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## Time to Go Shopping at First Thursday! Lots of Goodies to Buy!!

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Dexter, Missouri - On Thursday, May 3, 2018 Regional Healthcare Foundation will host their 1st Thursday. Located at 529 North Walnut Street in Dexter on the first Thursday of each month.

"On behalf of the Regional Healthcare Foundation, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and wonderful donations to this worthy cause," press release from the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

It's never to late to donate and they would love to receive gently used and unwanted items. Their re-sale shop is always accepting donations.

Please contact Linda Ulm at (573) 624-0365 and she will schedule a time for you to drop off your items. Tax credit forms are available upon request.

Come out and shop their 1st Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Cox Corner in Dexter. Proceeds go to the Mother-to-Mother Program at the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

The Mother To Mother (M2M) is a three-phase mentoring program to support young women who are pregnant or parenting by giving them the resources ad skills they need to become successful parents.

They provide them with CHOICES, OPPORTUNITIES, and ACHIEVEMENTS. The Mother-to-Mother mentoring program works with the young women through their pregnancy and the first year of their child's life.

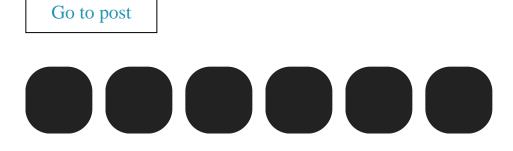
They hold regularly scheduled activities where the girls can participate in programs that promote the physical and social growth of both parent and child.

They introduce participants to additional services in the community that can help them make choices that will bring about a better life for tem. After Phase I (pregnancy) and Phase II (baby's first year) the girls may choose to remain in the program and contract with them to enter Phase III.

In Phase III she may retain all the benefits of the program, if she agrees to continue her education or obtain employment. They believe that education will insure a brighter, more secure future for the young families by reducing the level of poverty.

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# FREE CPR and Choking Demonstration Class for Kids

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#### FREE CPR and Choking Demonstration Class for Kids

Dexter, Missouri - Stoddard County Ambulance District (SCAD) will host a FREE CPR class for kids May 20th - May 26th for National Emergency Medical Services Week.

They have set aside May 23rd as National Pediatric EMS Day!

A Free Basic CPR and Choking Demonstration for children 8 years old - 14 years old.

To register your child please email Jamie Holcomb at **jholcomb@stoddems.com** or call 573-624-4528 ext 111.

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### Super Sonic Fundraiser for Southwest Bearcat Buddy Bench

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Super Sonic Fundraiser for Southwest Bearcat Buddy Bench

Dexter, Missouri - The Sonic Drive-In located at 702 N. One Mile Road in Dexter will have a Super Sonic Fundraiser on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

10% of all sales will benefit the Southwest Bearcat Buddy Bench.

Please join them for some good food and fun and help raise money for a good cause!

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# Farm Credit Customer Wins St. Louis Cardinal Tickets

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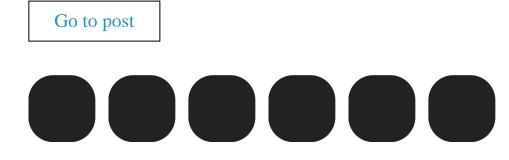
Kennett, Missouri - Congratulations to Farm Credit customer Regina Thomas on winning St. Louis Cardinal tickets at the 2018 Kennett Branch Customer Appreciation Dinner!

Loan Officer Nathan Creed is pictured presenting the tickets.

Enjoy the game, Regina!

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### National Volunteer Week Salutes 4-H Volunteers in Stoddard County

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Each year, thousands of volunteers in Missouri donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during the 44th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2018.

Research conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Service found that in 26.5% of adult Americans (64.5 million) volunteered 7.9 billion hours of service worth \$175 billion in 2014. In Missouri, approximately 1.45 million volunteers of all types contributed 151.6 million hours of service. The 32.3 volunteer hours per resident ranks Missouri 15th among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. (Source: http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/MO#sthash.vpNhdtuB.dpuf).

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Program. In 2018 over 7,000 youth and adults volunteered in some capacity with Missouri 4-H. In Stoddard County, 34 volunteers, both youth and adult, will serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as helping organize an event at the county fair, helping a child with a 4-H project, or leading a project to serve the community.

4-H Program volunteers are just one group of volunteers who are instrumental in carrying out the mission of the University of Missouri Extension. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Extension Service, including determining the needs of the local residents, planning and implementing programs to address these needs, securing resources, and evaluating programs.

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An example of these volunteers is the Stoddard County Extension Council. The 12member board, which consists of appointed county citizens, works with the county Extension staff to plan and oversee Extension activities.

The work of Extension volunteers is continuous. Every day volunteers lend a helping hand to make Extension programs more beneficial to the residents of Stoddard County. Those interested in joining the team of Extension Volunteers are invited to contact the Stoddard County Extension Office at 573-568-3344, **stoddardco@missouri.edu**, or email **milnersn@missouri.edu**.

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