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Sikeston, Missouri - The Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety is offering a free AARP Driver Safety class, designed for older, experienced drivers. The class will be held Thursday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a break for lunch. It will be located at the Missouri Department of Transportation's Southeast District Office at 2675 North Main St. in Sikeston.

The class will consist of video presentations, lecture and discussion. There are no tests and will be a number of breaks. The Southeast Coalition is covering the regular class fees of \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Advanced registration is requested. To register, please contact Regional Coalition Contact Sandra Taurone at (573) 388-1259 or via email at sandra.taurone@modot.mo.gov.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course.

"It is a very informative class, which could help a driver save his/her life or the life of a loved one. While older drivers have fewer crashes than younger drivers, they are more likely to be involved in a fatal crash," said Jim Stricker, a volunteer instructor for the course.

For older drivers, risks to safe driving may arise from health changes affecting vision, hearing or reaction time.

"Safe driving is a challenge for all drivers. Within the class, we will discuss factors that particularly impact older drivers," said Stricker.

He explained during the class, attendees will discuss driving strategies that take into account the effects of aging, common crash situations and ways to reduce the likelihood of a crash. In addition, today's highway system and traffic laws will be reviewed.

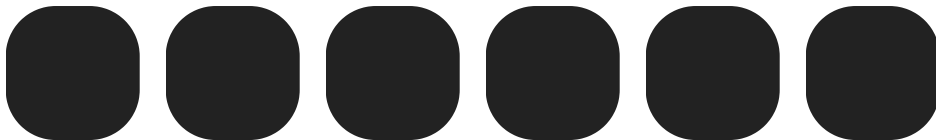
"Besides serving as a great refresher course, many insurance companies give a premium discount to individuals for completing a driver safety course," he said.

For more information, please contact Taurone at (573) 388-1259 or via email at sandra.taurone@modot.mo.gov.

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Dexter, Missouri - The month of May is full of proms and graduations throughout our community. It seems like only yesterday the those that are graduating from high school were just starting kindergarten. Time sure does fly!

It seems only appropriate that Baccalaureate Services for the 2013 graduates of Dexter Senior High School are scheduled to be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th. It will be a worship in celebration of and thanksgiving of lives dedicated to learning and wisdom.

Dexter's First Assembly of God Church on the corner of One Mile Road will host Baccalaureate at 6 p.m. All graduating seniors are welcome to attend as well as their family and friends. The public is also encouraged to attend this momentous occasion. Refreshments will be served.

Seniors are asked to arrive early to line-up for their entrance.

Thank you to the Ministerial Alliance and those graduating students who have worked very hard to have this wonderful event.

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Scott City, Missouri - SEMO Area Agency on Aging will hold two Medicare Bootcamps on Thursday May 9 in Scott County. The first one will be at the Eisleben Lutheran Church, 432 Lutheran Lane in Scott City, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. the second one will be held at Missouri Delta Medical Center, 1008 N. Main St. in Sikeston, this one will be from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This Bootcamp, presented by Southeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging at no charge, will provide information about Medicare, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Health Plans, and the Medicare Prescription Drug program.

The information is for people who are becoming eligible for Medicare and also for those already on Medicare who have questions about what is covered, the difference between a Medicare Health Plan and regular Medicare, how and when to choose a Medicare Supplement, and how and when to sign up for Medicare. Attendees will learn answers to these questions plus many others.

If you are interested in attending you should call Jackie at SEMO Area Agency on Aging toll free 1-800-392-8771 to register. Walk-ins are welcome but it is best to register to be sure there will be enough handouts for everyone.

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander today reminded eligible Missouri voters to register to vote by Wednesday, May 8th, in order to participate in the June 4th special election in the 8th Congressional District. The special election is in response to Congresswoman Emerson's resignation. There are four certified candidates vying for the office of US Representative of District 8: Steve Hodges (Democratic), Jason Smith (Republican), Bill Slantz (Libertarian), and Doug Enyart (Constitution).

“As Missouri’s Secretary of State, I want to ensure that every eligible Missourian has the opportunity to cast a ballot on Election Day,” Kander said. “The first step for any eligible Missouri voter is to make sure they are registered to vote, and that their voter registration is up to date. May 8th is the last day for Missourians to register to vote and be eligible to cast a ballot in the June special election.”

Currently registered voters who have moved or changed their names must update their registration with their local election authority to ensure they make it to the correct polling place and are listed accurately in the voter rolls on Election Day.

The voter registration deadline is May 8th; all voter registrations must be received or post-marked by that date. With the deadline being a state holiday, those wishing to register on May 8th should check with their local election authority to confirm business hours for that day. The post office will be open for those wishing to mail in their voter registration.

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Relay for Life Tonight!

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Dexter, Missouri – The big event is finally here and though we have showers in our forecast the show will go on!

Relay for Life chairs, Belinda Worley and Jennifer Hartlein are pros at keeping this event going each year. “We are extremely thankful to Lawson Metcalf and the Park Board for accommodating us,” stated Worley. “We hope the public will still come out in huge numbers in support of and in honor of all who have battled cancer.”

The old high school gym located on Park Lane is the place to be tonight beginning at 5 p.m. and going until the midnight hour. “All the events will be the same, including the entertainment,” according to Worley. “The luminary ceremony will be at 11 p.m. as planned; however with battery operated tea lights.

Following the Miss Relay Contest at midnight we will wrap up everything with a closing ceremony and a First Lap of 2014 around 1:00 a.m. and close the event.”

Relay teams will have refreshments, food and drink on the grounds. Here is a revised agenda for the evening.

5 p.m. – Ray Carrillo – “Breaking Boards for a Cause”

5:30 p.m. Lauren Thrower performs

6 p.m. Opening Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop 200 presenting the colors

The National Anthem sung by the Central Songmakers

Prayer with Pastor Preston Owens

6:30 p.m. Introduction of teams, survivors and caregivers' lap

7 p.m. Live auction

8:30 p.m. Maggie Thorn performs

9:15 p.m. Rebecca Northern performs

10 p.m. Talent Show (Sponsored by Four Oaks Hospice)

11 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony

Midnight - Miss Relay (Sponsored by Liberty Hill General Baptist Church)

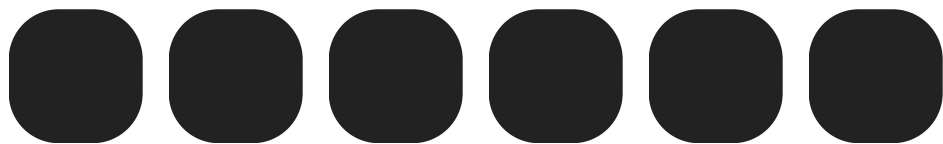
1:00 a.m. Closing Ceremony and First Lap of 2014

Please join us and support those who have or are still battling CANCER!

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