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*By Annabeth Miller,
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As he lay stretched out on a gurney, his “best buddy” Emily Hutchcraft by his side and holding his hand, Jed Hunsaker was doing something for someone he will never know ... he was giving blood.

Hunsaker is a senior at Dexter High School, and was one of the dozens of DHS students who gave blood at the DHS Blood Drive on Friday. The Future Teachers of America (FTA) sponsored the blood drive.

“I give every year,” Hunsaker said. “It makes me feel good about myself, and the goodies are really good!”

FTA President Lauren Powers and Secretary Lindsay Gilbert greet students and school staff that entered the high school gym Friday night – making sure everyone had the information they needed and felt welcome. The goal of the blood drive was 110 units donated.

FTA members and advisor Ann Polsgrove were on hand to lend support, pass out those important cookies and water, and to help donors on their road to giving the “gift of life.” The gym was a beehive of activity, with Red Cross personnel, students and school staff at the different stations.

As folks registered they also were able to put their name in the hat for door prizes. Thanks to Gilbert for providing the door prize information:

- Dexter BBQ certificate \$10-Bailey Hampton
- Dexter BBQ certificate \$10- Jason Guthrie
- American Steakhouse certificate \$10-Austin Stacy
- American Steakhouse certificate \$10-R.J. Phillips
- El Tapitio certificate \$10-T.J. Stoner
- O.P.I. Nail Kit from Perfect 10-Sidney Scowden
- Pretty Nails certificate \$10-Darcie Lane
- Ann Maries certificate \$10-Amanda Richardson
- Metro Gallery gift bag-Savannah Mace
- MJ's Fashion Accessories and Leathers \$25 certificate-Katelyn Yates
- Laura Davis \$50 certificate (goes toward photo session)-Macy Greenrod
- Faculty Prize: Bearcat Coffee Cup from Powder Room & Boutique- Kris Vandeven

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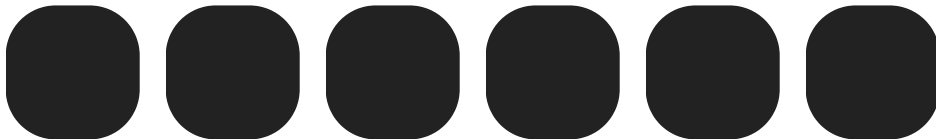
Bearcat Smiles!

It's a pretty spring day - and what a better time to gather the entire student body for a historic photo! All the students, teachers and staff at Central Elementary gathered outside recently for a "group shot". Say "Bearcats" everyone! (*ShowMe Times photo by Andrew Cato*)

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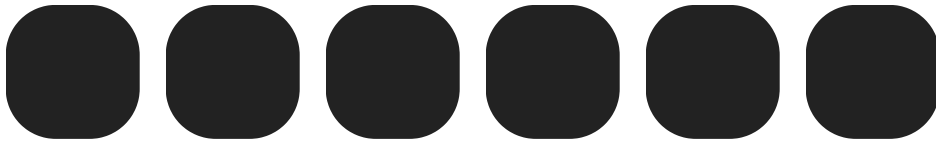
Bringing Books To Life

Keasha Hubbert, Brianna Bowers, and Shyann Clifton recently performed a scene from the novel *Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell. The project was part of a unit class to show understanding of the events and characters in the novel by doing a variety of projects. The project selected by these three ladies was to perform a scene from the novel. The students are part of instructor John Stephens' class at Dexter's T.S. Hill Middle School. *(Reader Submitted Photo from John Stephens)*

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*Submitted by Ronnie Shipman,
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Members of the Dexter FFA competed at Area 16 contests held at Twin Rivers on March 2. The DHS Chapter had several members competing in different events.

In Extemporaneous Speaking, Lauren Powers placed first. Extemporaneous Speaking is for any high school FFA member. They pick three topics out of a hat and then have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech.

In Division One Public Speaking, Chelsey Massey placed first. Division One public speaking is for 9th grade students and they must write and present a 3-4 minute speech. The FFA Knowledge team from Dexter placed 4th. The team members are Dustin Bates, Shelby Edwards, Brianna Madigan and Nick McCollough.

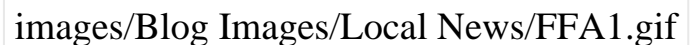
These students have all qualified to compete  at district FFA contests held in Cape Girardeau on March 26.

Other competitors were, Shelby Edwards in Creed Speaking who placed seventh. Christin Sitzes and Chelsey Massey's record books who both placed second. Caleb Johns' completed record book that placed third and the Dexter FFA Chapter Scrapbook that placed second.

[i]Photos above: Top Photo: Lauren Powers, who placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking

Middle Photo: Chelsey Massy who placed first in Division One public Speaking.

Bottom Photo: The Dexter FFA Knowledge team that placed 4 at contest on Tuesday include (from right to left) Brianna Madigan, Nick McCollough, Dustin Bates and Shelby Edwards.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

By Annabeth Miller, ShowMe Times Editor

On March, 1904, a baby named Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, Mass. But today, 107 years after he was born, he's better known around the world simply as "Dr. Seuss."

His father and grandfather were brewmasters, and his mother used to "chant" rhymes to her children at bedtimes. Geisel later is reported as crediting his mother with both his ability and desire to create rhymes that were the centerpiece of his stories.

Geisel combined his love of language with a talent as a cartoonist. Through the years he wrote more than 40 books - the most famous being *The Cat in the Hat*.

Other books include *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, and *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

To celebrate Geisel's birthday, the youngsters at Southeast Elementary School in Dexter had a day full of Seussical fun - starting off with green eggs and ham served in the cafeteria for breakfast.

Shannon Putnum's first grade students had time for Horton (from *Horton Hears a Who*), and had special hats (just like the cat's) to wear during the afternoon, as well as read some favorites from Dr. Seuss.

So here's a tip of the red and white hat
To the fella who gave us that mischievous cat!

*"Today is your day
You're off the Great Places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."*

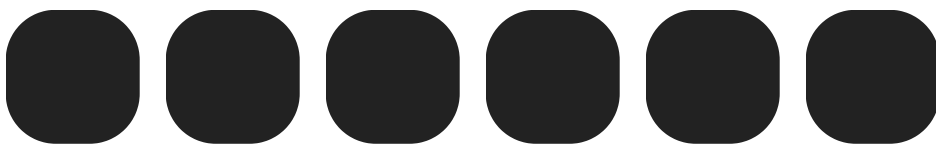
-from "Oh The Places You'll GO"

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