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**Dexter, Missouri** - The good works of the 18 Fore Life group continues to be felt throughout the Dexter community and surrounding areas. The group has quickly become one of the most diversified charities in the area with events ranging from bowling tournaments to crappie fishing tournaments to the annual Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Golf Tournament. But it doesn't stop there.

For the first time this year, the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Carnival was held in June. With only a few days to prepare and to spread the word, many area residents came out to enjoy the rides, carnival food, and games in support of the charity.

The event was sponsored by the local businesses of Montgomery Bank, County Wide Insurance Agency, and the ShowMe Times.

A portion of the proceeds were donated by the carnival group to the charity. In all, the four day event raised over \$3,800.00 for the charity. These funds will be put to immediate use by the charity in helping area people and families that are dealing with cancer.

"18 Fore Life has been able to give away over \$100,000.00 since June of this year," says Scott Kruse. "... and we still have names of the list."

Above, a very enthusiastic Ed Gargas of County Wide Insurance Agency and Scott Nelson of Montgomery Bank are shown presenting the a check to Kerri Kruse.

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## Todd Akin Visits Dexter

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There was a big turn out Friday morning at Hickory Log in Dexter as many citizens excitingly awaited the arrival of Congressman Todd Akin. The Stoddard County Republican Club sponsored this event. There were many interested citizens, elected officials, and members of the club in attendance.

Carol Beam, a very active member in the Republican Club, started the event by talking about the Stoddard County Republican club. Carol noted that candidates would come in to talk to the club to inform them. “We need to be informed,” said Beam, “This is the most important election of our lifetime.”

After a few minutes of information about the club, Carol Beam had the privilege of introducing the guest speaker of the day, Todd Akin. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Akin will be running for U.S. Senate against Claire Mccaskill who currently holds the position.

Akin started the speaking event with, “Thanks so much for coming out and for the understanding you show about where we are as a nation and the seriousness of the times we face.”

Akin said he was offered a lot of advice from a lot of people, some from the top level telling him to step-down in the race. He noted that he stopped and asked himself what was the right thing to do.

“Over the years my rule of thumb has been, what’s the principle, what’s the right thing to do, and to dickens with the politics,” Akin noted about the decision he faced of whether or not to stay in the race.


“When you as a state elect somebody and then the party bosses want to appoint somebody different, that’s not a good idea. We decided I was chosen to replace Mccaskill, and we’re focused on that.”

Akin made it known that his point is that we have to stand on principle. “I’ve been a Republican for twenty-four years and the very last thing I would want to do is in anyway divide the party. I have one thing I’m focused on and that’s replacing Claire Mccaskill. ”

Akin said he’s been traveling a lot throughout the state of Missouri and his confidence in the state is only growing. Akin notes that he feels Missourians take the U.S. Constitution seriously.

“As Americans, we always get right back up. We learn from our mistakes. America is built one dream at a time. In this election it’s our opportunity to fight for freedom in America. God bless you.”

After Akin finished his speaking, Carol Beam returned to the microphone to say congressman Akin would take a short break before question and answers would begin.

As the question and answer session began, many  people were eager to get some feed back from their answers from Akin. Some of the questions from concerned citizens included: Mccaskill’s voting record, spiritual state of the nation, and views on social security.

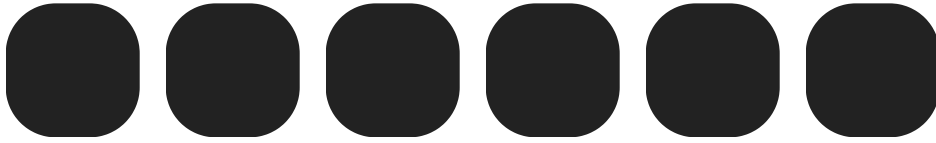
Akin reminds everyone to take a closer look at how elected officials voted.

Akin concluded the question and answer session by saying, “God bless you all and thank you for being here today.”

Carol Beam returned to the microphone one last time to conclude the event. She reminded everyone of certain events the Republican club holds, and invited everyone to talk to elected officials in attendance. “Todd Akin is a man of character and integrity. We need to get behind him and support him with our prayers.”

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## Dexter Family Eye Care Relocating

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### Dexter Family Eye Care Relocating

Dexter Family Eye Care will be relocating and continuing their practice in a new location. The move will take place this weekend.

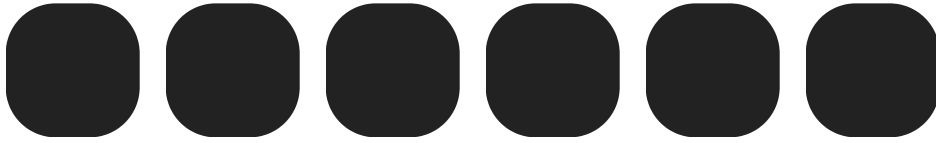
They will be moving to 812 N. One Mile Road, which was previously Dr. Coburn's office. Dexter Family Eye Care recently purchased this new spot and the crew is very excited to start practicing in their new location.

Due to the move, Dexter Family Eye Care will be closed Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and again on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The business will be back open in their new location on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Todd Akin To Visit Dexter

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Around 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Todd Akin is set to be appearing at Hickory Log in Dexter, Missouri.

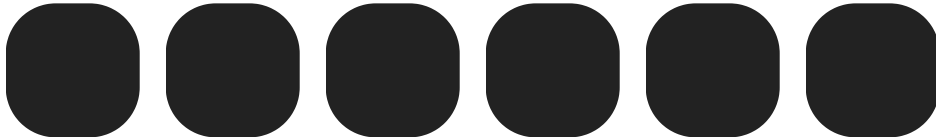
Todd Akin will be running for U.S. State Senate in the election on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

There are a variety of issues people are hoping to hear about from Todd Akin. Some of those issues include: life, spending, defense, jobs, energy, second amendment, and veterans, among many others.

Members of the Republican Headquarters are hoping for a good turnout to the event on Friday. A question and answer session will be held between people in attendance and Todd Akin.

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## Stoddard County Fair Queen Contest

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### Stoddard County Fair Queen Contest

It's that time of year again when we all start gearing up for the Stoddard County Parade and the week-long Stoddard County Fair held in Dexter, Missouri.

Activities will kick-off next Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with the parade in downtown Dexter. There will be many floats entered in this year's parade. From pageant queens, local businesses, churches, and also some political entries.

One exciting part of fair time is the Stoddard County Fair Queen Contest. Every year there is a pageant on the fairgrounds immediately following the parade. The pageant usually draws a lot of attention from people attending the fair.

The 2012 queen of the Stoddard County Fair pageant must agree to be in attendance and perform her duties throughout the Stoddard County Fair.

The queen is also required to assist with the Stoddard County Children's Pageant, which will be held on the Saturday of the fair.

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Upon crowning, the queen will be given a list of duties that are required of her for the remaining days of the Fair Week. Some of the duties will include: presenting ribbons, trophies, and attending other activities that will be held at the fairgrounds during the year; such as, demo derby, tractor pulls, etc.

To be eligible for the Stoddard County Fair Contest, contestants should attend a Stoddard County High School, or reside within Stoddard County. Homeschooled contestants should also reside within Stoddard County.

Contestants should also be single, never been married, never had a marriage annulled. Contestants who are pregnant or have been pregnant are ineligible to compete.

Entry forms can be picked up throughout the county at local businesses.

All entry forms and the twenty-dollar entry fee (non-refundable) MUST be received by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, September 14, 2012. Forms can be dropped off at The Bunny Patch in Dexter or mailed to the address below.

Stoddard County Fair Pageant

c/o Ashley Jarrell

18215 County Road 426

Bloomfield, MO 63825

The pageant will begin approximately 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday (or immediately following the County Parade.) There will be absolutely no entry fees taken at the door.

The pageant will be held at Arena B at the Stoddard County Fair Grounds, and there will be no changing area provided prior to the pageant for the contestants.

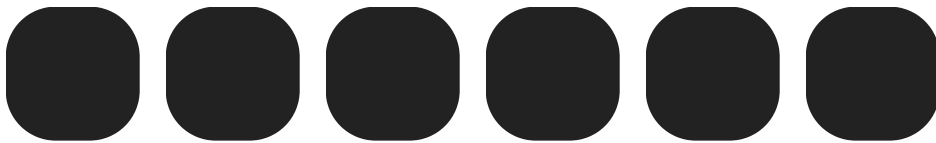
The 2012 Stoddard County Fair Queen will receive a \$150 cash prize after the crowning, her crown, a trophy, sash, and flowers.

The pageant directors are looking for a big turn out this year for the contest, as many people look forward to this part of the Stoddard County Fair.

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