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Dexter, Missouri - On Friday, September 30th the Homecoming Queen and her court will be named prior to the Dexter home football game against the Kennett Indians.

The Homecoming Queen will be announced at 6:20 p.m. Kick-off is slated for 7:00 p.m.

The Lady Cats Tennis Team nominated Reagan Miller and Lexi May.

The Football Team nominated Jackie Kiger and Margo Nea.

The Football Cheer Squad nominated Michaela Gard and Chelsea Mullins.

The Cross Country Team nominated Shelby Smith and Jonni Hill.

The Lady Cats Volleyball Team nominated Krysten Garrison and Janie Lindsey.

Shown in the photo front row from left to right are: Reagan Miller, Michaela Gard, Jackie Kiger, Lexi May, and Krysten Garrison. Back row from left to right are: Shelby Smith, Jonni Hill, Chelsea Mullins, Margo Nea, and Janie Lindsey.

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Dexter, Missouri - The annual Hits for Hope volleyball game was quite the success this year! More than \$4579 was raised by the Lady Cats volleyball team and their band of volunteers!

The Lady 'Cats also came out on top defeating the Puxico Lady Indians 25-9, 25-10 on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Players, spectators, coaches and even the referees wore pink to support the Hits for Hope fundraiser.

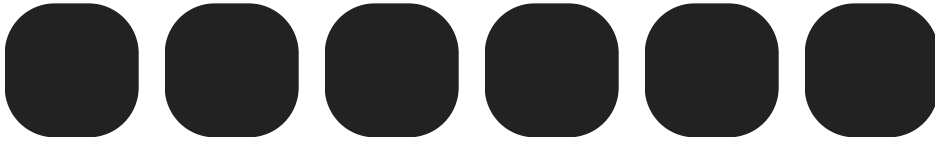
The generous contributions were donated to 18FORE Life.

"Isn't it just great!" commented Scott Kruse, co-founder of 18FORE Life with a big smile! "Amazing, truly amazing!"

Shown in the photos are senior Janie Lindsey, Scott Kruse, and senior Ashlynn Wyman

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Boys and Girls Club Relocating to Middle School Campus

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Poplar Bluff R-I School District has further opened its doors to the Boys and Girls Club immediately following the discovery of structural damage to the roof at the Hentz Center.

The Middle School, which is presently serving 120 club members grades 4-6 in the former band room, will add seventh grade and up in what was known as the JROTC building located between E.T. Peters Gym and Kay Porter Theater. The building will also serve as the office headquarters for the after-school program, which began moving in last week.

“Again, this highlights the incredible partnership that continues to pay dividends for our youth and our entire community,” said Chris Rushin, BGC executive director. “The (school) administration and the Board of Education share our mission.”

For over a decade, the BGC has operated out of the Hentz Center on South C Street, which the district leases in good faith to the organization for \$1 per month. The Hentz Center, originally donated by Bluff City Apostolic Worship Center, once served as the district’s alternative school.

“While the Hentz Center has admirably served the needs of this community for many years, circumstances dictate that we must find alternatives to meet the demands of our youth,” BGC Board President Brock Littles wrote in an issued statement following the incident. “We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the entire Hentz family and Poplar Bluff School District as we look toward a solution to our immediate challenge and long-term plans for the future of the Boys and Girls Club of Poplar Bluff.”

The BGC will go from 5,400 to 7,700 square feet at its new location. The club will share access to the gym, as well as Bacon Park for recreational activities. Until the facility is up and running, there are about 50 students utilizing the former Teen Center across the street from Hentz in the church annex.

Attendance at the club was 413 as of Wednesday, Sept. 21, according to Rushin. Last year’s start of school attendance was 364 members. Rushin expects the headcount to increase to 450 once the fall sports season ends at Junior High.

“The bottom line is they’re our kids, as in our community’s kids,” said Rod Priest, R-I assistant superintendent of business. “Being more centrally located for the majority of our community will provide an opportunity for more of our kids to be engaged in after-school activities.”

Shown in the photos: Robbie Toth (left), BGC unit director, and Director of Development Abbey Heuser begin moving in to their new home on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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Washer and Dryer Set Added to Life Skills Class

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff Junior High has been able to add a washer and dryer to its life skills classroom, thanks to a generous donation made last week by Fellowship General Baptist Church, leaders of which are represented on the Bright Futures Site Council.

How to wash and dry clothing has been taught in life skills for three years, but now the task can be put into action, SWIN teacher Steven Frey said. The Whirlpool appliance set will also be used to wash school-issued backpacks, as well as the gym clothes of students perhaps without regular access to a washer and dryer, according to Bright Futures Site Coordinator Lybby Mannon.

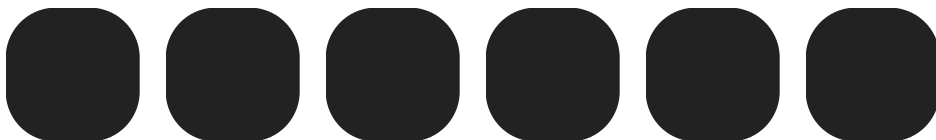
Shown in the photo: Lybby Mannon (left) and assistant Krista Yarbrow of the Junior High Bright Futures Site Council pose beside the washer and dryer set that the school was able to purchase from Hefner Furniture & Appliance with a \$1,000 donation.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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Dexter, Missouri - Chuck Kasting, Stoddard County Ambulance District Assistant Manager, was the instructor for the Dexter Public School bus drivers during a safety training seminar for Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and EPI pens.

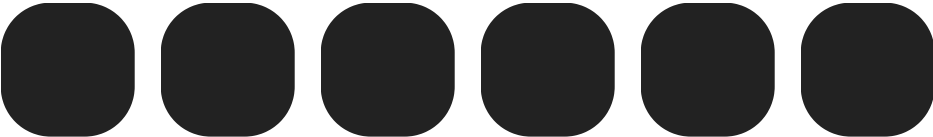
Dexter School Bus drivers hold monthly safety training sessions as part of the required annual continuing education.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Fowler, Transportation Supervisor, Dexter Public Schools

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