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It is a unique tradition 87 years in the making. It brings together every corner of Stoddard County; a source of pride with each school bringing its own traditions, it's own sense of school and community pride – all coming together for a week of much more than basketball.

It's been Stoddard County Tournament week.

And while the eight schools in the conferences shook hands and met on the hard court for great athletic contests, but there was other action this week at the Bearcat Event Center. There were the cheerleaders and their competitions – for the All-County team award as well as All-Tournament team. There are fans – neighbors really, and the meeting of coaches and officials in the Hospitality Room. Cheer teams and dance squads perform great half-time entertainment throughout the week, and friends greeting friends in a uniquely Stoddard County annual institution.

Friday night's half-time entertainment featured the Kicking 'Cats Dance Team from Dexter, the Bernie Mules Cheerleaders, and the DHS Cheerleaders.

On Friday night, tournament action came to a pinnacle with championship games and announcement of All-County teams.

For the second year in a row, the Dexter Bearcats cheer squad received the Cheerleading Team award. The senior members of the Bearcat squad walked together – holding hands in friendship and unity – to accepted the championship plaque.

A dozen young Stoddard County ladies were named to the 2012 SCAA All-Tournament Cheer team:

- Katie Baker, Bernie
- Allie Below, Advance
- Sydney Graves, Dexter
- Taylor Martin, Dexter
- Mariah Massey, Bloomfield
- Paige Mays, Bernie
- McKenzie Mitchell, Dexter
- Grayson Miles, Advance
- Jessica Norman, Dexter
- Kim Seabaugh, Woodland
- Brooke Stoker, Dexter
- Miranda Warner, Dexter

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