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Dexter, Missouri – The local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host their 9th annual Hunting Heritage Banquet this Friday, June 20, 2014. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The National Wild Turkey Federation is a nonprofit organization, which is headquartered in Edgefield, South Carolina and has chapters in every state. The NWTF was founded in 1973, and has become a leader in upland wildlife habitat conservation. The NWTF is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage. Through vital partnerships with state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its members have helped restore wild turkey populations throughout North America. Wild turkeys once numbered a mere 30,000 in the entire United States but are now 7 million strong across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Tickets are available from American Outdoors in Dexter, any NWTF committee member or at the door. There will be live and silent auctions, raffles and games. Merchandise will include unique furnishings for the home or cabin, NWTF guns of the year, other firearms, wildlife artwork, and more.

The dinner will be at the Dexter Eagles on HWY 25 and is being catered by Doug Cox of Dexter. The menu includes pork steaks, smoked chicken, baked potato, baked beans, slaw, roll, desert and drink. Anyone who has tasted Doug's cooking will tell you the meal alone is worth the ticket price, but in addition to fine dining, your admission includes a one-year membership to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

As mentioned earlier, the NWTF is dedicated to wild turkeys and our hunting heritage. Dollars raised at Hunting Heritage Banquets are used in many ways. Locally the NWTF supports our annual JAKES Event at Holly Ridge Conservation Area, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), college scholarships, reduced cost food plot seed, Wheelin' Sportsmen and Women in the Outdoors hunting events, and many other programs. In addition, NWTF has partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation to plant trees and other wildlife habitat projects on public and private lands. The NWTF has also provided equipment to the MDC for educational purposes as well as habitat work.

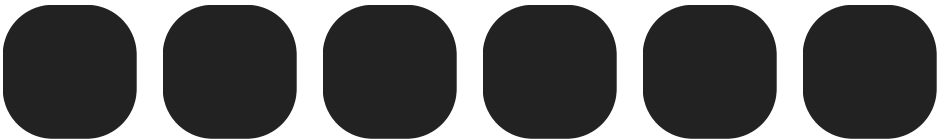
Whether you enjoy camping, hiking, hunting or any other outdoor activity, the National Wild Turkey Federation is working to improve public lands, increase opportunities and strengthen family ties. Even if you are not yet an avid turkey hunter, if you enjoy the outdoors odds are that the National Wild Turkey Federation has helped you in some way. Show your support for our hunting heritage by joining your friends for a great time this Friday evening at the Eagles.

For more information contact American Outdoors at 624-5421, Dr. Kyle Ouzts at 258-0770, or Mark Reed at 421-3240.

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Dexter, Missouri – “Service Above Self” is the motto of the Dexter Rotary Club. This group of dedicated individuals spends hundreds of hours each year volunteering for many charities and raising money for local scholarships.

Last year the Rotarians decided to help the people of Moore, Oklahoma after their town was hit by a devastating tornado. Other projects besides their scholarship program have been a tree beautification project, helping feed the hungry through the Stoddard County Gospel Mission, they host numerous Blood Drives each year including the Rally for Riley Blood Drive in May, they host an Annual Food Drive, and have generously donated to the Disabled Veterans Wildlife Facility.

The Rotary Club also hosts a Spaghetti Supper, Ham & Bean Day in conjunction with their high school group, the Rotary Interact Club, work a booth at the Stoddard County Fair, and host a Chili Day each year to raise additional money for charities and scholarships.

The Dexter Rotary Club’s annual Four Person Scramble is Friday, June 20, 2014 with tee-off at 1:00 p.m. at the Hidden Trails Country Club.

A Polo T-Shirt will be given to each player. Awards will be given for the Longest Drive, two closest to the Pin Holes, and Longest Putt. This is an 18-hole scramble and free beverages will be offered on the course and a light meal

following your afternoon of fun in the sun. There will also be prizes for two flights. Entry of \$75 includes Mulligans, Skins and 50/50.

Sponsors for the event are greatly appreciated and can sponsor a hole for just \$100. Your name or business name will be on the tee box.

Please contact the Rotary Club Vice-President Dave Ellinghouse at 624-5540 or Henry Kestner at 820-6168. Registration begins at noon.

The Dexter Rotary Club is also having a membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a member please come out and enjoy an afternoon of golf or just visit with the Rotarians for a bit. The public is encouraged to visit the Hidden Trails Country Club where an information booth will be available.

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Dexter, Missouri – Join the Corner Cottage of Dexter from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to share their blessings with the Mother-to-Mother program while “showering” them with items they could certainly use.

Mother-to-Mother program is in need of diapers, wet wipes, laundry detergent, rattlers, pacifiers, band-aids, infant toothbrushes, infant toothpaste, antiseptic ointment, baby lotion, baby wash, baby shampoo, teething rings, coloring books, crayons, and children’s books.

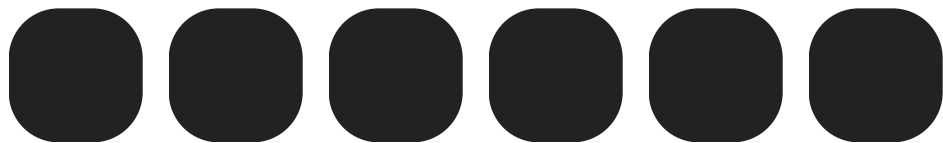
Through the mentoring program young women are given the resources and skills they need to become good parents and productive members of society.

Hope you can stop by Saturday, June 14, 2014 to enjoy refreshments while showing yur support for this great local program.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The American Red Cross has two Blood Drives schedule for June in Stoddard County.

The American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to make and keep donation appointments to maintain the summer blood supply and help prevent a shortage. Donors of all blood types are currently needed, especially those with type O negative, B negative and A negative.

While the need for blood remains constant during the summer, donations drop. Between June and August, on average, two fewer donors give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what hospitals need. This seasonal decline could be overcome if just two additional donors – above what is expected – give blood at each Red Cross blood drive this summer.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Recently, a patient needed 79 blood products after injuries sustained during a car accident. Thanks to blood donors who gave in the days and weeks prior, blood products were readily available for this patient and thousands of others at approximately 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country supported by the Red Cross.

This summer, there are 100 chances to give hope with the Red Cross by giving blood. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to learn more and make an appointment.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: Stoddard County

June 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Stoddard County Ambulance District, 501 W. Business Highway 60 in Dexter, Mo.

June 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oak Tree Inn, 1608 U.S. 60 Business West in Dexter, Mo.

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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Stoddard County, Missouri – Four members of the Stoddard County 4-H attended the 2014 State 4-H Congress held on May 28th – 30th on the University of Missouri – Columbia campus. They learned “Skills of a Superleader” including life skills from experts, experiencing living on a University campus, they elected State 4-H Council Representatives and made lots of new friends.

They attended informative workshops such as Duct Tape Roses, Harry S. Truman and the Atomic Bomb, Interactive Theatre Performance, Veterinary School Admissions, Citizenship Learnshop and they were able to go to the Capital in Jefferson City.

4-H is part of University of Missouri Extension and is publicly supported by county, state, and federal governments. Their motto – to make the best better! If you would like to know more about the Stoddard County 4-H check them out on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Emily Johns, Megan Martin, Celeste Huey, and Megan Cullum.

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