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Dexter, Missouri – “Service Above Self” is the motto of the Dexter Rotary Club.

One of the oldest civic organizations in Stoddard County, these dedicated individuals spend hundreds of hours each year volunteering for many local charities and raising money for scholarships and other charitable projects.

On Friday, August 14th they will host their 10th Annual 4-Person Golf Scramble at Hidden Trails Golf Course. They had scheduled it in June; however 3 inches of rain cancelled the tournament.

A \$75 player entry fee will include mulligans, green fees, skins, 50/50, and a light meal following the scramble.

A Polo T-Shirt will be given to each player. Awards will be given for the Longest Drive, two closest to the Pin Holes, and Longest Putt. This is an 18-hole scramble and free beverages will be offered on the course and a light meal following your afternoon of fun in the sun. There will also be prizes for two flights. Tee-off is at 1:00 p.m. with registering beginning at noon.

Hole sponsorships are \$100 and this year the Rotary Club will be purchasing new signage with logos for each Hole Sponsor.

Please contact the Rotary Club President Dave Ellinghouse at 624-5540 or Henry Kestner at 820-6168. Registration begins at noon.

They have donated money to help those affected by the tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma. This year they donated money to ShelterBox to help people of

Nepal after a devastating earthquake destroyed much of the country. Other recent projects have been an added Donation Building given to the Stoddard County Gospel Mission, numerous blood drives including one dedicated to Levi, a young boy with cancer, and they have generously donated to the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility, Relay for Life, The Children's Home, and other local charities.

The Dexter Rotary Club is also having a membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a member please come out and enjoy an afternoon of golf or just visit with the Rotarians for a bit. The public is encouraged to visit the Hidden Trails Country Club where an information booth will be available.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Tuesday for new business Muddy Paws Parlor.

The new business is located at 2106 North Outer Road, Suite A and offers bathing and grooming for both dogs and cats.

The business is owned by Melissa Housman who has more than 9 years of grooming experience.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - noon by appointment only. Contact her at (573) 421-9415.

You may also follow her on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

Muddy Paws Parlor will have their GRAND OPENING on Saturday August 15th from 10:00 -12:00. Come look around and enjoy a **free hot dog with a soda**. There will also be a drawing for a \$30.00 gift certificate. Don't forget to bring your little pooch out for a visit too!

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Chamber Executive Director Janet Coleman, owner's son and assistant Zach Stucker holding well-groomed and pampered Pryce the pup, Mayor Joe Weber, owner Melissa Housman, Chamber First Vice President Debbie Stidham, City Manager Mark Stidham, and Alderman Jerry Corder.

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Bearcat Strong - Laying Groundwork for The Moving Wall

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Dexter, Missouri - It takes many hands to make light work. The Dexter Bearcats proved that to be true on Tuesday morning when they arrived early to help lay the groundwork and build the platform for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall that will arrive on Thursday.

The Moving Wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. spanning 253 feet in length. The football players served as volunteers to help prepare the support foundation for the panels that will be mounted in place on Thursday

morning.

Beginning Thursday, The Moving Wall will be open to the public 24 hours per day with an information tent open from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. manned by volunteers from the community to help patrons find names on the wall and offer water during the heat of the day.

On Sunday, August 9th at 1:15 p.m. a Run to the Wall will commence down Business 60 from Hickory Log to East Park. The public is invited to participate.

A police escort will lead the way followed by motorcycles from the Patriot Guard and Freedom Rider, cars and trucks flying American flags! Please support the Veterans by participating in the Run to the Wall! Honk your horns and waive your flags in honor of Veterans and those currently serving this great country!

Once the Run to the Wall completes their **drive** to East Park, a more solemn ceremony will commence at 2:00 p.m.

The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post 59 Honor Guard will present the Colors, the Boy Scouts of America will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the Dexter High School Band will play the National Anthem and Lauren and Caroline Powers will sing God Bless America.

Rev. Justin Sponaule will give the Invocation and the welcome will be delivered by Mayor Joe Weber. Guest Speaker will be Retired Brigadier General Charlie Kruse.

The 1221st National Guard Transportation Company will perform a gun salute with Dexter High School Band plays Taps. Rev. Justin Sponaule will end with the Benediction.

Please honor our Vietnam Veterans, MIAs, and those who died for our FREEDOM and join The Moving Wall Run to the Wall and Ceremony on Sunday, August 9th.

Shown in the photo are Gabe Jackson (green shirt) and Nate Weathers (pink shirt) throwing a sledge a hammer! Other football players carrying 2x4s and various other materials needed for The Wall.

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Dexter, Missouri - Bud Shell Ford of Dexter held their annual "Drive One 4 Relay for Life" fundraiser during the May Stoddard County Relay for Life event.

For every test-drive completed, Bud Shell Ford contributed \$20 to the Relay for Life organization.

Robert Shell of Bud Shell ford presented Belinda Worley, co-chair of Relay for Life with two checks totaling \$5,080.

The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help fund a cure for cancer as well as for cancer education and to help those undergoing cancer treatment.

Shown in the photo are Emma Kate Worley, Belinda Worley, and Robert Shell.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 5th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. The American Legion is located at 620 W. Oak Street across from West Park in Dexter.

YOU can make a critical difference this summer!

Donations have fallen to critically low levels and patients needing O negative, B negative and A negative blood could go without the lifesaving support they need. We

need you to help prevent an emergency shortage – recruit new donors now!

We're grateful you've chosen your day to help save lives by hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross. Your effort to recruit donors is critically important, and appreciated. By offering convenient opportunities for donors to give, you can help ensure blood is available for those that need it this summer.

How to donate blood

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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