

New Rock Port Welcome Center Open

The new Rock Port Welcome Center officially opened to the public at 10 a.m. Wednesday, during a formal dedication ceremony. The new center is located on Interstate 29 just south of the town of Rock Port.

Elements of the dedication included honoring Senator Hardin Cox, who was at the ceremony. The center is dedicated to him for his long-term service to the state. The city of Rock Port was recognized for their contributions to the project, and several officials were on hand and recognized for their support. Representatives from Missouri Western State University spoke about their contribution to the educational panels located outside the building. A Blue Star Memorial Highway bronze has also been re-installed.

The theme of the new welcome center is "Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy: Past & Present." Working with Missouri Western State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and various history and energy experts, informational/educational panels have been installed throughout the building. Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design certification is also being sought.

The welcome center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is staffed 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday by Missouri Division of Tourism personnel.

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