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Stoddard County, Missouri - Summer is officially here, and along with it comes all the best loved traditions: swimming, camping, 4th of July fireworks, vacations. However, since around 1998 another event has crept into our collective psyches: news flashing over the TV that yet another child has died in a hot car due to heatstroke.

Collectively we shake our heads and wonder out loud how a parent could possibly leave his or her child in the backseat of a car for a short time or perhaps for hours. Either way the result can be the same. The child's core body temperature reaches over 107 degrees F. This means that the child's organs have started to or have shut down and death or severe brain damage probably has occurred.

Since 1990, According to KidsNCars, a national clearing house for data and information on car related injuries, over 800 children have died after having been left in a hot car. This averages to about 37 deaths per year.

Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation's Mother-to-Mother (M2M) Program, in cooperation with Missouri Children's Trust Fund, is initiating its third annual Beat the Heat Campaign.

M2M knows how important it is to remind all caregivers...birth parents, grandparents, baby sitters, older siblings... that it is a lifesaving responsibility to always check the backseat before leaving the vehicle.

For the past fifteen years, M2M has been actively involved in child abuse and prevention activities throughout Stoddard County. Empowering young first time mothers to be able to provide for the physical, emotional and financial needs of their children, the program’s primary focus is reducing incidences of child abuse and neglect, thus providing another generation with brighter and more productive futures.

Mother-to-Mother’s 2017 Beat the Heat Campaign will center around the sharing of information on this important topic.

"With guidance from the Mother-to-Mother Advisory Council, we will be working with communities throughout the county to increase public awareness about vehicular heatstroke," explains Teresa Overall, M2M Program Coordinator.

This effort will include posters, public service announcements, newspaper articles, and displays on marquees.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Regional Healthcare Foundation's 2017 4-Person Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, July 14th with a shotgun start of 1:00 p.m. at the Hidden Trails Country Club in Dexter.

Entry fee is \$75 per player and that includes Green Fees and buffet meal after the scramble. Golf cart rental is not included in the entry fee. Flights and Cash Pay Outs determined day of scramble.

This is the only fundraiser for the Regional Healthcare Foundation located at 215 W. Grant St. in Dexter. They support local programs such as Prescription Drug Assistance, Mother-to-Mother Program, Scholarships, GED/HSE Classes, First Thursday, Fitness Challenge, Walkers for Wellness, and Special Assistance Programs.

Corporate Sponsor is \$500 and that includes 2 paid entries and a banner. Hole Sponsorships are \$100 each.

For more information or to register please contact the Regional Healthcare Foundation at (573) 624-1607.

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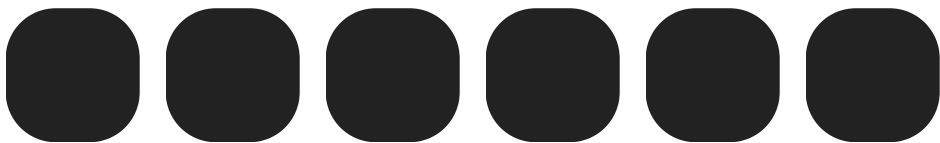
Dexter, Missouri - As a beautification project National Title and Escrow graciously donated \$500 to the Dexter Downtown Historic Association to purchase flowers. They were even on hand to help plant the flowers purchased.

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Stoddard County Nutrition Center Menu and Activities

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Nutrition Center aka Dexter Senior Center lunch menu for Monday, June 19, 2017 - Friday, June 23, 2017.

The Dexter Senior Center is located at 23 W. Stoddard St. in historic downtown Dexter.

You don't have to be a senior to eat. They serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the cost is \$3.50 for seniors and \$5.00 for non-seniors.

Monday, June 19, 2017 - Tex Mex tacos with lettuce, tomato, cheese, and sour cream, refried beans, and cinnamon chips.

Activities: Bewitched at 11:00 a.m., Toss 'N Talk at 11:30 a.m. and BINGO at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - Spinach, bacon, and egg quiche, hash browns, biscuit & gravy, and peaches.

Activities: Blood Pressure check by Health Department at 10:00 a.m., Sit & Motion Singing at 11:30 a.m., and BINGO at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 - Mushroom chicken, peas, sweet potato casserole, roll, and banana pudding.

Activities: Activity Chair BINGO at 11:30 a.m. and Old Westerns at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 22, 2017 - Breaded fish, poppy seed salad, seasoned wedges, corn chips, and snickerdoodle cookie.

Activities: Arts & Crafts at 11:00 a.m. and My Community Guest at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 23, 2017 - Ham & cheese on bun, catfish, black-eyed peas salad, carrots, cornbread, and Jello cake.

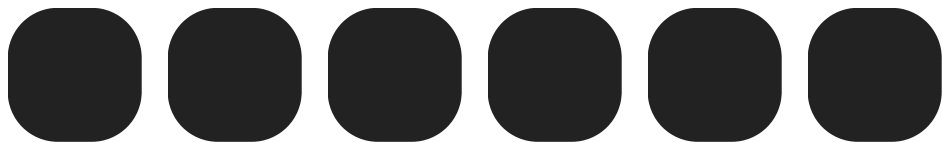
Activities: Beverly Hillbillies at 11:00 a.m., Eat Smart at 11:30 a.m. and BINGO at 1:00 p.m.

Movie Night will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 23rd until 7:00 p.m.

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Former Dexter Man Chosen for District Role for Statewide Trade Organization

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Former Dexter man again chosen for district role for statewide trade organization

Brian Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Lebanon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (Lebanon-REDI), was re-elected this week by regional peers to serve as a district director on the Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) Board of Directors.

MEDC is the authoritative voice on economic development and related issues in Missouri. A statewide, nonprofit association of economic development professionals and community leaders, MEDC has been the unified voice of Missouri economic developers since 1979. Each year, seven different MEDC districts elect district directors to leadership roles to help unite members within their respective boundaries. Thompson was one of two professionals picked to serve MEDC District 6, which covers 26 counties in southwest Missouri.

“I am humbled that my peers from MEDC District 6 have once again selected me to serve as a co-director on the MEDC Board of Directors on behalf of our region,” said Thompson. “This continues a long-standing tradition of regional and statewide MEDC service by Lebanon and Laclede County economic development officials.”

MEDC drives economic growth through program initiatives and alliances with other economic development entities. This collaboration gives MEDC members access to industry-leading professional development, public policy, legislation and marketing communications programs. Whether working independently or in cooperation with partners, MEDC, its members and professional staff are effective, efficient and reliable.

“Lebanon-REDI has been able to maintain an important presence within the MEDC organization throughout our years of existence,” said Marc Roecker, chairman of the Lebanon-REDI board of directors. “We are pleased that District 6 economic development leaders once again elected Brian for this regional position, thus continuing REDI’s strong role within the statewide entity.”

Thompson is a 1999 graduate of Dexter High School with a pre-journalism degree from Three Rivers Community College (2001) and a degree in journalism with an emphasis on public relations from Arkansas State University (2003). His parents are Jimmy and

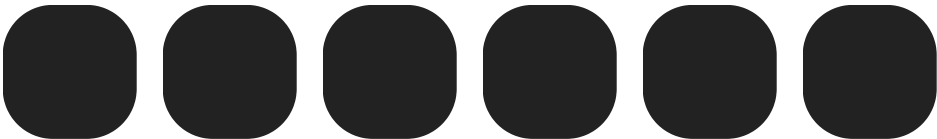
Thelma Thompson of Dexter.

For more information on MEDC, visit www.showme.org. Additional information on Lebanon-REDI can be found at www.LebanonREDI.com.

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