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The girls who gathered Thursday evening in Wesley Hall at the First United Methodist Church were – well, they were excited, energized, and electrified. They knew that something special was about to begin, and they were eager to start the journey!

For the area Girl Scouts who gathered, it was Cookie Rally – the night before the beginning of a much-anticipated time when Girl Scouts in the area visit with family and friends, go door-to-door, and set up special booths to sell those wonderful once-a-year treats – Girl Scout Cookies!

What can a cookie do? More than you think! A Girl Scout Cookie can help girls dream more, experience greater opportunities, offer chances to learn real life skills. There's more to Girl Scout Cookies, than just your favorite sweet treat.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 6 and continuing through Jan 23 girls throughout Girl Scouts of Missouri Heartland will be taking orders for the cookies.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped make Girl Scouting the premier leadership organization for girls. The program teaches skills—such as financial literacy and responsibility, teamwork and setting goals—that allow girls to realize their full potential and develop their own personal leadership style. Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls develop five essential skills, important ingredients in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience:

- Goal setting
- Decision making
- Money management
- People skills
- Business ethics

All proceeds from Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland's Girl Scout Cookie Program benefit girls in the area; girls earn troop proceeds and Girl Scout Cookie Credit that can be used to pay for Girl Scout camp, leadership programs, uniforms, and more. Additional proceeds help to fund needs such as financial assistance, volunteer training and support, and program resources.

“As we enter our one hundredth year of Girl Scouting in 2012, the Girl Scout Cookie Program reminds us of the great potential of girls” says Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland interim CEO Anne Soots. “Since 1912, Girl Scouts has taught self-sufficiency, independence, and service. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a fantastic way for girls to learn those skills and more.”

New in 2012 is a council-wide Girl Scout Cookie Share program, in which customers may purchase cookies to donate. Many troops throughout Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland’s 68-county jurisdiction will select a local organization that is special to them, such as a food shelf, family shelter, or military unit. Others will give customers the option to donate cookies to military troops and military family groups, which are this year’s council-designated Cookie Share beneficiary.

Girl Scout Cookies will be sold through mid-March this year, with eight cookie varieties available:

- Thin Mints
- Caramel deLites
- Peanut Butter Patties
- Peanut Butter Sandwich
- Shortbread
- Thanks-A-Lot
- Lemonades
- Shout Outs.

The shortbread cookies will feature a special-edition 100th anniversary box. Cookies are \$4 per box, with all proceeds benefitting the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

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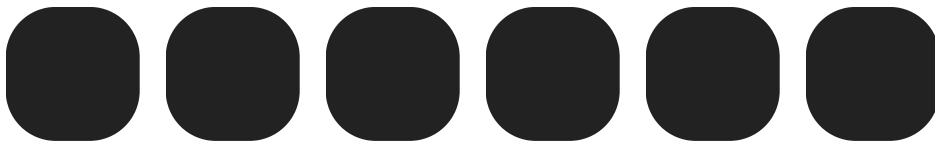
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Photo Above: Daisy Girl Scouts Riley Christian, Marie Fee & Maddie Glaus are excited about the opportunity to participate in the 2012 Cookie Sale with the Girl Scouts! All three girls say their personal favorite is the Thin Mint cookie - the best selling Girl Scout Cookie in the USA!

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What could be better on a chilly Friday but a steaming bowl of savory bowl of chili from the Dexter Rotary Club?

The Dexter Rotarians will hold their annual Chili Day this Friday, Jan. 6.

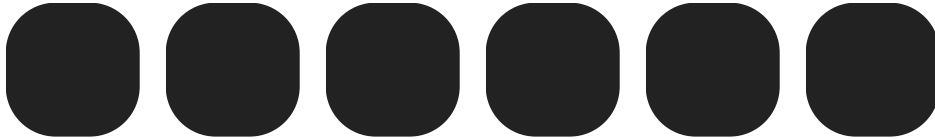
Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Hall. A ticket will include chili, pie or cake, and drink and carry-outs will be available. Tickets are \$6 each, and available from any Rotary Club member or at the door the day of the supper.

Rotary Club is one of Dexter's service clubs. In addition to projects in the community, the club sponsors RotaryInteract, a service organization for high school teens. Proceeds from the annual Rotary Chili Day will be used for Dexter Rotary Club projects.

Photo Above: During last year's Rotary Chili Day Rotarian Wayne Jean (center) checks out the pots of chili as prepared by fellow club members Phil Ternes (left) and Henry Kestner. (SMT File Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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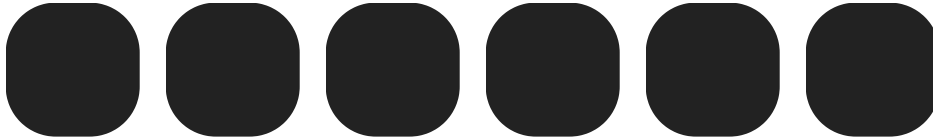
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ShowMe Spotlight: Megan Trewatha

Miss Megan Trewatha is ready to greet the new year in the ShowMe Spotlight for January 2012. Megan is a senior at Dexter High School and is ready to meet all the great things that will happen in the new year - including high school graduation! Megan is the daughter of Deana and Steve Trewatha of Dexter. She is a member of the Dexter High School Dance Team, is a member of Future Teachers of America (FTA) and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at DHS. The ShowMe Spotlight is a monthly feature of the ShowMe Times, featuring one of the Top 12 finalists in the annual Miss Dexter Pageant sponsored by the Dexter High School Choral Music Department. (Photo by SMT Reader Shannon Putnam .. Thanks, Shannon!)

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JEFFERSON CITY—Hunters can start planning for next year's turkey and deer seasons, thanks to recent actions by the Missouri Conservation Commission.

At its Dec. 15 meeting in Jefferson City, the Commission approved 2012 turkey-hunting regulations similar to 2011. The regular spring turkey season will run from April 16 through May 6. The fall firearms turkey season will run from Oct. 1 through 31.

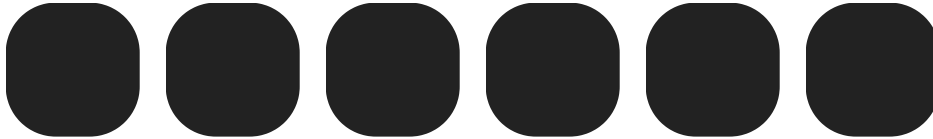
The 2012 youth spring turkey season will take place the weekend of March 31 and April 1. In most years, the youth season opens nine days before the opening day of the regular spring turkey season. However, the season framework shifts the youth season one week earlier in years when the usual timing would cause the youth season to overlap Easter.

Limits, shooting hours and other turkey-hunting regulations remain unchanged from 2011 and will be published in guide books before hunting seasons.

The Commission also set Nov. 10 as opening day for the November portion of firearms deer season. The Commission will set opening dates for the urban, youth, antlerless and muzzleloader portions and other regulations for the 2012 deer season at its May meeting. These will be available in the 2012 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet in July.

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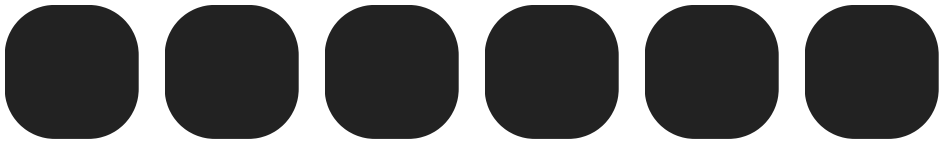
New Officers To Lead GOP Group

New officers for the Stoddard County Republican Club were introduced to club members at its meeting this week. Officers for 2012 include (from left) Marilyn Tuley, secretary; Evelyn Griffin, treasurer; Carol Beam, chair; and Gene Weeks, vice chair. The club meets the third Monday of each month and has had a number of guest speakers during 2011. (Photo submitted by SMT reader Gene Weeks. Thanks!)

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