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Dexter, Missouri - The SB40 Board honored two long-standing board members at their Thursday, May 18 meeting.

The SB40 Board is a local county board founded in 1968.

Once a tax levy was established in Stoddard County in 1976, the SB40 Board of Directors for the county was established and funding was provided for residential, vocational and other related programs and services for the mentally handicapped in Stoddard County.

As a result, the Sheltered Workshop came into being. The board represents both the Stoddard County ARC and the Workshop.

Joe Weber has served on the board since its inception, and Clay Prough for the past 20 years.

Both are shown with family members after Stoddard County Commissioner Greg Mathis presented them with a token of appreciation for their continued dedication and contributions to the developmentally disabled of Stoddard County.

At left are members of the Weber family, daughters, Beth Weber and Cynthia Chesser and grandsons, Austin and Matthew Chesser. Members of the Prough family at right include Ronie Brown, Dennis Keeling, Sandy Keeling, Marilyn Borden, and daughter,

Nickki (seated at right).

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The program is coordinated by local Elks, Larry and Carol White, who go to each county school and recognize the students of the month from Advance, Bell City,

Bernie, Bloomfield, Dexter, Puxico, and Richland.

MaKayla Hunt of Bell City High School was named the 2017 Dexter Elks Female Student of the Year.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Stacey Hunt.

Her future plans are to attend Southeast Missouri State University - Cape Girardeau and eventually transfer to the University of Missouri - Columbia to become a Pediatrician.

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Cade Long from Advance was recognized as the 2017 Dexter Elks Male Student of the Year.

He is the son of Angela Long-Cato and Michael Long. His future plans are to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri to study business and finance management.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Elks Lodge sponsored their annual banquet for high school seniors who had been recognized over the past school year as Elks Students of the Month.

At the banquet, the male and female Students of the Year were named from the candidates.

Pictured are from left to right: Jacob Harris (Dexter), Caroline Robinson (Bloomfield), Macy Urhahn (Dexter), Logan Asher (Bernie), Katelyn Pinkley (Richland), Lane

Brown (Richland), Emma Parsley (Puxico), Bradley Clark (Puxico), Megan Lee (Advance), and Cade Long (Advance).

Not available for photo were McKayla Hunt (Bell City), Cole Nichols (Bell City), Alex Gibbs (Bloomfield), and Madissen Corbin (Bernie).

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, May 11, 2017 for their annual Spring Full Membership Meeting. The event was held in the foyer of the Bearcat Event Center.

C.A. Counts, new Dexter R-XI School District Superintendent, spoke to the crowd and is excited to get to work in Dexter.

"I believe that part of the school's responsibility is to provide a productive workforce for the community," stated Counts. "It is our job, our responsibility, to teach students

the work habits and the things that are vital for them to remain in this community and to be productive citizens."

He praised the accomplishments of those students who find great success in medicine, education, and business management, but he also noted that one of his passions is the education of those students who will enter the workforce and utilize skills in welding, HVAC, and other trades vital to our community.

"That's been a something that has been of interest to me," commented Counts. "How to teach kids to be good, solid members of the community and of the local workforce. That's one of my goals. We can't concentrate on just the upper level students. We need to focus on all students."

Counts has 26 years in education and the last 11 years he has been in the role of administrator.

"I have a great respect for the job that the teachers here do," he said. "To be able to have an effect on this school systems means a lot to me. My door is always open and I encourage anyone from the community to contact me." His contract with Dexter Schools begins July 1, 2017.

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