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# Fellowship of Christian Students/Staff Outdoor Movie Night

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## Fellowship of Christian Students/Staff Outdoor Movie Night

Bloomfield, Missouri - Outdoor Movie Night sponsored by Bloomfield Fellowship of Christian Students/Staff and the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the City Park.

They will feature the movie Soul Surfer.

FREE hotdogs, popcorn and water. Just bring your own chair or blanket to sit on!

SOUL SURFER is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a professional surfer.

*"Bethany Hamilton has become a source of inspiration to millions through her story of determination, faith and hope. At the age of thirteen, Bethany lost her left arm to a 14-foot tiger shark, which seemed to end her career as a rising surf star. One month after the attack, Bethany returned to the water and within 2 years had won her first National title. In 2007, she realized her dream of surfing professionally and since then her story has been told in a New York Times best selling autobiography and in the 2011 film, SOUL SURFER. Bethany is involved in numerous charitable efforts, including her own foundation, Friends of Bethany, which reaches out to amputees and youth, encouraging a broken world by offering hope to overcome through Jesus Christ. Using her platform as a professional athlete to promote living a fit and healthy lifestyle, she authored the book*

*BODY AND SOUL in 2014. Bethany's latest project, UNSTOPPABLE, a surf documentary which will showcase her as one of the best women surfers in the world, is set to release in 2018, accompanied by a photo book and a children's book. She is passionate about helping young women be unstoppable in life and faith, and is launching a new website and app this Fall for sharing content and facilitating connection. Her greatest joy is being a wife and mother, and she continues to touch and inspire lives globally as a professional surfer, and motivational speaker."*

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## Bloomfield Chamber Welcomes Guest Speaker Carl Hefner

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[Bloomfield Chamber Welcomes Guest Speaker Carl Hefner](#)

Bloomfield, Missouri - Stoddard County Sheriff Carl Hefner spoke to a small crowd of interested voters Friday, July 13, 2018 at the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting held at Elderland Restaurant.

His main topic of discussion was the two propositions on the ballot for the August primary. Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 both need to pass according to Sheriff Carl Hefner.

"Shall the County of Stoddard impose a county wide sales tax at the rate of one half (1/2) of one (1) percent for a period of seven (7) years from the date on which such tax is first imposed for the purpose of the renovation of the existing jail, construction, equipment, and design cost of a jail addition. Collections for this Proposition are not to begin until the the one half (1/2) of one (1) percent sales tax of Proposition 1 is approved."

This means on August 7, 2018 Proposition 1 must pass first before Proposition 2 can also be enacted. Both are needed for the survival of the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department.

Let's look at the past and see how the Sheriff's department has gotten to this point. First the jail was original constructed in 1983 to hold about 8 inmates. Then in 1991 the jail underwent an addition offering 4 more cells, two showers, dispatch area, laundry room and sheriff's office along with a booking area that is now an inmate property storage area. By the end of construction in 1991 the jail was designed to hold 28 inmates.

Since that time the jail has grown to over capacity, but not much renovation has been done. The average daily inmate population in 1998 was 34 making the jail capacity at 121%. During the 2016/2017 years the average daily jail population was 76 meaning jail was at 271% capacity.

The jail is now housing 4 people per 2-man cell and the day room is being used to house inmates for sleeping, etc. The kitchen is smaller than most apartments and they use residential washer and dryer constantly purchasing more than one a year to replace each as they run them almost 24 hours a day. Their food storage is outside and cold food storage is in refrigerators in the hallway. Safety of the officers is impaired because of the space and inmates having to go outside to get items to prepare three meals per day. There is always plumbing issues which need to be upgraded.

One of the most serious problems is not being able to segregate inmates. Which means if you are a arrested for a minor violation you will be housed with violent sex offenders. There is simply no ability to segregate inmates. There is not even a holding area while they process new inmates.

Another serious issue is that the corrections officers do not have visual supervision of inmates at all times. Over crowding leads to jail assaults and increased costs in medical and manpower etc to transport to the hospital as well as the potential for officers to be injured due to increased assaults on staff. Also if there were a fire or emergency the hallways are filled with storage, refrigerators, and other clutter because of lack of proper storage.

The third most important safety issue for corrections officers is the fact that the cell doors don't latch properly. They are using an antiquated key system and many parts on the cell doors are not available or have to be specially made. Another cost and safety issue for our deputies.

The new addition to the jail will include a full basement, a separate booking area with line of sight to padded cells and holding cells, an full kitchen and food prep area, industrial laundry area, cold and dry storage and four isolation/observation cells and a holding area for booking. Most importantly it will include a secure "sally port" for transportation of inmates. This is extremely necessary not only for the safety of the officers, but to the public as well.

The main level of construction will house a control center for the entire jail where all doors will be operated from a "pod" system. This new construction will also house approximately 120 inmates which should then last for years.

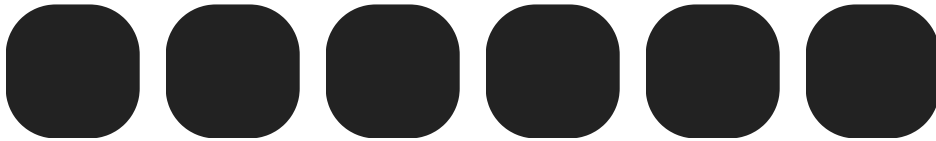
The preliminary cost of the entire project is estimated to be a little over 9 million dollars. The proposed funding would come from the passage of this sale tax to fund the jail until the bond is paid back which should be 7 years. This tax will end in 7 years.

If you have any questions or would like Sheriff Carl Hefner to speak at your organization about Proposition 1 and 2 please contact him at 573.568.4654

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## Downtown Bloomfield Days On the Square - Carnival Time!

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[Downtown Bloomfield Days On the Square - Carnival Time!](#)

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomfield Lion's Club will host Downtown Bloomfield Days On the Square June 14th - 16th.

Show Me Amusements from Poplar Bluff, Missouri will be there with rides, food, and games.

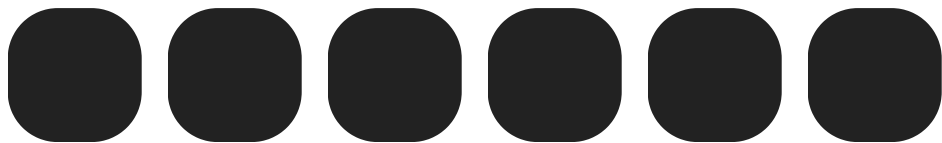
Armbands are \$20 for Thursday, June 14th and Friday June 15th from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

On Saturday the times are noon - 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Armbands are also \$20 on Saturday times.

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## 2018 Bloomfield Heritage Days Set for This Weekend

APRIL 26TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

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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 & dumplins, 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.

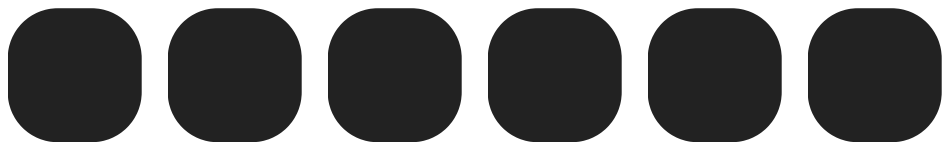
If you are interested in participating in the Heritage Days please contact Dee Loflin, (573) 380-3318 or contact Goldie DeGroot for Modern Craft Vendors \$15 Call 573.568.9996

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

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## It's A Wonderful Life in Bloomfield to Feature Polar Express Movie

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### It's A Wonderful Life in Bloomfield to Feature Polar Express Movie

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomfield Lions Club would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual It's a Wonderful Life in Bloomfield event on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This year's special entertainment will be a showing of the movie The Polar Express on the big screen. So bring a chair and a blanket and warm up with a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate! The movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. following the doggie costume contest.

Enjoy an evening of Christmas cheer filled with entertainment, photos with Santa Claus, a Holiday Pet Costume Contest at 5:15 p.m. There will be lots of hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, snacks, candy, chili and more all FREE!!!

The Chamber would like to invite all local businesses and churches to join them. Goldie DeGroot, President of the Bloomfield Chamber, encourages anyone to participate by setting up a booth or table. If you are unable to set up a booth, donations are welcome. There will also be prizes. Just give her a call at (573) 568-9996 or (573) 568-2584.

The purpose of this event is to bring Bloomfield together for one special night of Christmas cheer and to enjoy an evening around the courthouse. Roadblocks will be set up so traffic will be diverted that evening. Burning barrels will also be available to keep your hands toasty warm while listening to beautiful Christmas music.

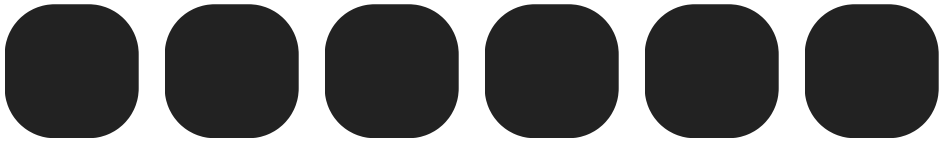
**Please go to the event page and let them know you are attending! Click [HERE](#).**

Event sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Bloomfield Lions Club, Muddy Paws, ShowMe Times, and Billy Pat Wright.

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