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Former Dexter man selected for board position in statewide economic development organization

Former Dexter resident Brian Thompson was recently selected by regional peers to serve on the Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) Board of Directors.

MEDC is the authoritative voice on economic development and related issues in Missouri. A statewide, nonprofit association of economic development professionals and community leaders, MEDC has been the unified voice of Missouri economic developers since 1979. Each year, seven different MEDC districts elect district directors to leadership roles to help unite members within their respective boundaries. Thompson was one of two professionals picked to serve MEDC District 6, which covers 26 counties in southwest Missouri.

He is a 1999 graduate of Dexter High School and earned his associate of arts degree in pre-journalism from Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) in Poplar Bluff. He transferred to Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations in 2003. He is currently the president/chief executive officer of Lebanon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (Lebanon-REDI).

“It is an honor to be chosen to a district leadership position within MEDC District 6,” said Thompson. “The opportunity to network with peers within the economic development

realm is critical to becoming a successful professional for both my community and the state of Missouri as a whole.”

MEDC drives economic growth through program initiatives and alliances with other economic development entities. This collaboration gives MEDC members access to industry-leading professional development, public policy, legislation and marketing communications programs. Whether working independently or in cooperation with partners, MEDC, its members and professional staff are effective, efficient and reliable.

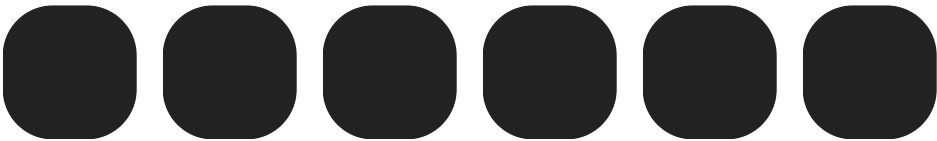
Thompson is the son of Jimmy and Thelma Thompson of Dexter.

For more information on MEDC, visit www.showme.org. Additional information on Lebanon-REDI can be found at www.LebanonREDI.com.

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Dexter, Missouri - During the Stoddard County Fair the Dexter Lion's Club Funnel Cake booth will also sell "Back the Blue" bulbs.

Supplies are limited to 200 and are available for \$5.00 each. Make sure you get there Tuesday after the parade and get your bulbs and support a great cause.

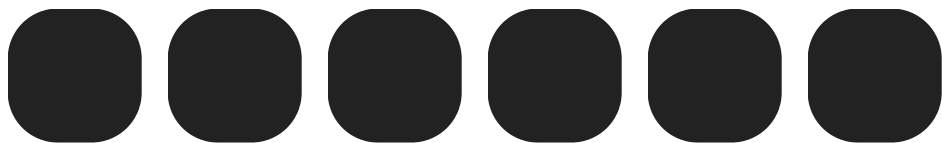
The proceeds will be split between the Stoddard County Sheriff's Dept and the Dexter Police Department.

Buy a bulb, show your gratitude and help the Lion's Club give these HEROES a small token of our appreciation!

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POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, hosted by the John J Pershing VA Medical Center

to be held at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield

Bloomfield, Missouri - The ceremony will be held on September 16th, 2016 at 11:30am at The Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in the Committal Shelter Plaza.

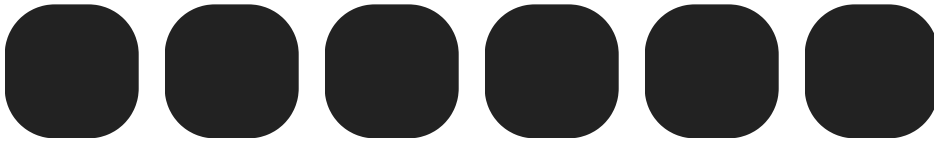
Since opening on September 29, 2003 the cemetery has conducted over 2400 interments. The interments have included individuals from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War periods. The cemetery is the final resting place for many veterans, including former Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action or Killed in Action.

Families and friends of those interred as well as the general public are invited to attend to help honor all veterans, former POW's and remember those still Missing in Action.

For more information you may contact the cemetery at 573-568-3871.

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Sunday, September 11th, 2016 marks the 15 year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon,

and United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in suburban Pennsylvania. Patriot Day serves as a remembrance of the lives lost on that September morning.

On Patriot Day, the President directs that the American flag be flown at half-staff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments, home and abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM Eastern time, the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center that morning.

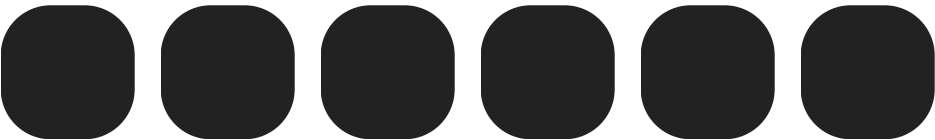
In accordance with state law, the United States and Missouri flags at all government buildings statewide will be flown at half-staff on Sunday (Sept. 11) to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

“Fifteen years later, we continue to remember and mourn those whose lives were lost on 9/11,” Gov. Jay Nixon said. “This Sunday, Missourians will join all Americans in honoring those we lost, and thanking the brave men and women in uniform who protect us each and every day, at home and abroad.”

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Julie Woodruff, RN, BSN, as surgical services director for Saint Francis Healthcare System.

In her new role, Woodruff's responsibilities include supervising and directing both the administrative and clinical activities of the area. This position reports directly to the vice president of patient care.

Woodruff joined Saint Francis in the operating room in 1998 serving as operating room manager since 2010. She worked as a team coordinator for neurosurgery and as the assistant manager in the operating room. She has had previous experience as a nurse manager and surgical assistant for an OB-GYN practice.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southeast Missouri State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration.

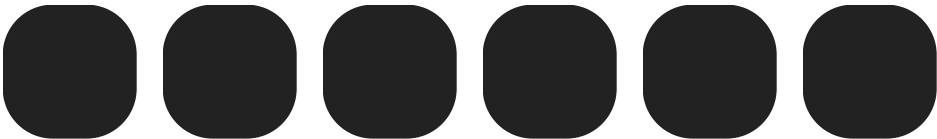
Saint Francis Medical Center is a 289-bed facility serving more than 713,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, it has become a progressive and innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III

Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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