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Dexter will be a beehive of activity all next week as the annual Stoddard County Fair kicks off with a week of adventures, excitement and fun.

The week will kick off in its exciting and traditional way with the annual County Fair Parade through Downtown Dexter. Bands, floats, clowns, tractors, horses and more will delight as the parade begins at 5:30 p.m. from the intersection of Stoddard and Catalpa streets.

Entries for parades are still be accepted by parade organizers and awards for the top three floats in three divisions - Commercial, Schools, Churches & other. To enter or for additional information, contact the Dexter Chamber of Commerce at 573-624-7458 or toll-free at 1-800-332-8857.

The parade will also feature the annual marching band contest, with bands competing for the honor of “top band” to lead the 2012 county parade.

The opening night at the Fairgrounds will feature the Fair Queen contest right after the parade in Arena A. Young ladies who wish to enter the pageant may find the entry form [here](#).

Also on Tuesday night, there will be plenty of fun and action in Arena B, with the Chicken Catching and Youth Games.

Beginning Tuesday evening the, Stoddard County Fair will highlight local talent and entertainment. The Tuesday spotlight will shine on the music of Anna Catherine DeHart. DeHart, of Sikeston, has a voice that has been called “strong and mature beyond her years. She blends traditional country with today’s sounds.

“I’ve been singing most of my life. I’ve grown up around music and have been greatly influenced by country music,” DeHart said. Her musical influences include Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette to some of today’s superstars like Carrie Underwood, Taylor Swift and Martina McBride.

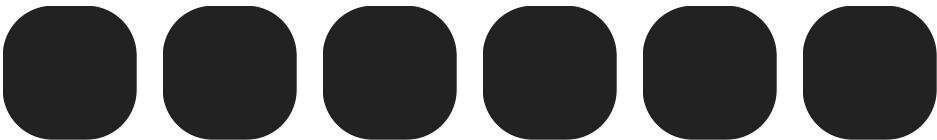
DeHart will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Midway.

And what would the Fair be without the rides? Tinsley Amusements will be on the Midway each evening of Stoddard County Fair Week.

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The American Red Cross has a great way for blood donors to get more rewards while doing a good deed. This fall, the Missouri-Illinois Region will be encouraging donors to participate in Red Cross Racing, an online rewards program for blood donors.

Stoddard County blood drives in September include:

- Sept. 13: Richland High School, 1:30 P.M. to 5 p.m.
- Sept. 13:, Bell City High School, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Sept. 16: Bloomfield High School, 8 until 11:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26: Bernie Community Center, 3 until 7 p.m.

Without volunteer blood donors, the Red Cross would not be able to meet the demands of patients who need blood. By taking the time to give, blood donors can now get more rewards through the Red Cross Racing program, including Best Buy® Reward Zone® points!

After their donation, donors can go to redcrossracing.com and report their donation. Members will be awarded Donor Rewards points for each donation, which can be exchanged for exclusive racing merchandise like die-cast cars, t-shirts and golf bags.

Additionally, donors may also convert these points into Best Buy Reward Zone points – up to 800 Reward Zone points for each donation.

Photo Above: Kristi Williams waits patiently as a Red Cross technician prepares to draw blood at an American Red Cross Blood Drive held last Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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It was a tough night for the 'Cats on the field at Charles Bland Stadium, but the fans were still enthusiastic and proud to be Bearcats on Friday evening.

An outstanding crowd packed the stadium, with enthusiasm and spirit led by the DHS Varsity Cheerleaders and the Marching Bearcat Band. The cheer squad and the band marshaled the 'Cats onto Bearcat Field in the pre-game, helping to get the team and fans prepared for the evening's gridiron battle against the Sikeston Bulldogs.

The student members of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) kept the fans energized with the best hotdogs, popcorn, snacks and soft drinks in town! The student workers were kept fans – especially as the aroma of the fresh-popped popcorn filled the early fall air.

The Marching Bearcat Band took the field for halftime under the leadership of field directors Joseph Greer, Kendra Stevenson and Lauren Dudley. The band's halftime show this year features the music of one of the greatest bands in popular music, Chicago.

While the final score may not have turned the Bearcats' way, folks seemed to enjoy the mild early fall weather. The temperature at the end of the game was a comfortable 65 degrees.

The Bearcats, now 2-1 for the season, will travel to Scott City next Friday to take on the Rams.

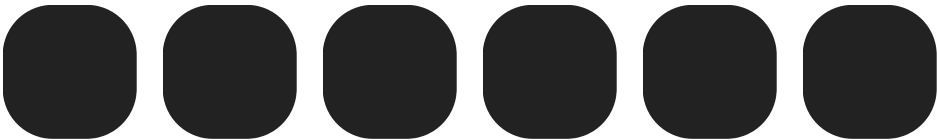
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MSH Dietitian Receives Advanced Degree

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A local dietitian has earned an advanced degree in Gerontology.

Robin Harwell, consultant dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Missouri Southern Healthcare, recently received her Master of Science in Gerontology degree from Kansas State University, in Manhattan KS. She completed 36 university credit hours of graduate-level courses to complete her degree.

Gerontology is the study of the social, psychological and biological aspects of aging. Kansas State University's Center on Aging coordinates and develops educational and training programs in aging, and serves as a referral center for information on aging resources

"I increased my knowledge of the social, lifestyle, and health needs of older adults," said Robin, "and as MSH continues to grow, I will be better equipped to serve this growing group of people."

Robin has worked at Missouri Southern Healthcare for 11 years in the Dietary Department.

"We are grateful to have Robin as part of our team," said Frankie Gosnell, Director of Dietary Services at Missouri Southern Healthcare. "She is a great asset to our department, our hospital and our community."

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Young Ladies To Vie For Crown

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The Miss Stoddard County Pageants will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, beginning at 2:00 p.m. the the Dexter High School auditorium. The pageant is sponsored by Xi Lambda Psi sorority.

The following categories will be included:

- Little Miss and Little Mr. (ages 3 to 6)
- Petite Miss (ages 7- 11)
- Junior Miss (ages 11-14)
- Miss (age 14 and over)

All contestants must be residents of a Stoddard County School District, or attend a Stoddard County School. They must also be a reigning Queen or King, or attendant in their respective age category.

An optional rehearsal will be held on Friday, September 16, with the following time schedule: 4 to 5 p.m. for Junior Miss and Miss contestants, 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for Petite Miss contestants, and 5:30 to 6 p.m. for Little Mister and Little Miss contestants.

Entry forms and contest rules may be obtained at the following places: all Stoddard County High Schools, The Bunny Patch in Dexter, and on the Show Me Times Website.

The deadline for entry is Sept. 15, unless prior arrangements are made.

For more information concerning the pageants or entry forms please contact Susan Hill at 624-5295 or Melanie Stoelting at 573-222-3983.

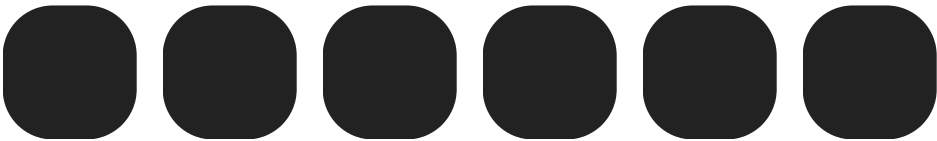
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