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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County, set to begin at <u>4:00</u> <u>pm, May 4th through 12:01 am, at East City Park in Dexter</u>, is a celebration of cancer survivorship and a fun way to raise the vital funds needed to help find a cure for cancer. The event will celebrate the lives of so many local residents who have survived cancer, while offering the hope of finding a cure.

Anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers are encouraged to join the celebration. "The Opening Ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm with a survivors' lap where cancer survivors and their caregivers will take a victory lap around the track. The involvement of local cancer survivors is proof of the progress that has been made in improving cancer survival rates and the quality of life following cancer treatment," said Belinda Worley, Relay For Life Event Lead. A candlelight ceremony also takes place to honor cancer survivors and remember those who lost the fight against this disease. The candle lighting will begin Friday night at approximately 10:30 pm, luminaria bags for the ceremony can be purchased at the event.

Relay For Life of Stoddard County is a community event where teams and individuals come together to honor, celebrate, and raise funds and awareness in an effort to free the

world from the pain and suffering of cancer. Money raised will help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations.

This year, We are Attacking Cancer. A full agenda of entertainment is planned, including music, team fundraising activities, fun theme laps and contests all night long. Relay For Life is a handicapped-accessible event.

Relay For Life of Stoddard County would also like to invite all survivors to join us as we celebrate life at our annual Cancer Survivors Dinner. The dinner honoring local survivors will be held on Monday, April 30th at the Bloomfield Assembly of God in Bloomfield, MO.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

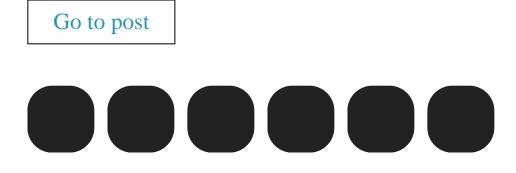
Survivors and a guest are invited to join us for dinner, entertainment, and door prizes.

Please RSVP to Hillary Starnes, Survivor Chair by calling (573) 624-7458.

You may also register as a cancer survivor online at **www.relayforlife.org/stoddardcomo.**

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Sikeston, Missouri - Farm Credit Southeast Missouri President & CEO Bob Smith is very pleased to congratulate Chad Crow, Senior Vice President/Senior Relationship Officer, on reaching 15 years of service with Farm Credit.

Crow began his Farm Credit career in 2003 as a Loan Officer at the Sikeston branch office before being promoted to Vice President/Branch Manager in 2006. During his 9 years as Branch Manager, Crow helped grow the branch office significantly while maintaining excellent credit quality. In 2016, he became a member of the Senior Leadership Team and tackled a whole new role as Chief Operations Officer. Upon transitioning from SVP/COO to SVP/Senior Relationship Officer in early 2017, Crow's primary responsibility became directly assisting the Sikeston, Jackson, Mississippi County and Dexter branch offices in their credit, operations, and business development on a daily basis.

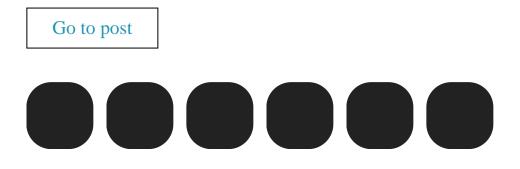
Smith stated, "Since coming to Farm Credit in 2003, Chad has made significant contributions to the association. The SVP/Senior Relationship Officer is the perfect role for Chad as I know he relishes the ongoing opportunities to interact with employees, customers, prospects, and centers of influence. Farm Credit is very fortunate to have Chad as a member of the team. He is one of the reasons that Farm Credit can be considered the premier agricultural lender in Southeast Missouri."

Headquartered in Sikeston, Missouri, Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is a \$650 million agricultural lending cooperative serving Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Cape Girardeau,

Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne Counties in Southeast Missouri.

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Stand with us, as we celebrate you – and so many others!

Together, we'll take on our biggest rival: Cancer.

Please join us as we celebrate life at our Annual Cancer Survivor's Dinner & Relay For Life Event

You and a guest are invited to join us for a special dinner, honoring All cancer survivors in Stoddard County.

A Free Dinner will be provided by Bloomfield Assembly of God Church on Monday, April 30th.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Fun, entertainment, and door prizes will be provided.

Please also join us for a special event on Friday, May 4th.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Stoddard County brings people throughout the community together for a common goal.

Teams of individuals walk around the track at Dexter East Park for 8 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The money raised at this event is used for cancer research, prevention, education, advocacy, and patient services.

Relay For Life will begin at 4:00 with great entertainment and activities.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:00 pm, survivors will be greeted with friendship and fun to celebrate the personal conquest of cancer. Cancer survivors are honored as they kick off the event and walk one lap around the track.

Please join us to celebrate life by walking this lap! Also please feel free to bring your caregivers with you, they fought right along with you.

If you or someone you know would like to join us for the Dinner, Relay, or both; please complete the form below and send to the address below to RSVP by April 20th. To RSVP, simply detach the bottom portion of this invite and mail to your American Cancer Society office.

Visit us at **www.relayforlife.org/stoddardcomo to** register as a survivor, sign up your Relay team, make a donation or purchase a luminaria online!

We want to honor our survivors and caregivers, so please join us!

A Survivor is anyone living who's ever been diagnosed with cancer.

A Caregiver is anyone who's ever cared for someone with cancer, by providing support, giving time, or simply being there to lean on.

The Relay For Life movement helps make so much possible:

GROUNDBREAKING CANCER RESEARCH

As the largest private, nonprofit funder of cancer research in the US, we've invested more than

\$4.6 billion since 1946 to defeat the disease.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

We provide free rides to chemo, places to stay during treatment, and a 24/7 helpline.

EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION

We empower people with information to reduce cancer risk, and get the screenings that are right for them.

PARTNERSHIP

The courage of survivors and caregivers like you inspires us to fight. Join us this year at your local American Cancer Society Relay For Life event as we celebrate you, remember loved ones lost, and rally together for lifesaving change.

Stand with us, as we celebrate you – and so many others!

Together, we'll take on our biggest rival: cancer.

Learn more at RelayForLife.org.

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Brian Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Lebanon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (Lebanon-REDI), was recently re-certified as a Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED) by the Community Development Council (CDC).

Thompson is a former Dexter resident, graduating from Dexter High School in 1999 prior to successful completion of his associate degree from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff and a bachelor of science from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark. in 2001.

Founded in 1995, the CDC is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to establish professional standards through certification and training that will be recognized as valuable to both the community development practitioner and those who employ their services.

To earn PCED designation, community and economic development professionals must first complete three years of the Community Development Institute (CDI) at one of six regional locations. Upon finishing CDI, an economic and community development professional may take the PCED test.

Exam content is based on the Community Development Handbook which provides comprehensive, current, and applicable information for community development practitioners. Testing includes questions to measure both the understanding of content and the ability to apply the appropriate methods and tools to specific community situations.

Thompson completed his CDI years from 2009-11 at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark., before successfully taking the PCED certification test in August 2011. He earned re-certification in 2015 and again earlier this month.

Re-certification may be achieved through professional education, contributions to the profession, service, and participation in community development meetings and programs.

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National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 8th - 14th, 2018. During this week the ShowMe Times will feature local telecommunicators.

Holly Pruitt is with the Stoddard County Ambulance District and has three years experience in telecommunications.

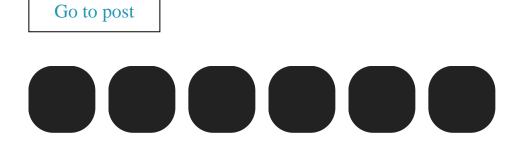
"I am passionate about emergency medicine and I currently work full time as an EMD Certified 911 Dispatcher and part time as an EMT," commented Pruitt. "I am also a a mother to the most handsome two year old boy."

"On our time off we enjoy being outside, exploring, or playing with our dogs."

I said, "Here I am. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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