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Regional Healthcare Foundation Offers Scholarship

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Dexter, Missouri - The Regional Healthcare Foundation offers a \$10,000 scholarship each year to a student who is planning to go into the healthcare profession. The applicant must score a minimum of 25 on the ACT.

The 2012 Recipient was Dexter High School's Dalton Putnam, son of Denny and Shannon Putnam. The scholarship, which grants \$2,500 each year toward a four-year degree who is pursuing a medical-related field. Those forms are being mailed to all of the Stoddard County Schools this week.

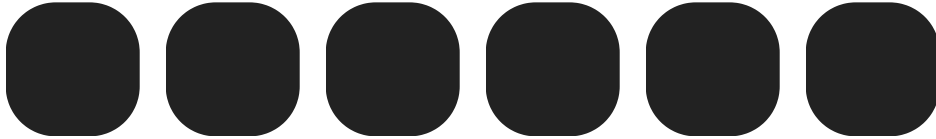
See your school counselor for a copy. If you are home-schooled, please contact our office and a copy will be sent to you.

The Regional Healthcare Foundation is located at 215 West Grant St, Dexter, Missouri and their phone number is 573-624-1607. They also have a website, www.regionalhf.org.

Deadline to have the forms returned to our office is March 28, 2013. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at our annual board meeting on April 25, 2013.

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Special Winter Weather Statement for Stoddard County

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Dexter, Missouri – Well not really sure if Punxsutawney Phil had it right this year or not for Southeast Missouri as we are expecting some of that pretty white stuff to fall from the skies on Wednesday night, Thursday morning.

The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Special Weather Statement for Stoddard County, Missouri.

A powerful weather system will move from southern California through the desert southwest and onward to the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles by late Wednesday.

It will bring a light wintry mix to the quad state region beginning late tonight and through the midday hours on Thursday.

A mix of snow and sleet will be likely over Southeast Missouri after midnight with minor accumulations possible west of the Mississippi before daybreak Thursday.

At this time, the best accumulations of snow and sleet will be over Southeast Missouri ranging from ½ inch to 1½ inches.

A Winter Weather Advisory has already been posted for Carter, Ripley, Wayne and Butler Counties between 3 a.m. and noon on Thursday.

By late morning on Thursday temperatures will continue to warm from south to north, changing the wintry mix to pure rain.

For those planning travel north and west early Thursday morning, please allow a little extra time to reach your destination. Some untreated roadways may be slick due to the sleet. Conditions should improve by Thursday afternoon.

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Potential Stormy Weather This Evening, Monday, February 18th

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Dexter, Missouri - The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory until 9:00 p.m. this evening. Winds south 20 to 35 MPH with gusts between 35 to 45 MPH.

A WIND ADVISORY is issued when sustained winds are expected to reach 30 MPH or greater for longer than one hour.....or wind gusts are expected to reach 45 MPH for any duration.

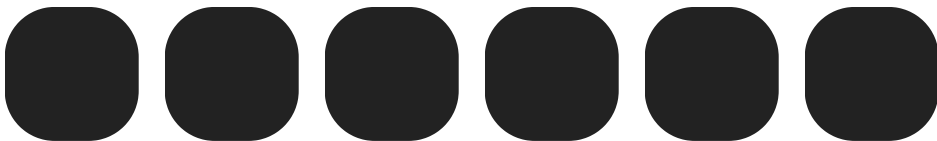
Occasional showers and possibly a thunderstorm before midnight. Low around 32 degrees. Breezy, with a south wind 13 to 22 MPH becoming west northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 100%.

The National Weather Service has also issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook for Wednesday night and Thursday. There is a 70% chance of rain/sleet aka, wintery weather in Southeast Missouri!

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City Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

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City Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

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Dexter, Missouri - The City of Dexter would like to announce that their offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Did you know that this holiday is actually designated as "Washington's Birthday" and is a Federal Holiday according to section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees? Though states and local governments and even private businesses may use other names, such as Presidents' Day, it is the U.S.'s policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law. It was made a federal holiday in 1885; however the District of Columbia did start celebrating Washington's Birthday in 1880 which is February 22nd.

In 1968 Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. They moved Washington's Birthday to the 3rd Monday in February each year. This meant it would fall between February 15th and February 21st each year and never actually land on Washington's true birthday. As for the state of Missouri, we have designated it as Washington's Birthday and all federal, state, local municipalities and schools are closed. Of course there are always exceptions.

So how did we end up calling it President's Day? When the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was enacted it created three-day holidays for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Washington's Birthday. Some states were already celebrating Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday and when they made the holiday on the third Monday, many folks thought they were combining the two. Some states dropped Lincoln's Birthday as a holiday and it became known as Presidents' Day. As society became more tv and radio savvy with advertising, the Presidents'

Day Sales began emerging.

There is still much controversy in the political ranks as to what the day should be called and what day we should celebrate. Even this week, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) reintroduced legislation calling for George Washington's birthday to be celebrated on his actual birthday of February 22nd. He is a longtime admirer of Washington's life and leadership and has advocated for moving the date of this holiday for years. He even testified on the topic at a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing in 2012.

So whatever day we call it or whatever day we actually observe, we should remember that George Washington was our first President of the United States and since that inauguration we have had a long line of presidents in a country that we are so very proud of and free to vote as we so choose. Like a marriage, for better or worse, until death do we part, we should be proud to be Americans and living in the greatest nation on this earth. Who knew that after 200 years we would still be discussing George Washington's Birthday and when to celebrate it.

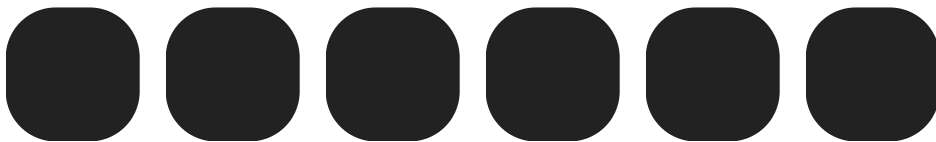
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Happy Presidents' Day and Happy Birthday George!

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Children's Story Hour at the Keller Public Library

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Dexter, Missouri - Tracy Horton and Christy Dorton were the guests readers for this week's Children's Story Hour at the Keller Public Library on Tuesday.

The theme of this week's library hour was "Roses and Valentines". Tracy Horton read the book, "Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink" by Diane de Groat.

The book is about poor little Gilbert who had to eat lunch by himself and everyone seemed to ignore him at recess. Gilbert's problems all came about because of something he did. He wrote mean Valentine's cards to two of his classmates and then did not sign his name, but sign their name to the cards.

Once his friends, Margaret and Lewis, figured out that it was Gilbert who wrote the cards, everyone got mad at him. Gilbert finally told them that he only did it because Margaret teased him about his glasses and Lewis was mean to him.

Margaret and Lewis never knew that the things they did hurt poor little Gilbert's feelings. Now that everyone knew how each other felt, they all said they were sorry to each other and had a wonderful Valentine's Day party!

The children enjoyed the book and listening to Tracy read. The children sang songs too. "Five Little Valentines at the Store" sung to the tune of "Five Little Monkeys Jumpin' on the Bed", and Ten Little Valentine sung to "Ten Little Indians".

They stood in a circle and sang "Pass the Heart" as each child handed a heart to the next. When the music stopped the one with the heart could enter Valentine's Land.

After singing a few songs and stretching, they made crafts. There were big hearts and little hearts, red ones and pink ones...lots of hearts for all the boys and girls.

Each child decorated their hearts with sprinkles, cute little owls and tiny purple and pink hearts. They even had marshmallow treats shaped like hearts.

Next week on Tuesday, February 12th at 10:15 a.m. Belinda Worley will be the guest reader with "Valentines and Hearts".

Check out the ShowMe Times Facebook page for more pictures of the Story Hour event and the wonderful children.

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