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Weber's Ben Franklin to Close After 109 Years of Business in Downtown Dexter

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Dexter, Missouri - It is with bittersweet emotions that the ShowMe Times announces the closing of Weber's Ben Franklin in downtown Dexter. For more than 109 years the store has graced the downtown as one of the best locally owned shopping retail stores in Stoddard County. Dexter has been truly blessed to have such a store in our community. However life is ever evolving and time has a way of changing our goals, aspirations, and priorities.

Edward and Alice Weber began the store under the name of Weber's Novelty Store in 1909.

Ernest Weber, Joe Weber's grandfather ran the store from 1920s through the mid1950s. When Joe returned home from the Air Force in 1955 he took over working the store.

While originally it was a variety, 5 and dime store, the business transitioned to an arts and crafts store with floral, framing and fabric in the early 1980's .

You can find Joe working the counter most every day, but due to health he has been in the store less and less. He started when he was about 10 years old weighing candy, barely tall enough to see over the counter.

Another familiar face you would see everyday is Donna West. In 2012 she celebrated her 50th year at Weber's Ben Franklin. Donna has been with the store since her high school days and has managed the store for 40+ years. She is looking forward to retirement.

The Weber family wishes to thank the Dexter community as well as faithful customers from the surrounding Southeast Missouri area for their continued support over the years.

"The decision to end the business after 109 years was not an easy one to make, but the timing is right," commented Cynthia Weber Chesser, Joe's daughter.

Sales begin Wednesday, May 2, 2018 with discounts up to 30% on most items in inventory. They will keep the doors open long enough to sell the majority of the merchandise.

You might want to stop in one last time and enjoy a little Ben Franklin. It's the end of an era.

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Dexter, Missouri - Air-Tech will host a Customer Appreciation Day on May 4th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

"Since we value every customer at Air-Tech Heating and Air LLC we thought we would show you our appreciation for standing behind us loyally. This day is ABOUT YOU," commented Jason Johnson, owner of Air Tech.

"Don't hesitate to come down to Air-Tech and fix you a plate of Fried Catfish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies."

There will be units on display as well as brochures that educate anyone interested in what the company has to offer!

Their love for their customers has truly grown and they hope to see you all here May 4th from 11 - 2:30 to enjoy good food and conversation!

Air Tech Heating and Air is located at 203 N. Elm Street in Dexter. For more information call them at (573) 624-0061 or follow them on Facebook by **clicking HERE**.

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Dexter, Missouri - Mark Avery of Tyson presented a sponsorship of \$5,000.00 in support of The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Charity Golf Event Banquet.

The Banquet to be held on June 1st still has a few tickets available and on sale now for \$30.

The lineup includes John O Leary, the Pixley in honor of Adam, and Brandon Jines with the Toast to Ben.

June 2nd golf event still has a couple of spots open!

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Elizabeth Bolin, age 11, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on December 20, 2017.

Since being diagnosed, Liz has made it a goal of hers to raise awareness for diabetes. She is not ashamed of her disease and wants others to become educated on what Type 1 Diabetes is and how to live with it.

After Liz was diagnosed she asked her parents to research ways to help raise money for diabetes. Her parents learned about the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or JDRF. It is the leading global organization funding Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research.

Another thing JDRF does is it hosts local walks where those affected by diabetes can form a team to raise money and then walk at the event. There are multiple walks all over the U.S. throughout the year.

Elizabeth, along with her cousin, Zach, have formed a team called **Cousins for a Cure**. Zach was diagnosed two months before Elizabeth in October 2017. They walk in their first JDRF walk this Saturday, April 28, in Springfield, MO.

To raise money for her walk, Elizabeth came up with the idea to turn her hobby of making slime into a way of making money. She made an IG account called `type_wonder_ful_slime` and immediately got to work selling slime!

She has raised over \$475 for her team just from selling slime! The love and support Liz has been shown through all of this has been remarkable!

Her team has also raised over \$500 in other donations, so Elizabeth and Zach hope to bring \$1000 with them to their JDRF walk on Saturday.

Liz is a 5th grade student at Central Elementary and daughter of Chris and Jennifer Bolin. She enjoys volleyball, cheer, and jumping on her trampoline. Elizabeth plans to continue raising money for diabetes awareness for many years to come or until she can say she “USED” to have diabetes and there is a cure!

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bloomfield Heritage Days, sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomfield Lion's Club, will be held this weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 27th, 28th, and 29th at the Bloomfield City Park. It's about celebrating our community and providing a welcoming festival in the spring!

Step Back in Time will feature an old fashioned living historical encampment from the early 1800s. Special activities are planned such as the Candy Cannon and kids games, live turtles and Chomper, the Sulcata Tortoise will be on hand to celebrate.

Smell the aroma of fresh kettle corn, indulge your taste buds with homemade fried pies, chicken & dumplings, French onion soup. ham & beans and much more. Primitive traders will be selling their hand crafted leather and other goods.

Children of all ages will enjoy the infamous Candy Cannon and have fun at the hands-on learning center where they can pet live turtles, feel the furs of buffalo, skunk, possum, raccoon and many more Missouri animals. They can throw a hawk or shoot a longbow or try their hand at throwing the atlatl.

Modern crafters will be set up on Saturday only.

If you are interested in participating in the Heritage Days please contact Dee Loflin, (573) 380-3318 or contact Goldie DeGroot for Modern Craft Vendors \$15 Call 573.568.9996

Pioneers will camp on Thursday morning after 9 a.m. and leave around noon on Sunday.

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