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# Waldner Wins Reading Prize

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Waldner Wins Reading Prize

### Lucky Reader

Travis Waldner is a pretty lucky young man these days. The fourth grade student reached 100 percent of his Accelerated Reader goal for the first quarter of the academic year, and had his name entered into a drawing. Out of all the students at Dexter's Central Elementary who reached 100 percent of their first quarter goal, young Waldner's name was drawn and he won a goody basket to help celebrate fall and Halloween that included a book, gift certificates, candy and even some glow-in-the-dark bracelets! Travis is in the fourth grade at Central. Congratulations, Travis! (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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## SEMO To Consider Feasibility Of New Dorm

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CAPE GIRARDEAU - The Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents will consider the feasibility of constructing a new residence hall on the north end of campus and whether to authorize a contract for architectural and engineering services when it meets Oct. 21.

The Regents also will consider two resolutions declaring the University's intent to issue bonds to provide \$26.75 million in construction proceeds to fund the project. The Board of Regents is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. in Room 112 of the Douglas C. Greene Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

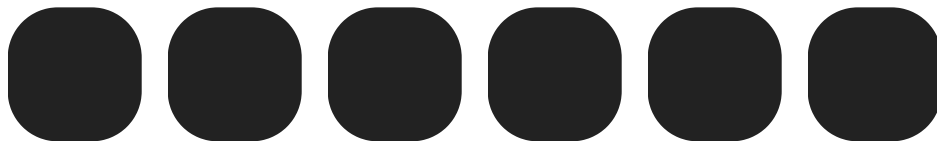
In another housing-related matter, the Regents will consider authorizing Southeast officials to contract for architectural and engineering services to complete a Greek Housing master plan that could result in a new Greek Village. The Board also will assess related utility infrastructure needs.

The Board will consider restructuring and changing the name of the School of Polytechnic Studies and approving incidental and special course fees for the recently started online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program.

The Board also will consider a motion to go into a closed session for appropriate considerations. When the open session reconvenes, the final item on the agenda will be consideration of a motion to adjourn

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## Dexter Chamber Choir Sings In Cape

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Dexter Chamber Choir Sings In Cape

### **Choir Participates in Fesitval**

*The Dexter High School Chamber Choir recently participated in a Fall Choral Festival held at Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau. The Dexter choir performed along with other regional high school choirs in an evening concert. Choral clinician and adjudicator for the evening was Dr. Peter J. Durow, Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. The Dexter Chamber Choir is under the direction of Jamie Sepulvado. (Thanks to SMT reader and Choir Mom Shannon Putnam for the photo)*

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## Dexter Bands Bring Home Success

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### Dexter Bands Bring Home Success

#### **DHS, Middle School Bands Earn Trophies**

It was a successful weekend for the Dexter Marching Bearcats, as they brought home some special “hardware” from the Southeast Missouri Band Association Marching Contest.

The competition was held in Charleston on Saturday, Oct. 8 after a full week for Bearcat band members that included the Missouri Soybean Festival parade in Portageville and the DHS Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 7.

The DHS Marching Bearcat Band received some key awards at the contest, including Outstanding Color Guard and the award for Outstanding Music and the coveted 1st Place trophy in the Street (parade) competition. In addition, the high school group placed 3rd in field competition.

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The DHS band field directors are Joseph Greer, Lauren Dudley and Kendra Stevenson. DHS Band Director is Scott Rybolt.

The T.S. Hill Middle School band also had an exciting and successful trip to the marching contest. The middle school group received Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Drum Major, Outstanding Music, and 1st Place overall.

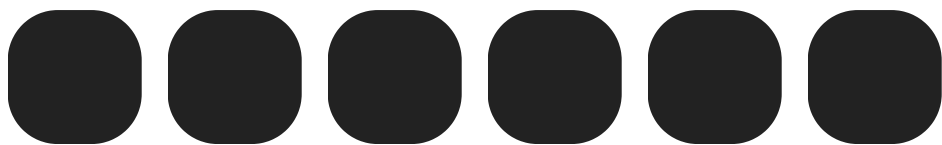
The T.S. Hill Middle School band is directed by Jim Wade.

*Thanks to SMT Readers Kay Stevenson and Jessica Lesley for the photos!*

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## Fox To Speak At Southeast

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### Fox To Speak At Southeast

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Michael J. Fox will speak as part of Southeast Missouri State University's 2011-2012 University Speaker Series at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Show Me Center.

The title of his presentation is "Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist."

Fox charmed audiences around the world in such roles as Alex Keaton in "Family Ties," for which he earned three Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award, and star and

executive producer of ABC's acclaimed "Spin City," for which he was honored with three Golden Globe Awards, one Emmy Award, three Emmy nominations, a GQ Man-of-the-Year Award, a People's Choice Award and two Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Fox made time during his busy television work to appear in over a dozen feature films. His performances in the "Back to the Future" trilogy, "Doc Hollywood," "Teen Wolf," "Mars Attacks!" and "The American President" showcased his ability to shift between comedy and drama and made him an international movie star.

Also an accomplished writer, Fox is the bestselling author of "Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist." "Always Looking Up" was a New York Times bestseller and earned Fox a Grammy award. His 2002 memoir, "Lucky Man," was a New York Times bestseller and earned a Grammy Award nomination for its audio recording.

Like most Canadian kids, Fox said he loved hockey and dreamed of a career in the National Hockey League. As a teenager, however, his artistic talents prevailed, and Fox immersed himself in art and creative writing. He also played guitar in a succession of rock-and-roll garage bands before ultimately realizing his affinity for acting. Fox debuted as a professional performer at 15, co-starring in the sitcom "Leo and Me" on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with future Tony Award-winner Brent Carver.

Fox married his "Family Ties" co-star, Tracy Pollan, in 1988, and together they have four children. Inspired to find projects his children would enjoy, Fox offered his vocal talents to a variety of hit children's films. He provided the voice of Chance in Disney's "Homeward Bound" movies, Stuart Little in Sony's "Stuart Little" and the lead in "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," his first animated feature for The Walt Disney Company.

Though he would not share the news with the public for another seven years, Fox was diagnosed with Young-Onset Parkinson's disease in 1991. Upon disclosing his condition in 1998, he committed himself to the campaign for increased Parkinson's research and awareness.

In 2000, Fox launched the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. He said he wholeheartedly believes if there is a concentrated effort from the Parkinson's community, elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and the general public, researchers can pinpoint the cause of Parkinson's and find a cure within our lifetime.

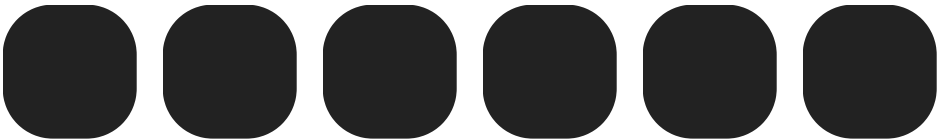
***Tickets are required for entry. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), Ticketmaster outlets, or to avoid service charges, tickets can be purchased at the Show Me Center Box Office. Current Southeast faculty, staff and students can use a valid Redhawk ID to pick up free tickets in University Center Room***

*202, the Center for Student Involvement or the Show Me Center Box Office.*

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