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# 2016 Winter Homecoming Queen Candidate - Hailey Anderson

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**Dexter, Missouri -** The Dexter Bearcats held their annual Winter Homecoming Queen Coronation on Friday evening. Ten Candidates walked across the court hoping to become the 2016 Winter Homecoming Queen.

The first candidate was Hailey Anderson. She is the 17-year old junior and daughter of Billy and Lori Anderson.

Hailey is the member of the DHS Kickin' Cats Dance Team, Drama, Speech and Debate team and the Varsity Track Team.

Her future plans are to attend college and major in education.

Hailey was nominated by the Boys Basketball Team.

Her escort was Ben Sindle. He is the 16-year old son sophomore and son of Darrell Sindle and Holly Bowman.

Ben is a member of the DHS Football, Basketball, and Track Team.

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## ShowMe Times Cheer Spotlight - Macy Roper

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**Dexter, Missouri -** The ShowMe Times would like to spotlight Dexter Cheerleader Macy Roper.

Macy is a freshman at Dexter High School and is the 15-year old daughter of Tony and Tonya Roper.

She is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, and Honors Choir. She is also a member of First Baptist Church Refuge.

Macy not only performs as a basketball cheerleader, but also lettered in football cheer her freshman. Her hobbies are hanging out with friends, watching Netflix and sleeping.

She plans to go to college after high school and major in business management.

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# Homecoming Court at Richland High School

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Homecoming Court at Richland High School

**Essex, Missouri -** The Richland R-1 High School held their 2016 Homecoming on Friday evening. Senior Jordan Head was crowned queen and is seated surrounded by her court.

Included in the new queen's court are from left: sophomore candidates Riley Thornton and Landon Oakley, freshman candidates Laura Brown and Riley Glass, crown bearer Jude Rice, Homecoming King junior Preston Tilley, retiring queen junior Katie Pinkley, junior candidate Aleena Robbins, crown bearer Ava Porter and senior candidate Parker Miller.

Photo by Richland Student, Drew Hickson.

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### Bloomfield Beta Club to Host Blood Drive

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#### Bloomfield Beta Club to Host Blood Drive

**Bloomfield, Missouri -** Bloomfield High School Beta Club will be hosting a Beta Blood drive Wednesday, February 3rd from 9:00 am-2:00 pm in the FEMA building.

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors. Severe winter weather since Jan. 1 has forced the cancellation of more than 300 blood drives across 20 states, resulting in more than 9,500 donations uncollected, further depleting an already low winter supply. Blood donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

In the Missouri-Illinois Red Cross Blood Services Region, serving parts of Missouri, Illinois and Kansas, 10 blood drives were canceled since Jan. 19, causing nearly 300 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

"Blood products are being delivered to hospitals as quickly as donations are coming in," said Todd Wagner, donor recruitment director for the Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region. "Eligible donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now and help ensure blood products are available for patients."

Because of generous donors, the Red Cross is able to provide blood products to patients

like 2-year-old Charlie Stephens. Charlie has received both blood and platelets during treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her mother, Michelle Stephens, donates blood regularly. "I want to help supply blood for someone else, because others have provided for my family," she said.

The Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 blood and platelet donations every day for the patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide. Blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

#### Platelets and type AB plasma also needed

Platelet donors and those with type AB blood are also continually needed to help ensure patients receive the lifesaving blood products they need. Platelets – a key clotting component of blood often needed by cancer patients, surgical patients and bone narrow recipients – must be transfused within five days of donation, so donations are constantly needed. Donors with type AB blood are urged to give blood or platelets to restock the plasma supply. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types.

Individuals who donated blood earlier this summer may be eligible to donate again and help patients like an expectant mother at a Red Cross-supported hospital who is currently receiving nearly 100 units of blood products a week until she delivers. Her need alone could add up to 1,100 units.

#### How to donate blood

The free Blood Donor App – available in app stores by searching for American Red Cross or by texting BLOODAPP to 90999 – not only makes appointment scheduling easy, but donors can also access their digital donor card and be notified when their donation is distributed to a hospital. Donors can also visit redcrossblood.orgor 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.

Blood donors in the Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPassand follow the instructions on the site.

#### **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 visitredcross.orgor visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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## **DHS** Winter Homecoming Candidates

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#### **DHS Winter Homecoming Candidates**

**Dexter, Missouri -** The DHS Winter Homecoming candidates have been announced.

On Friday, February 5, 2016, the Winter Homecoming Queen will be named during the Dexter boys basketball game against the Advance Hornets.

The Kickin' Cats Dance Team nominated Taylin Leija and Myca Sutton.

The Boys Basketball Team nominated Haley Anderson and Kerigan Brady.

The Girls Basketball Team nominated Melanie McKuin and Dakota Reynolds.

The Wrestling Team nominated Allison Sneed and Chelsea Mullins.

The Cheer Squad nominated Emily Page and Kelsey Kendrick.

Winter Homecoming week theme is Destination Homecoming - Monday is Destination Staycation "wear your pajamas", Tuesday is Destination Greece "wear togas", Wednesday is Destination Wild West-"wear western wear", Thursday is Destination Bahamas "wear tropical wear", and Friday is Destination Dexter "wear Bearcat red and black".

Shown in the photo from left to right standing are: Taylin Leija, Haley Anderson, Melanie McKuin, Emily Page and Allison Sneed. Seated from left to right are: Dakota Reynolds, Kerigan Brady, Myca Sutton, Kelsey Kendrick, and Chelsea Mullins.

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