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The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Farm Family of the Year was awarded to Vaneta Hendley-King, James and Joe Hendley family.

The King-Hendley Farm is one of only a few Stoddard County Century Farms. This means the farm has been in operation by the same family for at least one hundred years.

The Hendley family came to southeast Missouri in the 1840's and Henry M. Hendley served in the Civil War as a Confederate soldier. Today four generations are involved in the operation: Mrs Vaneta Hendley-King is the mother of James, James is the father of Joe and Tyler.

Joe has five children and the older ones enjoy helping with chores. Tyler is studying to be a minister, so the time he is actively engaged in the operation is limited at the present time. The family raises Black Angus cattle, a great deal of hay and row crops on about 1200 acres. Mrs. King has a fish pond that is open to the public.

Since James' wife Fran retired from the Bloomfield School System, she has become a beekeeper; she also spends several weeks each year in Georgia where she and her sister have a farm partnership.

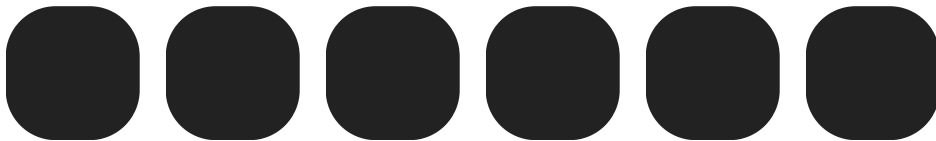
Joe's wife Kathy has recently become a farm appraiser for Progressive Farm Credit Services.

Mrs. King is a member of the Bloomfield General Baptist Church, James and Fran are members of Bloomfield Trinity United Church, Joe and Kathy are members of the Advance Methodist Church and Tyler and his wife are serving God in the St. Louis area where he will soon complete his study to be a minister.

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The Bloomfield Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Evelyn and Gerald Griffin.

Graduated from Bell City High School, but have lived in Bloomfield for a great deal of their adult life.

Their Corporation has provided employment for many Stoddard County residents.

Several years ago Gerald and Evelyn made improvements to the historic Buck Store Building; they have supported several area churches and helped fund the purchase of the street lights on the courthouse square.

They were instrumental in the establishment of (BANC) Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center that provides meals for the Bloomfield community every Wednesday.

Presenting the award is Jim Mayo to Evelyn and Gerald Griffin.

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The Bloomfield Educator of the Year is Ann Bye.

Ann Bye is a 1971 graduate of Bloomfield High School.

As the district Girl Scout Field Director, Ann trained volunteers who work with troops throughout southeast Missouri. She also served as the director of the Girl School Camp at Lake Wappapello.

She taught in three different school districts before coming to Bloomfield as a Title One teacher, Cabool, Scott Central and Leopold. She also taught junior high language arts and high school English during 16 years with Bloomfield Schools.

She has been the Beta Club Sponsor and has taken a group of students to the National Convention after winnings at the district and state level each year she has been sponsor. Students have also been successful under her leadership as the Speech Team Sponsor.

Ann has devoted a great deal of time to the Volleyball program at Bloomfield High School, serving as bookkeeper for the games. She has served as the secretary of the Community Teachers Association. After 19 years in the education field, Ann will be

retiring at the end of this school year.

She is an active member of First Baptist Church and the Bloomfield Chapter #385 Eastern Star.

Presenting the Bloomfield Chamber Educator of the Year award is Mrs. Toni Hill, Superintendent of Bloomfield School District.

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Relay for Life of Stoddard County Cancer Survivor Dinner

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Relay For Life of Stoddard County would like to invite all survivors to join u as they celebrate life at our annual Cancer Survivor's Dinner.

The dinner honoring local survivors will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at The Assembly in Bloomfield, MO.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

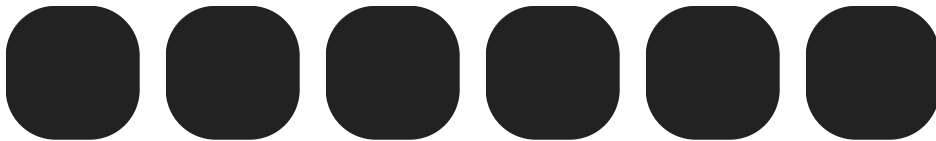
Survivors and a guest are invited to join us for dinner, entertainment, and door prizes.

Please RSVP to Nikki Hanner, by calling 573-614-1401.

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Ready for Lunch? - Relay for Life Fundraiser

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Dexter, Missouri - Preferred Hospice will host a "Ready for Lunch" fundraiser at 423 W. Business 60 in Dexter on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BBQ with baked beans, Cole slaw, and a cookie for just \$5.00. All proceeds go to Relay for Life.

Call (573) 614-4774 for large order deliveries.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County, set to begin at 4:00 pm, May 5th 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.

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