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Gloves, hats, warm coats, even snow boards and sleds – all are most likely finding their way to the back of closets. With folks in the Bootheel enjoying unseasonable – almost balmy – weather, many are thinking of spring activities and playing outside to enjoy the sunshine and spring-like weather.

February 23 – and the afternoon temperatures are in the 70 degree range! Who would have thought of such a thing! Plans are being made for grilling outside, starting gardens and flower beds, and a few sightings of bees, gnats and “bugs” have been reported.

The sign at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Historic Downtown Dexter records the warm temperatures Wednesday afternoon - just in case it's too good to be true!

The weather in the region has been unseasonably warm for the last several days. But the region may be in for a slight adjustment. The forecast for Thursday calls for strong winds from the west gusting up to 26 mpg. Skies are expected to stay clear overnight, with temperatures cooling into the low 50s.

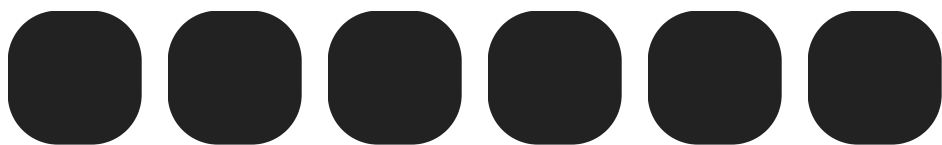
However, there is a good change of isolated thunderstorms Thursday night, with a 30 percent of rain. Widely scattered showers or thunderstorms are expected, with the low dipped down to 41.

Sunshine is expected to return Friday, with gusty winds and the high reaching to the low 50s.

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The weather has calmed for the time being, there the American Red Cross is in need of blood and blood platelets, and the organization is asking for help.

A number of recent blood drives had to cancel this month due to wintery weather. Therefore, blood supplies in our region need to be replenished.

“There is no substitute for human blood. Blood is a perishable product. Most donated Red blood cells must be used within 42 days and platelets within just five days,” said Laurie Nehring of the American Red Cross. “Blood supplies must be replenished constantly.”

The American Red Cross is reporting lower donations than expected since the start of 2012. O blood types are particularly low, but all blood types are needed.

Blood drives are scheduled in a number of local communities, including Dexter, Advance and Sikeston. Blood drives scheduled include:

- Feb. 21 at **Advance High School** from 2 until 6 p.m.
- Feb. 22 at **Ferguson Medical Group in Sikeston** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Feb. 22 at **South Elementary in Jackson** from 2:30 until 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23 at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter** from 12 until 5 p.m.

How to Donate Blood

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or log on to www.redcrossblood.org for more information or to schedule a blood donation appointment. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19. Visit redcrossblood.org to learn more.

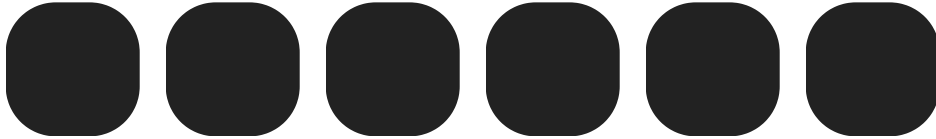
About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join the Red Cross blog at [\[url_new=http://blog.redcross.org\]](http://blog.redcross.org).

Photo Above: Owen Flowers and Kendra Stevenson were among the Dexter students who gave blood at an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Dexter this fall. (SMT File Photo)

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State Rep. Bill Pat Wright of Dexter accepted artwork recently created by a Stoddard County student that will be featured in his Jefferson City office. As a part of Missouri Citizen's Day For Art, Wright was given artwork by eighth grade student Andy Parker (center) of Puxico. The work, entitled "Billy Goat Gruff" will hang in Wright's office. Accompanying Parker to the state's Capitol was his mother, Lisa Kelly. As a part of Missouri Citizen's Day for the Arts students, their parents and teachers visited the State Capitol. As a part of the day's activities a reception was held for students, their guests and state legislators. (Photo submitted by State Rep. Wright)

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The snow continues to fall late Monday afternoon in Dexter and Southeast Missouri, leaving behind slushy roadways and a number of closings and cancellations for Monday night.

The Lady Bearcat Basketball games against Poplar Bluff tonight at the Bearcat Event Center have been postponed until Tuesday at the BEC. The ladies and the gents will both play Tuesday; the schedule, weather permitting includes:

- 4:00 p.m. - JV Girls
- 5:15 p.m. - JV Boys
- 6:30 p.m. - Varsity Girls
- 8:00 p.m. - Varsity Boys

Three Rivers College announced Monday afternoon that it would closed all offices at the main campus in Poplar Bluff as well as Centers in Dexter, Malden, Kennett, Sikeston and Cape Girardeau. All TRC classes for Monday evening have been cancelled at these locations.

The forecast from weather.com calls for steady snow will become mixed with sleet or freezing rain at times by 7 p.m. The temperatures will be steady or falling to near 32F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

The ShowMe Times will report cancellations and closings as they are reported to the news journal. Please send your winter weather news to the amiller@showmetimes.com

Be safe!

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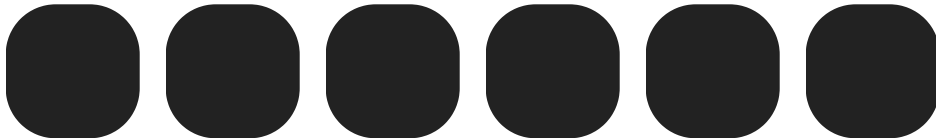
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Photo Above: Snow falls in Historic Downtown Dexter Monday afternoon, leaving behind a slushy Stoddard Street. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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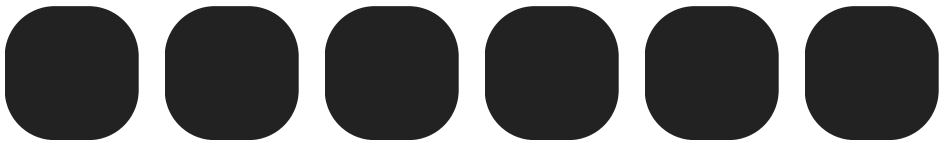
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The Dexter Show Choir recently held its annual Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser, selling nearly 500 dozen doughnuts. The young people in the Dexter Show Choir want to thank the community for its support in this project. The Dexter Show Choir members are high school students from the Dexter and Essex area. The Show Choir is under the direction of MaryRuth Boone and meets on Sunday evening at First Baptist Church. The Dexter Show Choir is planning a concert tour of Branson and will present a program for the community later this spring. On hand during the for delivery of Krispy Kremes were (from left) Zach Sims, Zach Mitkiff, Austin Richardson, Morgan Cliff, Emily Triplett, Afton Harris and Kelsey Frederick. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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