on the Internet," stated Thomas Strickland. "I would notice a high demand for the food bank sponsored by the local churches and they were only offered once a month."

Strickland looked into other pantries offered by SEMO Food Bank, but they were held during normal working hours.

"I wanted to be sure even people who worked 8 - 5 still had an option.

Over the summer they have had watermelons, fresh tomatoes, breads, and canned goods donated.

"Take what you need, leave what you can" is on the front of the Little Free Pantry. **You can follow the Little Free Pantry of Essex on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).**

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