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# Peter Coutavas Chosen as New Director of IDASC

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Bloomfield, MO - Peter Coutavas has been selected as the new Director of the IDASC

"The purpose of the IDA is to develop, advance, and encourage economic development through the promotion of commercial, industrial, agricultural and manufacturing facilities and tourism in Stoddard County."

Coutavas has been on the Board of Directors for the IDA for 17 years. He is presently 81 years old and has more energy than most his age. "I've always worked even since I retired at the age of 50. I just have so much more to accomplish in my life," commented Coutavas.

He has worked for some major corporations like IBM and General Telephone. He also served in the Air Force and at the age of 60 he moved to Puxico from New York. He has served as a city alderman and city mayor for Puxico.

In the evenings you might find him sitting on his porch smoking a cigar and enjoying the "slow" life of southeast Missouri.

What is the IDASC? It stands for the Industrial Development Authority of Stoddard County and the office is located at 310 South Prairie St. Bloomfield. [If you would like to check out their website click HERE.](#)

"We have sort of an identity problem in our county," stated Coutavas. "We need to get the word out! The Board of Directors has authorized me to spend \$40,000 however I see

fit. I have decided to give each of the communities \$5,000."

The IDASC receives \$1.50 for every ton of garbage dumped at the local landfill.

"I attended the Essex City Council Meeting and found a young man who wanted to put an American Flag pole up at the fire station at a cost of \$1,150. I felt that to be a great idea!"

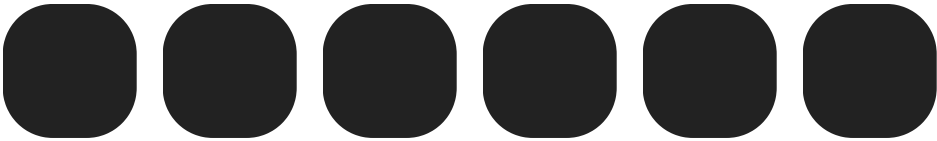
The IDASC also has a "Million Dollar Grand Fund" that is allocated based on a cities population.

Over the next few months more stories will be written about the IDASC. Coutavas hopes to educate the public on what they do and how they can help businesses and communities in the area!

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## Recent Book Donations at Keller Public Library

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## Recent Book Donations at Keller Public Library

Dexter, MO - The Keller Public Library in Dexter has released their latest list of Memorial donations as well as "In Honor Of" donations to the library.

If you would like to donate a book in memory of a loved one please contact Jordan Myers, Director at (573) 624-3764 or stop in at 402 West Grant Street in Dexter.

In memory of Linda Schneider: Caste by Isabel Wilkerson donated by David Walker

In memory of DeAnna Rogers: Cozy by Jan Brett donated by Jean Rahm; Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light by Apryl Stott, Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton donated by Bob and Janice Barney.

In memory of Wesley Paul Bates: What the Wind Told by Betty Boegehold donated by David and Audrey Keller.

In memory of Mel Jones: Southern Living 2020 Annual Recipes donated by Carol Long and Kristi Williams; A Spoonful of History; A Culinary Tour of Missouri and our Governor's Mansion donated by Pam Trammell; The English Garden by Ursula Buchan donated by Bob and Jean Isbell; Our Hearts are in England by Jordan Marxer, North Downs Landscapes: Exploring the Glorio Countryside on London's Doorstep by Doug Kennedy donated by Jeanie French and Olivia Zunkel; The National Parks of the United States: A Photographic Journey by Andrew Thomas donated by David and Ann Dubrouillet; Stone Houses of the English Countryside by Nicholas Mander donated by Ronald and Melba Medler; Woodworking: The Complete Step-by-Step Manual by Kindersley Dorling donated by Jim and Beckie Grasdorf; The New Gardener's Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Grow a Beautiful and Bountiful Garden by Faryl Beyers donated by Marilyn Brehmer and family; National Geographic Complete Photo Guide: How to Take Better Pictures by Heather Perry donated by Shawn and Danna Parker.

In memory of John Rowland: Dirt to Soil: One Family's Journey into Regenerative Agriculture by Gabe Brown donated by Shannon and Candy Collier.

In memory of Leota Larson: The Essential 55: An Award Winning Educator's Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child by Ron Clark donated by Shannon and Candy Collier

In memory of Mary Lou Northern: Bible & Breakfast: 31 Mornings With Jesus Feeding Our Bodies and Souls Together by Asheritah Ciuciu donated by Grant Winstead.

In memory of Joan Coffey: Cool Flowers: How to grow and Enjoy Long-Blooming Hardy Annual Flowers Using Cool Weather Techniques donated by Bob and Jean Isbell.

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## Advance Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Set for Friday, July 9, 2021

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Advance Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Set for Friday, July 9, 2021

Advance, MO - the Advance Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

This is an All-You-Can-Eat for \$10. Children age 15 and under eat FREE!!

Meal includes: Fish, Chicken, Shrimp, Fries, Onion Rings, Hush Puppies, Baked beans, Cole slaw, Mac & Cheese.

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# Puxico Farmers Market Each Friday from June - September

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Puxico, MO - The Puxico Farmers Market will be held each Friday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. June - September at South Park on Highway 51.

The Farmers Market will feature farm and garden raised vegetables and fruits, homemade jellies and jams and fresh homemade cookies and brownies. Also there will be crafts and

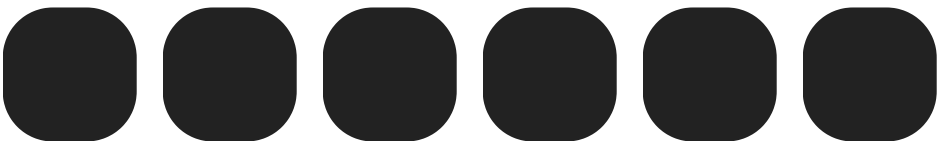
other hand made items. Great for gifts or perhaps spoil your spouse with some great home baked goodies!

If you are interested in having a booth please contact Lowery Acres on their Facebook page or show up at around 3 - 3:15 p.m. on any Friday.

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# Puxico Library Summer Reading Program Kicks Off "Tails and Tales"

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Puxico Library Summer Reading Program Kicks Off

Puxico, MO - The 2021 Summer Library Program in Puxico will feature "Tails and Tales"

The program began on Monday, June 7, 2021.

How the program works:

1. Children age birth to 18 years of age can register for the program. You will register at Puxico Public Library.
2. You may register for the reading program any time on or after June 7th.
3. You will receive a log sheet to record the titles of books you read this summer and number of hours.
4. You must complete a minimum of 1 hour of reading to be in the final drawing.
5. Everyone who completes the program and turns in their log sheet by July 30th at noon, which is the final day to turn in log sheets, no late sheets will be accepted, will be able to attend the final party with certificates and prize drawings in August. The more hours you read the more entries you get into the final drawing.
6. The library welcomes children of all abilities.

For more information, stop by the library, call the library at 222-3855, or visit their Facebook page by clicking: [Puxico Public Library](#).

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