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**Dexter, Missouri -** Gary Wyman is a name that most people in the Stoddard County area are familiar with. He was born and raised in the local area and after graduating from Richland R-1 High School and attending college, he returned to teach Agriculture to both the Junior and High School students at Richland.

Wyman recently started a new chapter of his life when he was selected as the new Agriculture Education Teacher for the Dexter R-11 School District. He begins his new career on July 1, 2013 and is both anxious and excited, like any new teacher would be.

After attending high school at Richland and returning to teach there for another eighteen years, the change came to a shock for students, faculty, and Richland graduates of all ages.

He commented, "To those I am leaving behind, I thank you as it has been a privilege and an honor to teach each and every one of my students."

Wyman will be greatly missed but his former students are very appreciative for having him as long as they did. Wyman's future students at Dexter will have a wonderful time in his Agriculture classes and will learn to love the subject just like his other students did.

Wyman has been very successful during his time at Richland High School where he started and pursued the FFA Club (Future Farmers of America) for the Richland chapter. He also taught a variety of Agriculture classes such as Soils, Crop Science, Welding, Animal Science, and Agriculture Machinery.

He graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia where he received his Masters in Professional and Vocational/Technical Education. He also earned his Bachelors of Science in Agronomy from the UMC

- Columbia.

After graduating from college he returned to Essex, Missouri where he has raised a family and enjoyed teaching at Richland. After eighteen long years, he has seen many students come and go and each one of them hold a piece of their former teacher in their hearts as he prepares for his change in career.

Wyman has been an inspiration to students and faculty members over the years and will bring that same knowledge and creativity to the Dexter School District in the upcoming school year. With his hands-on teaching style, students take in more information than they will ever realize. Wyman is a wonderful teacher and is a great asset to Dexter's school system.

Beth Clippard Williams proclaimed, "You are an educational ROCK STAR! Sad for the Rebels, but happy for the Bearcats." A very nice compliment that all students who have been taught by Mr. Wyman would openly agree with.

Wyman is a Richland High School legend and always will be, but his former students and co-workers are glad and excited for him as he receives this wonderful opportunity to begin teaching at Dexter in the upcoming school year.

"I appreciate the opportunity that Dexter Schools has given me. I am very familiar with their program, the school, many of the faculty, and several students as I have lived in Stoddard County my entire life. I am looking forward to beginning this new chapter in my career," stated Mr. Wyman.

It is always an exciting part of life when you are able to turn the page and see it full of opportunities. As one door closes another one opens and Wyman will soon transition from Richland's School District to Dexter's. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed, but he is also greatly welcomed. The Dexter students and community are proud to have Mr. Gary Wyman as a part of Bearcat Nation!

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