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## Bearcats Celebrate a Spirited Homecoming

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*By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor*

With festivities fitting a special evening, the Dexter Bearcats celebrated Winter Homecoming Friday night at the Bearcat Event Center.

From the lobby with the Bearcat Booster Club and students meeting and greeting fans, the BEC was full of homecoming excitement. A tremendous crowd of Dexter fans and fans from neighboring Bernie, it was a great night for fun, friendships and basketball action.

The Winter Homecoming celebrated five DHS winter activities: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Basketball Cheerleaders and the DHS Dance Team.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the 2012 Homecoming Queen court prior to the varsity matchup between the Bearcats and the Bernie Mules. Queen candidates and the escorts included:

- *Amanda Cooper*: Amanda was nominated by the Dance Team. Amanda was escorted by Stevie Payne.
- *Stephanie Gee*: Stephanie is a senior at DHS, was nominated by the Wrestling Team and she was by Cody Stevens.
- *Rilee Jones*: Riley was nominated the Cheerleaders, is a senior at DHS, and was escorted Friday evening by Chase Young.
- *Taylor Martin*: Taylor was nominated by the Boys' Basketball team and was escorted by Jordan Fitts.
- *Chelsey Massey*: Chelsey was nominated by the Wrestling team and was escorted by Dylan Hefling.
- *Hannah Noe*: Hannah was nominated by the Lady Bearcat Basketball team. She is a sophomore at DHS and was escorted Friday evening by Blake Horton.
- *Sydnie Rinehart*: Sydnie was nominated by the Cheerleaders and was escorted Friday by DJ Dowdy.
- *Megan Twewatha*: Megan was nominated by the DHS Dance Team was escorted by Brad Potts.
- *Miranda Warner*: Miranda was nominated by the Boys' Basketball team and was escorted by Tyler Miller.
- *Mollie Whitehead*: Mollie was nominated by the Lady Bearcat basketball squad and was escorted by Cody Neldon.

Chosen as the 2012 Winter Homecoming Queen was Stephanie Gee. Stephanie is the daughter of Kim and Brenda Hart and is a member of the DHS Chamber Choir, Student Council, and Rotary Interact, Dexter Show Choir, the Light House Church and TeenAge Republicans.

Her attendants were Mollie Whitehead, daughter of Kristi and Jonathan Whitehead, and Taylor Martin, daughter of Amber and Mike Martin.

The varsity Bearcat basketball team won a thrilling game against the Mule, with a final score of 68 – 61.

The Homecoming festivities continued following the game with the Homecoming Dance for the DHS Student Body.

***Photo Above: Stephanie Gee (center) was crowned the 2012 Winter Homecoming Queen at Dexter High School Friday evening. Her alternates were Mollie Whitehead (left) and Taylor Martin (right).***

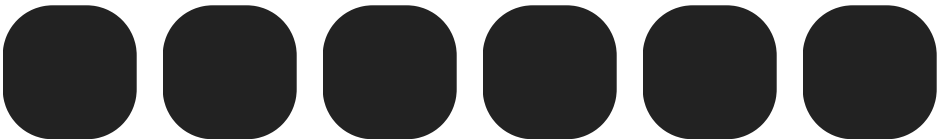
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# Blunt Has Coronary Stent Procedure

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U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri is recovering Friday after undergoing surgery to have a coronary stent implanted at a Washington-area medical center.

The procedure took place at George Washington University Hospital after doctors located a blockage in the front of the Senator's heart as a result of a physical examination earlier this week.

Senator Blunt plans to resume his normal schedule next week.

"I continue to be a strong believer in the life-saving importance of early detection, and I encourage everyone to be proactive about their preventive screenings," Blunt said in a statement.

Blunt won election to the Senate in 2010 and recently was chosen by his Republican colleagues as vice chairman of the Senate GOP conference, the fifth-most senior position in the party's caucus.

Blunt visited Stoddard County this fall. The history buff spent time at the Stars and Stripes Museum in Bloomfield and participated in a roundtable discuss at the Three Rivers College Center in Dexter.

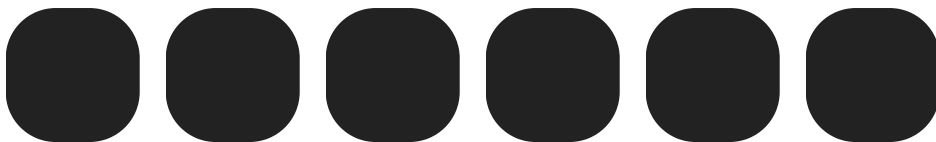
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## Local Animal Shelter To Host Adoption Event

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### Local Animal Shelter To Host Adoption Event

Dexter's Animal Shelter is needing some help this weekend.

The Shelter has some wonderful pets ready for adoption. In fact, they have so many dogs, puppies, and kittens and cats that the facility is at full capacity. Full capacity; 'no room at the inn' so to speak.

The Shelter will be hosting a pet Adoption Event beginning at 10 this Saturday (Jan. 14) to help pair puppies, kittens, dogs and cats with new, loving owners.

You will make a pet happy. By adopting from the animal shelter you'll help a homeless pet find a new home. Every dog and cat deserves a home. When you adopt from a shelter, you provide a pet with another chance at finding love and a forever home.

During this time of year adoptions are low but the pet population continues to grow, animal shelter officials said.

### What's Happening

- **What:** Animal Adoption Event
- **Where:** Dexter Animal Shelter
- **When:** Saturday, Jan. 14
- **Time:** Begins at 10 a.m.
- **Address:** 601 East Grant Street, Dexter

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## Bill Will Bring State In Line With Federal Requirement

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JEFFERSON CITY — Employment law in Missouri is one step closer to reflecting the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Legislation has been introduced by Sen. Brad Lager, R-Savannah, that would change state laws to mirror federal employment laws when it comes to discrimination.

“We want Missouri employees to be protected from employers who break the law,” Lager said. “We can best do this by raising our standards to meet the provisions set out in the historic Civil Rights Act, giving employers and workers better certainty across the board when it comes to their day in court.”

The bill changes Missouri law to state that discrimination must be “a motivating factor” rather than “a contributing factor” in wrongful termination lawsuits, which is identical to language in the federal Civil Rights Act. It would also allow for summary judgments, allow any party to demand a jury trial, limit awards for certain damages as outlined in federal law, and exclude managers and supervisors from being held individually liable.

Lager noted Missouri’s employment law originally resembled federal law, but differences have surfaced through case law.

“Unfortunately, Missouri courts have drastically changed Missouri employment law over the years,” said Lager. “It’s important the people of Missouri, through their elected representatives, ultimately shape our laws.”

Senate Leader Robert N. Mayer, R-Dexter, said bringing certainty to employment law is an important step in legislative efforts aimed at putting Missourians back to work.

“Currently there is no harmony in how employment law is treated between federal standards, state law and how our three appellate courts in Missouri have ruled on the law,” said Mayer. “By harmonizing our state employment law with federal employment law, Missouri companies can invest more in hiring new employees, rather than expansive legal fees to navigate a current system riddled with uncertainty.”

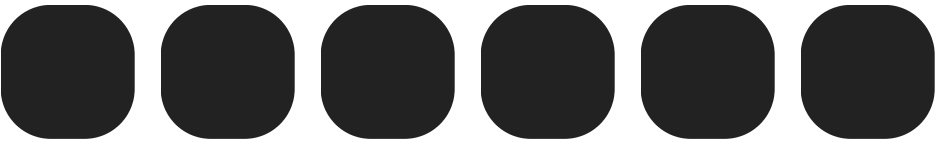
The bill also addresses Missouri’s “whistleblower protections” by clarifying the protections only apply to those employees who call attention to wrongdoing that is illegal, rather than allegations of wrongdoing where no law was broken.

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# BREAKING: Streets, Bridges Beginning To Ice

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## BREAKING NEWS!

The Dexter Police Department just reported to the ShowMe Times that bridges in the city are beginning to ice.

A city spokesman reports the Dexter Street Department is spreading solution on roadways near the Dexter schools and will continue to spread solution on city streets around town.

The National Weather Service in Paducah issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the region through Thursday night. The NWS reports accumulating snow is expected through tonight.

In addition to the snowfall, biting west-northwestern winds are expected to lead to falling temperatures throughout the day. Wind chills in the teens are expected.

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