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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Elks Lodge #2439 Hoop Shoot competition will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, at T. S. Hill Middle School in Dexter.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the Hoop Shoot contest will begin at approximately 10 a.m. The public can watch the event at no charge.

The event is a free-throw shooting contest open to all boys and girls ages 8-13.

Contestants will be assigned an age-group based on the age that they will be on April 1, 2013. Contestants must be 8 years old by April 1, 2013, to participate and can only participate in one Lodge contest.

All information of the Hoop Shoot was sent out to five schools: Dexter, Richland, Puxico, Bloomfield, and Bernie. The information was sent out by the Elks Lodge and then received by the coaches at the each of the five high schools. Participants should get with their coaches in order to get signed up for the contest.

The Hoop Shoot contest is arranged in two divisions, one for boys and one for girls, in age categories 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. In the 8-9 boys age division, the 28.5 boys basketball will be used in the competition. In the 10-11 and 12-13 age divisions, a regulation-size basketball will be used. All girls age groups will use the girls regulation-size basketball.

All contestant will be allowed 10-minutes to warm up time prior to competing. Boys and girls in the 8-9 age category may shoot from a line four feet in front of the regulation foul line.

The event director will determine the shooting order by random drawing of names. The contest score consists of the total of made free throws out of 25 total shots. Each contestant may have up to five warm-up shots if desired and will then shoot 10 shots for their official score. After the other contestants have finished their 10 shots, the contestant will then shoot 15 shots to complete their 25 shots for a final score

Additional rules contestants should be aware of are:

1. **Contestants cannot bounce the ball more than four times between shots.** If the ball is bounced more than four times, a penalty occurs and the shot is void.
2. **Contestants must stay behind the foul line until the ball has touched the hoop, backboard or net.** The penalty for a line violation is the loss of a basket, if made.
3. **Only contestants, officials and scorers are allowed on the floor** during the contest.
4. **All contestants must wear gym shoes and gym clothes** (t-shirt with pants or gym shorts) to compete.

The six Dexter Elks champions, one boy and one girl in each age group, will advance to the District Hoop Shoot contest. From there winners continue on to the state finals on February 2nd at Windsor High School in Imperial, MO.

State winners progress to the three-state regional competition on March 9th in Paris, TN. The national finals will be held on April 20th in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For more information, contact the membership of the Dexter Elks Lodge via email at bpoe2439@newwavecomm.net.

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DARE Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Formal

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Dexter, Missouri - The party was poppin' at Central Elementary Tuesday night! DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer Lori O'Dell strives to organize a special function for her fifth grade DARE students each year. This year Officer O'Dell hosted a Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Formal. Approximately two hundred students and parents attended the event. Because of the formal's overwhelming popularity, Officer O'Dell noted that the function will likely be the first of a now annual affair for the students.

The children had a wonderful time dancing to the music, forming Congo lines, and posing for silly pictures. The dance was beautifully decorated using supplies borrowed from the high school's Student Council. PTO volunteers provided tasty refreshments for the attendees and SEMO DJ Service's Jim Hager played an exciting remix of popular songs those

dancing seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

Fifth grade students complete the DARE program this month. Students have spent the last several years learning how to lead safe, healthy, drug-free lifestyles; however, this school year’s study of the topic has been more in-depth than in years past. The students will celebrate their conclusion of the program with a special graduation ceremony on Monday, November 17th at 1:00 PM.

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Election Watch Party

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Election Watch Party

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The members of the Stoddard County Republican Club are “electing” to have a good time on November 6th. The local club’s Central Committee is hosting this year’s Election Watch Party at the Hidden Trails Country Club. The event will begin at 7:00 PM and continue until all election results have been announced.

Several TVs will be displayed throughout the banquet hall covering both local and national news stations. Pizza and snacks will be served and those planning to attend are asked to bring \$5.00 to help compensate for the cost of refreshments.

The party will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with others who take interest in politics and also meet with potential elected officials. Members of the public, both young and old, are welcome to attend.

It is a pivotal time in American history. The results of this year’s election will surely determine the pace of the nation over the next four years.

Whether you sit on the left or right side of the aisle, the Stoddard County Republican Club would like to encourage all whom are eligible to cast their vote. Our ability to actively participate in our government is a right unique to the United States- please exercise your freedom of speech this election season!

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Moonlight Madness This Friday

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The annual Moonlight Madness event will be held this upcoming Friday, November 9th. Moonlight Madness will be held in the Historic Downtown Dexter area, as many of the downtown businesses participate in the longer hours, but some businesses not included in that area are also participating.

During Moonlight Madness you may see many people walking up and down the downtown streets holding apple cider, hot chocolate, or some other goodies provided by the local businesses.

Many businesses participating in the event have sales on their merchandise and have chances for you to win prizes.

There will be a drawing at the conclusion of Moonlight Madness in which all the people who put their name in a bowl at the participating businesses will be entered for a chance to win many "Dexter Dollars." Dexter Dollars can be spent at many businesses that participate.

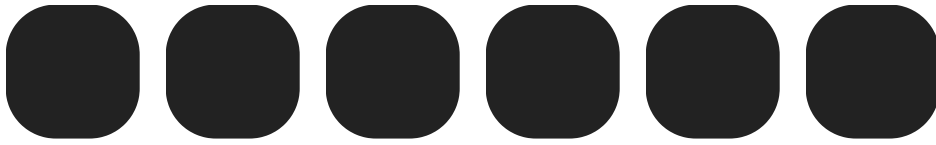
A few of the businesses that will be open during Moonlight Madness are: Locust St. Flowers, Bella Gifts & Accessories, The Art Gallery, The Powder Room, MJs, Ben Franklin, Corner Cottage, and many more stores.

All businesses involved hope for a big turnout for this year's Moonlight Madness which will begin in early evening and wrap up around 9:00 P.M.

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City of Dexter offices will be closed Monday, November 12, 2012 in observance of Veterans Day.

City offices will reopen Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 8:00am.

Refuse for Monday, November 12, 2012 will be collected on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. There will be no bulk pickup on Friday of November 16, 2012.

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