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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County, set to begin at [4:00 pm, May 4th through 12:01 am, at East City Park in Dexter,](#) 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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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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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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