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Dexter, MO - Cody Boyer has been named the new head coach for Dexter High School Wrestling. The Dexter R-XI School Board approved the hiring of Boyer earlier this year.

"The excitement that I'm experiencing right now is off the charts," commented Boyer.

Boyer started coaching wrestling in the 2011-2012 season as an assistant middle school coach with Marc Thrower. "Those kids knew more than me!" Boyer said that athletes like Ethan Stevens, Storm Massey, and James Mullins were just a few that taught him so much over the years. He then moved up to coaching at the high school level the following year as an assistant to Coach James Sneed and has been in that position until now.

"The knowledge that Coach Sneed and Coach Aaron Pixley have instilled in me can never be repaid and I thank them so much for that. They were amazing and helped bring Dexter their first ever District Title."

"Growing up I had a great opportunity to have an older brother who would practice with me in every sport that I participated in," stated Boyer. "My brother, Wade, played football, baseball and wrestling growing up and that's what I wanted to do as well. I wanted to be just like him or even better. He was a tremendous athlete. I tried wrestling at an early age, but I didn't really excel at it. So I didn't do it again until my 8th grade year. I lost weight and learned a good deal and then went on to wrestle in

high school for three years.

Boyer has also coached football as an assistant for seven years and he has been the assistant baseball coach for ten years as a Bearcat. He is currently the Physical Education teacher at Southwest Elementary.

When asked what his most memorable moment was about wrestling and he answered, "Coaching Trevor Waldner to a Missouri State Title!"

"I remember talking to him in the tunnel and telling him that his dad, Bob Waldner, would always tell me that he would be a State Champ one day." It came true! There are so many wonderful memories that came to mind according to Boyer. Winning a District Title, many of the athletes becoming state medalists, Waldner winning a state title, first ever girls state medalist was Julianna Rivera, Waldner becoming Dexter's first ever 3 time state medalist and just seeing all the athletes getting better and better every day on and off the mat.

This reporter asked him about Coach James Sneed who retired this year from Dexter. "What can I say about Coach Sneed? He was not just another coach to me, he is my friend and mentor," commented Boyer. "I cannot tell you how many times he had to tell me not to worry. That if I kept worrying then I would end up with hair like his.....LOL. We have the same mindset in that wrestling room. During matches we would yell the same thing at the same time! Coach Sneed would say we were in sync today. I could never repay what he has done for me and for my career. He will truly be missed."

"I found a saying just the other day that states: If you push yourself to failure, you will never fail. That is what I want these young men and women to know. yes, this is going to be hard, but it can be a great tool in the future. Don't give up when things get hard and tough, keep going, finish!."

"I want to thank my wife, Jordan Boyer and my daughter, Katie Grace for always being there for me and loving me. I know it's hard for them. I want to thank my parents, Joy and Dale Boyer, for letting me play sports and have a love for competing. I want to thank my brother, Wade Boyer, for pushing me past my limits. I want to thank Coach Sneed, Coach Pixley and Coach Schwab for giving me the opportunity to help out with wrestling and giving me the love of the sport. I want to thank the administrators for having the faith in me."

Once a Bearcat! Always a Bearcat! I love this school!

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