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The community is invited to pause with members of the Dexter First United Methodist on Saturday in an ecumenical service of remembrance for 9-11.

The service will be held at **3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10** at the “gathering spot” – the grassy property across from Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Stoddard Street in Downtown Dexter. The open-air service is open to all.

“We invite our friends and neighbors to join us Saturday as we pause and remember that tragic day 10 years ago,” said Loretta Reid, of the local United Methodist Church. “Many of us remember our community coming together in grief and fear and shock 10 years ago in a community time of worship. This service will provide us the opportunity to remember the events of that day, and the sorrow and grief that swept across our nation.”

The service, she said, offers a chance to “observe this anniversary in a way that offers hope and to remember that God brings light into all darkness.”

Readers for the service will include Carol Beam, Bill Pippins, Jr., Delores Bailiff; scripture will be given by Dr. Larry Colvin of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the opening and prayer offered by Michael Woods, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Music will be offered by the First United Methodist Chancel Choir under the direction of MaryRuth Boone and a special musical tribute offered by Scott Nelson.

The service on Saturday is the culmination of a busy day for United Methodists in Dexter. The local congregation will be participating in SERVE2011, a statewide project amount United Methodist churches.

As a part of SERVE 2011, the church is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Wesley Hall on the First UMC campus on North Walnut Street in Dexter.

Serve 2011 is a collaborative experience among the congregations of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. Each congregation in Missouri is challenged to serve their community outside the walls of their church the weekend of Sept. 10-11 and beyond. Through Serve 2011, Missouri United Methodists will declare that “the church has left the building” by reaching out to their communities.

In case of bad weather on Saturday afternoon, the 9-11 Service of Remembrance will be moved to the United Methodist Church on South Walnut Street.

Photo Above: Lorette Reid (left) and MaryRuth Boone discuss the plans for the community 9011 Service of Remembrance schedule for Saturday, Sept. 10. (SMT Photo)

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The Virtues Of The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club

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The Virtues Of The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club

Small town living is full of big time fun. The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club has remained a major part of building school spirit and enthusiasm among the community and students for over fifteen years. But how and where did this club that has delivered so much value to our community originate? The history of the Dexter Booster Club is worth sharing.

On November 21, 1994, after hours of planning, a group of school enthusiasts - some of the most dedicated members of Bearcat Nation - arrived at a Dexter Public Schools board meeting seeking to shine a positive light on the hope of the formation of an “Activities Booster Club”. Clubs of this nature had been resisted by the school administration for many years due to noted bad experiences in other communities.

The original organizing group included:

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Other original Dexter Booster Club Members include Dr. Jerry Waddle, Debbie Snider, Joni Burleson, Jim Reiker, Phyllis Howard, Doug Cox, Sharon Guethle, Mark Becker and Bruce Christian.

Overcoming the preconceived notions of Booster Clubs being a ‘bad thing’ was not an easy task. A summary of benefits were presented to the administration that included community events to increase pride and enthusiasm for the school, a relationship ‘bridge’ between students and the community, and an involved method of raising additional funds for extracurricular activities within the district.

Much planning took place prior to this meeting, as these community leaders wanted to build a group that would stand the test of time. Many phone interviews were performed with existing clubs throughout Southeast Missouri schools, including Sikeston, Malden, Cape Central, Kennett and Kelly. Information and organization experiences were collected from a broad group of club members, club organizers, as well as school administrators.

The insight the group compiled became the very foundation of the clubs by-laws and methods of operation. Multiple examples were shared of the positive results of these clubs, as well as areas of caution that were important to avoid.

“[The Booster Club] is the greatest thing and I would recommend it,” shared Dennis Ziegenhorn of the Sikeston Booster Club. “It allows the community to become involved with the programs. It is a wonderful, wonderful thing.”

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presentation complete, the school board allotted for a one-year probationary period - to allow the club's formation and operation - with the oversight of the school's administration. Safeguards were built into the club by-laws with the intention of helping to avoid future conflicts.

Noteworthy is the leadership that was given to this project by Dr. Jerry Waddle and Dr. Ray Dowdy. Through the early 'formation' years, their ability to trust and offer guidance to the community leadership of the booster club board was critical to the success that the club continues to have today.

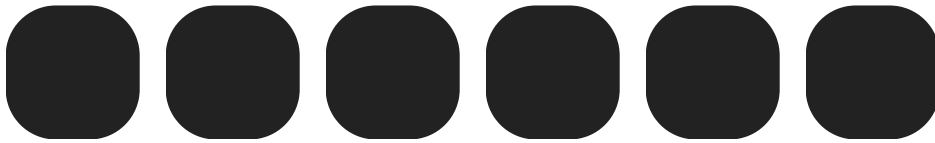
Since those early days, the club has continued to meet the purpose and objectives established in the by-laws of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club. The very existence of the club is to "...lend support to the total student activities program of the Dexter High School and Middle School"

The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club has developed a rich history of support to all programs throughout the school district, while avoiding the pitfalls associated with the fears of “Clubs Gone Wrong”. The present leadership of the club continues to carry on the strong virtues of the past each year.

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New Country Female Duo, Picking Violets....

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New Country Female Duo, Picking Violets....

Longtime friends Erica Stone (from Ozark, MO) and Kelly Weston (from Dexter, MO) have used their voices and their passion for two very different reasons. Their lives have been shaped by two extremes; from the ups and downs of the music business to their unrelenting fight to save orphans in Sierra Leone with the creation of 501 (c)(3), The Raining Season.

The entire journey began with Erica and her husband's challenge to adopt a child from the plagued African country. After an intense and grueling 3-year process, they finally brought home their little girl Jayda in 2004. It was through that experience that their eyes were opened to the devastating conditions thousands have faced since the end of SL's brutal civil war. Kelly was right beside Erica and shared the same devotion to the people of Sierra Leone and together, with like-minded volunteers, are now running an orphanage filled with close to 100 children. The two decided they could not wait for their music career to skyrocket to make their voices heard. This is a story about two girls, armed with nothing but the will, passion and their beautiful voices to make a difference.

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They have stood up against a corrupt government and child trafficking and continue to work with officials to change the country's regulations. Their fan club, called The Tribe, is not only a place for fans to follow the music, but also gives them a chance to join the cause. Erica and Kelly's volunteer network has grown immensely and they consistently bring more people to Sierra Leone, many of which are in the process of adopting children from the orphanage. The Nashville music community has been supportive of the cause, as well, with contributions from artists like Charlie Daniels, Reba, Little Big Town and Sara Evans.

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This outreach also coincides with the release of Picking Violets debut single "That Would Be Me" which impacted radio June 15.

Kelly Weston is the former Kelly Miranda of Dexter. She is a graduate of Dexter High School. Her family and friends from home continue to follow her success and kind touch on the world on her Facebook located at KELLY WESTON.

More information on Erica and Kelly can be found at www.pickingviolets.com and/or www.facebook.com/pickingviolets.

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THE TOP TEN: 'Nifty' Jonathon Foels

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The Top Ten

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Name: Jonathan Foels

Age: 15

Class at DHS Sophomore

Hobbies: Tae Kwon Do, Jiu Jitsu, play football and sing in DHS Chamber Choir

Hometown: Dexter

1. What do you like best about Dexter?

I like the schools, and I like the size of Dexter - it's not too small and it's not too big.

2. What does the future hold for Jonathon after high school?

I think I want to go to college, major in history and be a teacher.

3. What is your favorite book?

The Cry of the Ice Mark by Stuart Hill

4. Who is your role model?

My dad - Mark Foels. He's a really nice guy, always friendly to others and has taught me a lot about life.

5. When you are 30, where do you want to be?

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I want to be married and starting a family, live in a nice house and be financially okay.

6. What are three goals for this school year?

I want to be in the Top Ten Percent of my class academically, letter in football, run track this spring.

7. What is your favorite song?

Have You Forgotten? by Darryl Worley

8. Email or text?

Text.

9. Who is your hero?

Ray Carrillo.

10. Favorite Word?

"Nifty"

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New Miss Dexter Crowned In Pageant

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New Miss Dexter Crowned In Pageant

*By Annabeth Miller,
ShowMe Times Editor*

The new Miss Dexter for 2011-2012 was crowned in a pageant Saturday night at the Bearcat Event Center.

Miss Madison McGowan is the new Miss Dexter. Madison, 15, is the daughter of Todd and Kriste McGowan of Dexter. She is a member of the DHS Volleyball team, Club Volleyball and is a varsity basketball cheerleader. The best things about Dexter, Madison says, are “nice people, good schools and it’s home.”

Kelsey May is the first alternate. Kelsey is the 17 year-old daughter of Patty and Perry May.

Second alternate is Hannah Noe, the 15-year-old daughter of Jonas and Jo Noe.

Miss Congeniality of this year’s Miss Dexter Pageant is Tori Seabaugh, 17, and the

daughter of Steve and Heather Foster and Jeff and Alicia Thomas. Miss Congeniality is chosen each year by a vote the all of the young ladies in the Miss Dexter Pageant. It is second only in importance to the Miss Dexter crown. The recipient reflects the respect and admiration of the her peers, who vote her as the most respectful , positive, congenial, and charismatic.

The top 12 finalists, who will be featured throughout the next year as the ShowMe Times' Miss Dexter Calendar Girls include (in pageant order):

- Madison McGowan
- Leah Noyes
- Jessica Snider
- Miranda Warner
- Morgan Cliff
- Whitney Layton
- Megan Trewatha
- Tori Seabaugh
- Stephanie Gee
- Rachel Putnam
- Kelsey May
- Hannah Noe

Mistress of Ceremonies for the pageants was Malinda Mayo; assisting on stage throughout the evening's pageants was the retiring Miss Dexter for 2010-2011, McKenzie Mitchell.

In other pageants Saturday evening:

Little Mister Dexter

- Little Mister Dexter – Sebastian Webb, 5-year-old son of Ashley Hunsaker and James Webb
- First Alternate – Levi Cole Seyer, 3-year-old son of Kayla Durham and Tyler Seyer
- Second Alternate – Cash Murphy, 3-year-old son of Carrie and Gary Murphy

Little Miss Dexter

- Little Mister Dexter – Avereë Diane Ackman, 4-year-old daughter of Trey and Amanda Ackman

- First Alternate – Katie Carrillo, 4-year-old daughter of Bobby and Christi Carrillo

Young Miss Dexter

- Young Miss Dexter - Bailey Porter, 6-year-old daughter of Mark and Samantha Porter
- First Alternate – Addyson Atherton, 7-year-old daughter of Kim and Amy Lemons and Shannon Atherton
- Second Alternate - Mia Kaylyn Williams, 7-year-old daughter of Randy and Jodie Williams

Petite Miss Dexter

- Petite Miss Dexter – Alexa Mae Werneck, 10-year-old daughter of Chad and Amber Werneck
- First Alternate – Margo Nea , 10-year-old daughter of Mark and Amber Nea
- Second Alternate – Blair Rogers, 9-year-old daughter of Robin Northern and the late Aaron Rogers

Junior Miss Dexter

- Junior Miss Dexter – Lauren Leigh Thrower, 13-year-old daughter of Lori Hawkins and Bob Thrower
- First Alternate – Ashlynn Wyman, 12-year-old daughter of Steve and Jana Wyman
- Second Alternate – Lexi May, 12-year-old daughter of Patty and Perry May

The Miss Dexter Pageants are hosted annually by the Dexter High School Choral Music Department.

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