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Dexter, Missouri – No child should ever have to endure living with cancer. Levi Stinson of Bloomfield was diagnosed with type B acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in 2014.

ALL is a form of cancer of the blood cells which causes the overproduction of immature, cancerous white blood cells and limits the production of normal red and white blood cells and platelets.

Levi has been receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

On Monday, the Dexter Rotary Club will host a blood drive in his honor at the Sacred Heart Church from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please come out and support this little guy as he undergoes treatment. There will also be a donation jar available for financial donations.

Facebook users can follow him on Love 4 Levi page by clicking [here](#). His mother, Sarah Stockton, updates his page regularly.

No appointment is necessary, but you can pre-register at redcrossblood.org to save a little time waiting.

For anyone who comes and registers to give blood they will receive a FREE Pizza Hut pizza coupon! The Rotary Club also provides sandwiches, cookies, juice and other goodies to those who participate.

This will be a great opportunity to give to an organization that helps our community in many ways. The Red Cross not only handles 1/2 of the United States supply through these blood donations, but offers CPR classes, first aid classes and other health and safety programs, they provide food, shelter and emotional support to victims of disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and floods.

What do you need to donate blood? It's very simple!

1. A blood donor card and driver's license or two forms of identification, especially if you are a first time donor are required to check-in.
2. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in reasonably good health.
3. Donating blood involves four basic steps: Registration, Medical history and mini-physical, Donation and at the end a nice Refreshment.

Any information given to the Red Cross during the donation process is confidential.

The need for blood is constant and every pint counts. Each day, patients in our county are helped by donors who have given blood.

Here is just one example of how a blood drive recently helped a person. Thirty units of red blood cells and five units of platelets were transfused to a car accident victim and saved their life. Had generous donations not been made his/her family would be attending a funeral instead spending time with their loved one. Thanks to the many dedicated Stoddard County residents who have given over the years, the blood products were available for these types of patients and other like them.

The Red Cross needs your help! Donate today! Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 for more information on how to volunteer or donate. We hope to see you at the Rotary Club Blood Drive Thursday.

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Relay for Life Survivor of the Year Mr. George Cox

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Dexter, Missouri - Each year Stoddard County Relay for Life hosts a Survivor's Dinner to honor those who have cancer or have survived cancer.

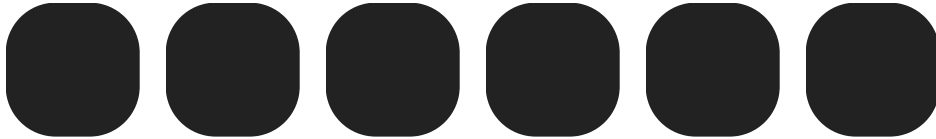
Co-chiar Belinda Worley honored George Cox of Dexter with the Survivor of the Year Award. It was George's idea so many years ago to begin the Survivor's Dinner. He said he would personally bring anyone who wanted to come!

The dinner was hosted this year by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Everyone enjoyed chicken, loin, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, and a delicious dessert. Compliments of Sacred Hearth Catholic Church, Leon's Deter Queen, Dexter BBQ, Hickory Log, Fiddlers, and Bernie Express.

Don't forget Relay for Life is Friday, May 1st from 4:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. with the Survivor's lap at 6:00 p.m. at East Park in Dexter.

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Dexter, Missouri - Bud Shell Ford is committed to our community and they have once again chosen to give and give in a BIG way!

On Friday afternoon at the annual Stoddard County Relay for Life they will have several new Lincolns for you to test drive.

Each test drive will earn Relay \$20 to help with fighting cancer! Please come and support them and there is NO obligation to purchase, just test drive!

It only takes a few minutes of your time and Relay could receive \$6,000 to help them make their event as successful as possible. One person per household please and then once you test drive join the celebration and REMEMBER to FIGHT BACK and support

those who are survivors and caregivers and remember those we lost to this terrible disease!!

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Bloomfield, Missouri – The American Legion knows how to throw a fish fry! On Thursday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. they along with veterans from the Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau and the VA Hospital in Poplar Bluff will descend on the pond at the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery and enjoy a day of fishing for the biggest cat in the pond.

Commander Eric Smith will be on hand along with many volunteers from the American Legion and the Lady’s Auxiliary to help reel in those ‘cats’! Veterans

will dip their fishing poles into the beautiful blue water, catch their fish, and then the Missouri Department of Conservation will gut and clean making ready for the biggest fish fry around.

Once cleaned and breaded, volunteers will deep fry delicious fillets. There will be a multitude of fresh baked pies, cakes and desserts lining the tables with freshly prepared french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, pickles, onions, and beans.

After working up quite the appetite, these veterans will surely want to devour their catch of the day!!

The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 hosts two Veteran Fishing Days. One in the spring and one in the fall. Other volunteers who make this event possible are the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Missouri State Veterans Home, Missouri Department of Conservation, and the American Legion Lady's Auxiliary. Without the tremendous help from these volunteers, this event would not be successful.

If you would like more information about the bi-annual fishing day or if you are interested in joining the American Legion please contact Eric Smith at 573-718-2021. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. each first Thursday of the month.

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Dexter, Missouri - No child should ever have to experience cancer. Little Levi Stinson of Bloomfield knows all too well the effects of being diagnosed with type B acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) does to his body.

The constant poking of needles and the ongoing chemotherapy are all too familiar to Levi. His cancer causes the overproduction of immature, cancerous white blood cells and limits the production of normal red and white blood cells and platelets.

Levi is receiving his care through St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the top hospitals for childhood cancer patients. He could face up to three years of chemotherapy and he has been plagued with upper respiratory infections due to his low immune system since being diagnosed last year.

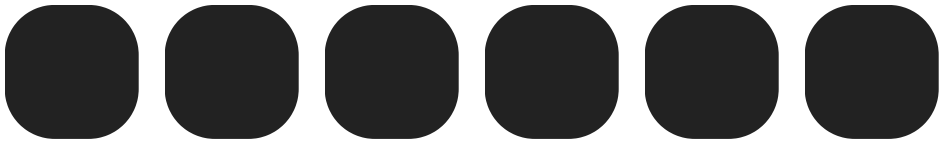
The Dexter Rotary Club will host Blood Drive in his honor on Monday, May 4th at the Sacred Heart Church from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

They ask everyone to come out and donate blood or platelets in his name. A donation jar will also be available to help offset the cost of travel to and from Memphis. If you can donate even just a few dollars it will help Levi's family so much.

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