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Dexter, Missouri – If you have family in town for graduation and you would like a delicious meal and an opportunity to listen to a fantastic young lady sing, you must check out Dhafer's Mediterranean Steak House in downtown Dexter.

Saturday, May 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Miss Lauren Thrower will be singing a variety of music including pop, country, classic rock favorites, jazz/blues and of course her very own music from her CD.

Lauren is competing in Mexico, Missouri for Miss Missouri Outstanding Teen on June 7th and you just may get the opportunity to hear her talent competition song.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to sing," stated Lauren. "Any chance I get to practice and sing in front of people, is good. I will have upcoming performances in Branson on June 1st and 2nd that I am preparing for."

Congratulations Lauren and good luck in Mexico!

Dhafer's is located at 117 S. Locust St. in downtown Dexter, Missouri.

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Jefferson City, Missouri – Fallen Missouri firefighters will be honored this weekend during two services at the Fire Fighters Memorial of Missouri in Kingdom City.

On Saturday, May 18, at 9 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held for all Missouri firefighters who have died while serving their communities.

On Sunday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m., the names of three Missouri firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2012 will be added to the monument wall commemorating Missouri firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting citizens of the state. Forty other Missouri firefighters who have passed away during 2012 will also be remembered during the ceremonies.

“Every day, Missouri’s career and volunteer firefighters demonstrate their dedication to their communities by selflessly running to danger as their fellow citizens run from danger to safety,” **Gov. Jay Nixon** said. “It is important that we remember, recognize and honor the courageous service of those who in acting to protect others made the ultimate sacrifice.”

“The brave men and women of the fire service risk their lives each time they answer the alarm bell,” said **Missouri State Fire Marshal Randy Cole**. “We remember those who did not return from their final call, and we extend our thanks and support to the families they left behind.”

The firefighters whose names will be added to the Fire Fighters Line of Duty Memorial Wall are:

·**Senior Firefighter/Paramedic Doug Haase Sr., age 60, St. Charles Fire Department, Feb. 1, 2012.** Firefighter Haase experienced a medical emergency shortly after returning from an emergency call. He had been in the fire service for 27 years.

·**Fire Chief Eddy Wayne Meador, age 54, Pattonsburg Fire and Rescue Protection District, Dec. 8, 2012.**

Chief Meador passed away at his home from a medical emergency after responding to several emergency incidents that day. He had been in the fire service for 35 years.

·**Firefighter Jeffrey Hudson, age 46, St. Louis Fire Department, Dec. 12, 2012.**

Firefighter Hudson suffered a fatal medical emergency while on duty at the firehouse. He had been in the fire service for 18 years.

Both events will take place at the Fire Fighters Memorial of Missouri, which is located one block northwest of the I-70 & U.S. Highway 54 intersection (I-70 Exit 148) in Kingdom City, Mo. There are plans to build a firefighters museum on the site. Donations to the Firefighters Memorial Foundation and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri can be made to support the memorial.

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Dexter, Missouri – The countdown to the Demolition Derby held at the Stoddard County Fair Grounds has begun. This exciting, adrenaline-pumping event will take place on Saturday, May 18th. The derby is sponsored by the Stoddard County Fair Board and the members of the board will be working hard so that everything runs smoothly for this upcoming Saturday.

The fair grounds will most likely be filled with quite a big crowd, since the Demolition Derby will take place no matter what the weather is doing this weekend. The first place winner of the derby will take home the grand prize of \$1200, the second place winner will earn \$750, the third place winner will receive \$400, the fourth place winner will get \$200, and the final fifth place winner will receive \$100. The awards given out will also include the Mad Dog Awards.

Compact cars that participate in this event will be held between cancellation and final heats for 100% payback. Same rules apply to the compact cars as they do for the full size derby cars that will be participating except for a few alterations. A full list of the rules and

regulations for derby cars, compact cars, and participants can be viewed at www.stoddardcountyfair.com.

If you would like to attend the Demolition Derby on Saturday, the grandstand fee for the adults is \$8 while the fee for children (ages six through twelve) will be \$5. Children that are five years old or younger will be let in for free. Pit passes are currently available and if you wish to purchase these passes for \$15, you must be sixteen years old or older.

Keep in mind that there will be no alcohol allowed at this event. It is meant to be fun, safe, and entertaining. All participants are expected to read and follow all rules and guidelines before participating in the derby. The Demolition Derby will take place at 7p.m. on Saturday, May 18th at the Stoddard County Fair Grounds in Dexter. The event is made to continue on schedule, whether it decides to rain or shine. The gates will open at 4:30pm but the derby will not officially start until 7pm.

To print out fliers, see the rules or regulations, or ask questions you have about the rules, you can visit the Stoddard County Fair website or contact Stoddard County Fair Board Members Jason (573-576-0678) or Kevin Holman (573-625-8650).

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Dexter, Missouri - Route 153 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform edge rut repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 114 to Route 62.

Work will take place Thursday, May 16 through Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weather permitting.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

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Jefferson City, Missouri – The flags of the United States and the State of Missouri at all government buildings in Missouri will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset tomorrow on Wednesday, May 15th, in honor of Missouri's Peace Officers Memorial Day, so designated by a state law created in 1996. The day commemorates the sacrifices of the federal, state, county and municipal peace officers who have been killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

Peace Officers Memorial Day is not a national public holiday, but it has taken place annually since 1961. In October of 1961, congress came before the current president, John F. Kennedy, and proposed the idea of having a Memorial Day commemoration for the peace officers of America. Kennedy signed the bill and made it a law on October 1st. Ever since that day, the United States has celebrated Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15th during the national Police Week. The president is requested to issue a yearly proclamation to designate events to take place on May 15th, such as: direct all government officials to lower all flags on government buildings to half-staff and invite state as well as local governments to participate in the event.

“This is another way in which we can honor those Missouri law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice as they protected our safety,” Governor Jay Nixon said. “When Missourians see the lowered flags on Wednesday, it will serve as a reminder of the courage and selflessness of those who guard our safety every day.”

According to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), an average of about one-hundred-and-fifty police officers is killed every year while performing their everyday tasks. Many more have been injured during their line of duty. Families and co-workers often have a troubling time while dealing with the many tragic events that have caused them to lose a love one due to their profession. That is why many communities, both big and small, hold ceremonies, participate in Police Week activities, and hold memorial services in honor of the Peace Officers that have been lost.

Multiple communities and towns have a great deal of respect for the Peace Officers and the time and effort they put into protecting their citizens. This is why so many ceremonies are held for the tributes across the nation. Missouri is proud to be a part of Police Week as well as being a part of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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