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Dexter, Missouri - There's something to be said about growing up in a small town in the Heartland. It may take a village to raise a child, but it only took the Dexter Fire Department and the city of Dexter Street Department to rescue Bel.

On Wednesday, Scott Kruse and his family knew all too well how important it was that their local fire department came to the rescue!

Bel, their family dog, who just recently joined the family fell into a seven-foot well near their property. Scott Kruse and his daughter, Andie, had decided to take a walk and didn't have Bel on a leash. While they were out for their stroll, Bel just disappeared.

"We were about 10 feet away when we heard a thud," commented Kruse, who is a local middle school principal. "We realized Bel was gone and when we went over to the area there was a well partially covered with grass. Looked down and there was Bel."

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Two hours later, tired and a little thirsty, Bel was rescued by Fire Chief Don Seymore and his band of helpers. Even the city of Dexter's Street Department combined their efforts to help dig a hole next to the well to get poor Bel out safely.

"Thanks to everyone, especially Don, who crawled through yards and yards of underground piping in the mud and yuck," laughed Kruse who compared it to a scene from the movie "Shawshank Redemption"

"We are very blessed and it is great to live in small town USA!" continued Kruse. "Dexter in particular. Thanks to everyone who helped rescue Bel."

Scott and Kerri Kruse, along with their daughter, Addie and Andie are extremely thankful to the Dexter Fire Department and the city of Dexter's Street Department for rescuing their beloved pet.

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Area Blood Drives Need Your Assistance! Please Give!

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help offset a seasonal decline in donations and prevent a shortage this summer by giving blood.

During June, July and August, there are about two fewer donors than needed at each Red Cross blood drive. This can add up to more than 100,000 fewer donations during the summer. Many schools that host blood drives are out of session, and vacation schedules can make regular donors less available – both contributing to the seasonal decline.

Donors of all blood types – especially those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative – are needed to help ensure blood products are available to hospital patients this

summer. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types. Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting immunity. It is often needed for burn, trauma and cancer patients.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There will be four blood drives during the month of July in Stoddard County. Please come out and donate. You can save 3 lives!!!

Advance

Friday, 7/17/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Bank of Advance, 105 East Gabriel

Bernie

Wednesday, 7/29/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 307 West Main

Bloomfield

Saturday, 7/18/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bloomfield High School, 301 West Missouri

Dexter

Monday, 7/27/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Walgreens- Dexter, 904 West Business U.S. 60

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Be Fireworks Savvy This Independence Day!

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Missouri - This Independence Day millions of American will celebrate with fireworks! The city of Dexter will host their annual Fireworks Display at dusk on Friday, July 3rd with a rain make-up date of Sunday, July 5th.

The state of Missouri has few regulations on the purchase and use of fireworks; however your local county or city may have ordinances banning certain fireworks or have specific time they are to be used.

In Missouri seasonal retailers may sell from June 20th until July 10th. State permits should be displayed at all seasonal retail.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency in 2010 fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 reported fires including 1,100 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 14,100 outside and other fires.

The Missouri Office of the Fire Marshal suggests fireworks users follow a few safety guidelines:

- Purchase fireworks only from a properly licensed retailer
- Always wear eye protection and earplugs if you have sensitive ears
- Tie back long hair and don't wear loose fitting clothes
- Only light one firework item at a time

- Never try to re-light any fireworks that have malfunctioned
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- Never have any part of your body over fireworks
- Keep young children away from fireworks
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and leaving them in a trash can
- Always have a bucket of water on hand
- Don't drink alcohol and use fireworks
- Use a "designated shooter"

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Regional Healthcare Foundation to Host Golf Tournament

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Dexter, Missouri – The Regional Healthcare Foundation is planning their 2015 4-Person Golf Scramble at Hidden Trails Country Club in Dexter.

The event is slated for Friday, July 10th with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. A \$75 player entry fee will include mulligans, green fees, and a meal following the scramble. Cart rental is not included in the entry fee.

Flights and pay-outs are to be determined on the day of the event.

Hole sponsorships are available at \$100 each. If you would like to sponsor this event please call 573-624-1607 for additional information.

The Regional Healthcare Foundation supports the Prescription Drug Program, Mother-to-Mother, the Scholarship Program, GED/HSE Classes, First Thursday at Cox Corner, Annual Fitness Challenge, Walkers for Wellness and Special Assistance Programs.

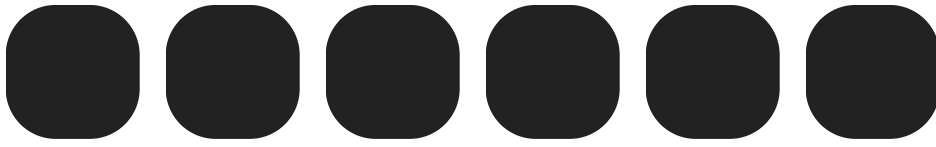
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Proceeds from the July 10th Golf Scramble will benefit the programs. Please join them for an awesome day of golf!!

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Women Legislators of Missouri Congratulate DeVerne Lee Calloway Award Nominee Dee Loflin

Jefferson City, Missouri - State Reps. Tila Hubrecht, Tracy McCreery and the members of the Women Legislators of Missouri offered their congratulations to Dee Loflin, who was recently honored at the Missouri State Capitol as one of the nominees for the 2015 DeVerne Lee Calloway Award. Name was one of many outstanding Missouri women who were nominated based on their contributions to equality and social justice for all Missourians.

“Dee Loflin is an incredibly bright, dedicated, accomplished woman who is part of this exceptional field of nominees who all were extremely deserving of this award. I hope with the award ceremony we drew attention to her accomplishments, and to the remarkable efforts of all the amazing women who were nominated,” said Hubrecht, R-Dexter.

McCreery, D-St. Louis, added, “I was so impressed with all of the nominees and the contributions they are making to move our state toward a brighter tomorrow. It was an honor to be able to read the nomination of Ms. Loflin. She is an outstanding public servant who has lived her life in a way I know would make DeVerne Lee Calloway proud.”

DeVerne Lee Calloway was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1962. There she made hard-fought gains for education, for children, and for the blind, the disabled and the elderly. She served nine terms in the legislature and before retiring in November of 1980. The DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is named in honor of her life in service to others.

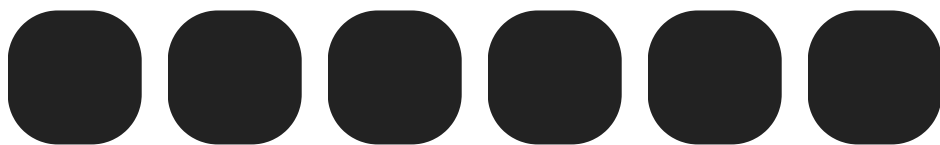
Dee Loflin is very active in the community and an avid supporter of school children in her community. Ms. Loflin is reported to be in attendance at almost every school function for the many schools in her area. She posts pictures and articles recognizing the achievements of the young people on the ShowMe Times Facebook page as well as the ShowMe Times online newspaper. Ms. Loflin focuses on positive news reporting as well as works to promote local blood drives and is active in community organizations such as Rotary Club in which she currently serves as an elected officer. Ms. Loflin is a fine example of a community servant and services as a role model to all around her.

Ms. Loflin was honored along with the other nominees at the State Capitol during a ceremony in the House Chamber.

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