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# Cancer Survivor Dinner to be Held on April 30th

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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](http://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.

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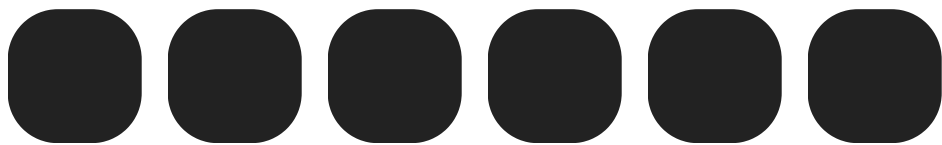
**Together, we'll take on our biggest rival: cancer.**

Learn more at [RelayForLife.org](https://RelayForLife.org).

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## Former Dexter Resident Re-Certified as Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED)

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***Former Dexter resident re-certified as a Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED)***

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.

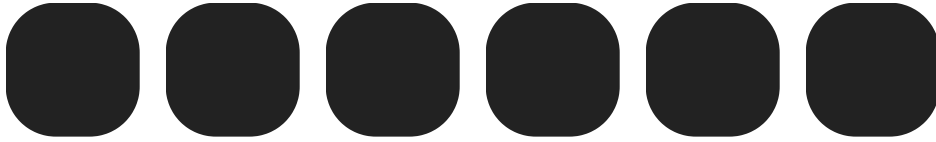
To earn PCED designation, community and economic development professionals must first complete three years of the Community Development Institute (CDI) at one of six regional locations. Upon finishing CDI, an economic and community development professional may take the PCED test.

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 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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Jamie Holcomb is with the Stoddard County Ambulance District and has been in telecommunications for 17 years. She lives in Dexter, Missouri.

She is a life saver, coffee enthusiast, animal lover, teacher, and photographer of pretty things.

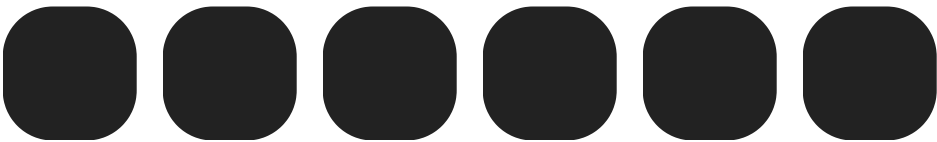
Jamie is a believer that laughter heals the soul and ice cream heals everything else.

"It always beautiful to save lives and I am blessed to do it in Stoddard County," commented Holcomb.

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Kristie Palmer is with the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department and lives in Bernie, Missouri. She has been in telecommunications for three years.

She is married to Jason and have one son, Justin.

Kristie is a board member with Shop With a Hero.

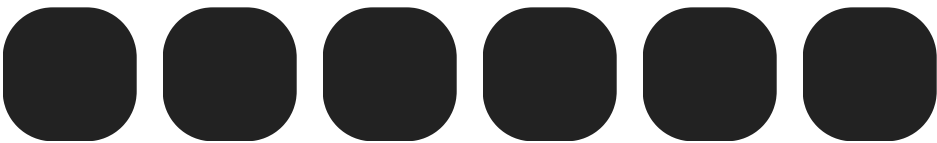
She enjoys spending time with family and friends and playing BINGO.

"Protecting and serving you with courage, strength, and commitment," stated Palmer.

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