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# Veterans Day Event Slated at Bearcat Event Center

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The annual Veterans Day event sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary, the City of Dexter, and the Dexter Public Schools will be held at the Bearcat Event Center on Tuesday, November 11th at 9:30 a.m.

This year's keynote speaker will be Alan Hedrick, local businessman owner and veteran who served as a member of the Missouri Army National Guard in Kuwait during the Gulf War.

Russell Alan Hedrick was born in October of 1963 and raised in a small farming community of Parma, Missouri. In 1970, his family moved our community and he attended Dexter Public Schools. He was multi-sport athlete, a slightly above average student and a graduate of Dexter High School in 1982.

Alan was a gypsy during his college days. As a scholarship athlete at Pittsburg State University, Alan pursued his sports passion as a tight end on the PSU Gorilla's Football team. After one fall season, he transferred to the University of Missouri-Columbia to walk-on the Missouri Tigers Football program. An injury in the summer of 1984 sidelined Hedrick, who then transferred to Missouri State University to complete his BS degree in Agriculture Business.

With a dedication to civic involvement, Alan made a career decision to join the County Wide Insurance Agency team as a sales producer in December of 1989. He achieved notable success as a sales producer for the agency, in spite of a five-month absence from County Wide in late 1991 when he served with the 1221<sup>st</sup> Transportation Unit of the Missouri Army National Guard in Kuwait during the Gulf War.

Hedrick has continued to serve others through his church, community and insurance affiliations. Alan's virtues and commitments to work fall secondary to his dedication to his faith and his family. He has been married to his wife, Tracy Hedrick, for 26 years. They have two son's, Zach Hedrick and Morgan Hedrick.

Also presenting during the observance will be Boy Scout Troop 200 who will serve as the Color Guard for the ceremony and Rev. Roy Sherfield will perform the invocation.

Alexis Smith, president of the Dexter High School student body will welcome the audience and will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Dexter High School band under the direction of Scott Rybolt will provide the music.

Thomas Sharp, Dexter Public School Superintendent, will present a wreath to be placed at the Sisler-Eskew Memorial marker at Dexter City Hall.

The public is encouraged to attend the annual Veterans Day observance. The entire Dexter Public Schools student body from kindergarten through seniors will be in attendance. Please join them in honoring our veterans on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Bearcat Event Center. It's free and open to the public!

***Photo taken at the Stoddard County Fair Parade 2014.***

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## Ed Gargas Will Be Keynote Speaker at Veterans Cemetery

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** – The Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri will host its annual Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

Keynote speaker for this year's Veterans Day Program will be Lt. Col. Ed Gargas.

"Ed joined Bagby Wealth Management as a Sales Manager in 2014. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University, as well as a Masters in Business Administration from William Woods University. In addition to his experiences in the banking and insurance industries, Ed has served as Project and Marketing Manager for KMC Construction/ServiceMaster and as Regional General Manager for NewWave Communications.

Ed is a commissioned officer in the Missouri National Guard and currently holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and has received four Army commendation medals and many other awards for his performance and service. Ed's assignments in the military have included: battalion operations officer, battalion executive officer, division engineer, and

company commander.

Ed is a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter, as well as various other community and civic organizations including the Kiwanis Club, the Dexter Economic Development Board, the American Legion, and the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Tina have one son, Nate."

Please honor our veterans at 1:00 p.m. at the Committal Shelter Plaza in the Veterans Cemetery.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend to honor those who served in our military.

For more information contact the cemetery at 573-568-3871.

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## American Red Cross Asking for Blood Donations

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**Stoddard County, Missouri** - As the holiday season approaches, the American Red Cross is asking you to give something that means something.

Whether you host a blood drive or give blood, you'll be giving a gift that can help save a life. When you do, you'll discover the true meaning of giving – and it won't cost a thing!

You can help encourage others to get in the giving spirit, too. Just share this video on social media along with #GiveWithMeaning.

The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood to help ensure sufficient blood supplies are available for patients this holiday season.

Blood donations often decline during the holidays when donors get busy with travel and family gatherings, but the need for blood remains steady. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As extra encouragement to donate blood during the busiest time of November for many people, presenting blood donors from Nov. 26 through Nov. 30 will receive a limited-edition Red Cross potholder stuffed with unique celebrity chef recipes, while supplies last. Thanksgiving recipes are courtesy of Mario Batali, Rocco DiSpirito, Alex Guarnaschelli and Mike Isabella.

For more information visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call us at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

We appreciate your support, and look forward to seeing you this holiday season!

### **Upcoming blood donation opportunities:**

#### **Puxico - Hosted by Puxico High School**

11/17/2014: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,

Puxico High School, 481 North Bedford

#### **Dexter, Missouri - Hosted by the Dexter Rotary Club**

11/25/2014: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.,

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 102 East Castor

**How to donate blood**

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) 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**

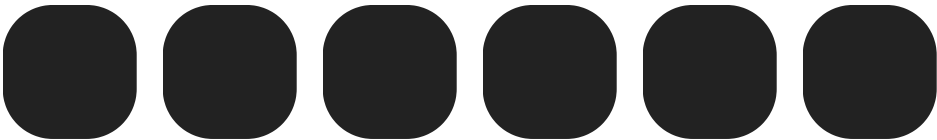
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit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

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# Young Hunters Check 18,091 Deer This Weekend

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## Young Hunters Check 18,091 Deer This Weekend

**Jefferson City, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announced that young hunters ages 6 through 15 checked 18,091 deer during Missouri's early youth portion of deer hunting seasons on Nov. 1 and 2. Top counties for the early youth hunt were Osage with 448, Franklin with 393, and Howell with 376 deer checked. Last year's harvest total for the early youth hunt was 18,676.

Antlered bucks accounted for 11,481 of deer harvested, or about 63 percent. Button bucks accounted for 1,728, or almost 10 percent. Does accounted for 4,882, or about 27 percent.

For harvest totals by county, visit the MDC website at [mdc.mo.gov/node/29442](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/29442).

Up next for deer hunting in Missouri is the November portion of firearms deer season running Nov. 15 through 25. This portion normally accounts for about 80 percent of the state's firearms deer harvest.

Get more information on deer hunting in Missouri through MDC's free 2014 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet available where permits are sold, from MDC regional offices and nature centers, and online at the MDC website at [mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/03/ftd2014.pdf](http://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/03/ftd2014.pdf).

Shown in the photo is Jadyn Northcutt from Dexter, Missouri. She bagged her 6-point buck during the Missouri Youth Hunt. This is her first deer! Way to go Jadyn!!!

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# Route AD in Stoddard County Reduced to One Lane

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[Route AD in Stoddard County Reduced to One Lane](#)

**Stoddard County, Missouri** - Route AD in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as the Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform bridge maintenance.

The bridge is located over US 60 west of Dexter.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Nov 3 through Thursday, Nov. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

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](http://www.modot.org/southeast).



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