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Dexter, Missouri - CountyWide Insurance has a new face among its employees, Kaylin Goins, Personal Account Executive.

Kaylin recently graduated from Bloomfield High School and will be attending Three Rivers College in the fall. Once she complete her general education courses she plans to transfer to Southeast Missouri State University.

Kaylin was quite active at Bloomfield High School where she was involved in the Beta Club, Student Council, Yearbook Staff, pep club, played softball and was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

"I love working at CountyWide Insurance," commented Kaylin. "Everyone here is very helpful and kind. I am starting to feel like I have been adopted into a new family. Sharon McCord and Christine Barnes have taught me so much in such a short time that I have been here."

"I never realized how much work it is to quote a business or to find the right coverage," continued Goins. "I am currently studying to become a licensed agent and starting at such a young age is an enormous advantage. Working there is a true blessing."

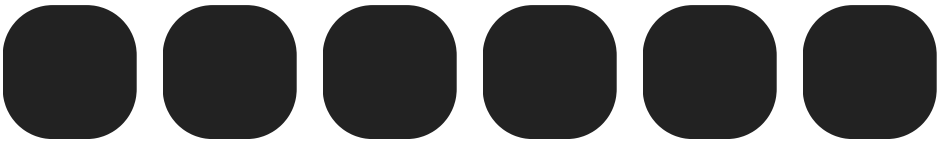
Kaylin may have joined the working world; but she still enjoys being with her friends and family, riding horses and going camping.

CountyWide Insurance is located at 140 S. Walnut in Dexter. Find them on Facebook by clicking: **CountyWide Insurance**

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Dexter, Missouri – The Southeast Missouri Regional Jazz Orchestra will be performing Friday, July 26th in the sanctuary of the First Assembly of God Church in Dexter.

Song selections include renditions of *Summertime*, *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Count Bubba*, *The Chicken* and *The Queen Bee*.

The band is under the leadership of Dexter High School Band Director Scott Rybolt. This local jazz band has been performing for over 14 years and is composed of several Dexter alumni, high school and middle school students. Below is a list of members playing on Friday evening along with the number of years of service.

Saxophone Section

Andrea Diebold • **Band and Choir Director, Chaffee School District (8)**

Lauren Dudley • **Music Student, Arkansas State University (3)**

Brandon Moore • **Music Student, University of North Texas (5)**

Scott Rybolt • **Band Director, Dexter High School (14)**

Pride Wilder • **Music Student, Three Rivers College (1)**

Trumpet Section

Krystle Boyd • **Band and Choir Director, Woodland School District (1)**

Adam Clark • **Third Grade Teacher, Central Elementary School - Dexter (14)**

James Eldreth • **Music Teacher, Southwest Elementary School - Dexter (10)**

Brooke DeArman • **Admissions Specialist, Southeast Missouri State University (9)**

Trombone Section

Corey Bennett • **English Teacher, Risco High School (8)**

Ken DeArman • **Trombonist for Hire, Cape Girardeau (7)**

Matt Gates • **Music Student, Southeast Missouri State University (10)**

Jean Wade • **Band Director/Music Teacher, Bell City School District (12)**

Rhythm Section

Kyle Clay • ***Bass Guitar*** • Music Student, Southeast Missouri State University (10)

Owen Flowers • ***Percussion*** • College Student, Harding University (3)

Addison Moore • ***Percussion*** • Student, Dexter High School (1)

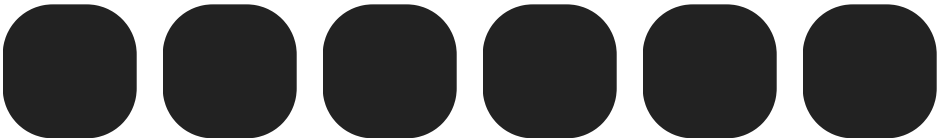
Tim Moore • ***Piano*** • Music Student, University of North Texas (4)

Sean Rybolt • ***Bass Guitar/Percussion*** • Student, T.S. Hill Middle School - Dexter (1)

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Buffalo, Missouri - Rendezvous folks are like family and when one of us succeeds in life, we try to share their accomplishments with the world. My friend, Wolf Harvey, is a Missouri-born artist and master creator of Native American art including carving and sculpting. Born not far from the Cherokee Trail of Tears and is perhaps one of the most talented young artists of our time. He resides in Buffalo, Missouri. His art is truly beautiful!

Few artists can rival the standards of excellence with brilliance, superiority and distinction achieved by Master Artist Wolf Harvey over the past 20+ years. He is truly one of the country's most widely talented, recognized, primitive Native American artists who won First Place at the 36th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in the Sculpture Division.

Wolf Harvey is one of the most sought after primitive, Native American artists and is most popular in Black Powder and Pow-Wow circles and Native American art.

Relief Carving

Mr. Harvey is best known for his diverse artistic abilities. He transforms natural skulls and bones in to masterpieces of art by relief carving and painting. He created a traditional six-hole Native American flute from a bear arm bone with remarkable sound. He carved a life-size snapping turtle sculpture made from cedar and hand-hammered copper shell complete with mastodon ivory claws, a gourd rattle and amber eyes to which the base was a two and a half foot hollow tree with the story of "Grandfather Turtle" painted in it. The turtle stood on a marble top placed over the tree stump.

Flint-knapper, Boat Design, Custom Paddles and Bow Maker

In addition to his master sculptor talent, Artist Wolf Harvey is also a flint-knapper, a bow

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maker, a painter, a knife artist including obsidian, stone, wood, bone, antler, steel, and Damascus knives. He also carves a variety of stone resulting in flutes, pipes and other masterpieces. Wolf has also designed and created boats, kayaks and custom paddles, does custom gun building and other diverse masterpieces. He

custom designs accessories for motorcycles from copper, steel and bone as well. He is a jewelry craftsman, and custom clothing designer for Native American Regalia. When it comes to leather, furs and other natural materials, Mr. Harvey has no limits. He invites and thrives on challenges that to most would seem unreachable.

Unparalleled Creativity

Wolf has created, shaped, formed, twisted, painted, sculpted and produced thousands of masterpieces with none mass produced, each piece being unique and exclusive. Mr. Harvey has created a vast amount of inventions that were born with his unprecedented, unparalleled, imagination. His friends say he has mastered all of the aforementioned talents and then some.

His use of earthy, traditional colors and Native American style with art born from his impeccable imagination and his fascinating style is often cited as the reasons for his immense popularity. Truly a modern-day Einstein with talents exceeding any renaissance artist.

Please visit Wolf on his Facebook page. He welcomes questions and comments on his art and invites you to meet him in person at Black Powder Rendezvous. He typically camps at the Old Greenville Rendezvous in April and he might make a surprise visit to the "Rendezvous on the River" in New Madrid, Missouri on October 4th and 5th, 2013.

Click **here** for Wolf's Facebook Page!

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Bearcat Booster Club Membership Drive

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Dexter, Missouri - As the 2013-2014 school year approaches, members of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club are busy making plans for an exciting year for the Bearcat Nation.

The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club is gearing up for their annual membership drive! When you join the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club on or before August 6, 2013 you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Gift Certificate for Booster Club merchandise!

They offer many membership types to fit anyone's needs. **Recent graduates between the ages of 18 and 25 can become Alumni Members for as little as \$15.00** to help support all the great things the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club does for the schools, students, and community!

Individual Memberships are only \$25 and Family Memberships are just \$50 which include 2 Athletic Passes, good for 5 regular season athletic events.

Sponsor Memberships are \$250 for those that like to support those 'Cats and aren't afraid to show it! They receive 2 Athletic Passes, good for 5 regular season athletic events and a Dexter Bearcat Booster Club yard sign.

Corporate memberships are \$500 for the Bearcat Business that wants everyone to know that their true colors are RED & BLACK! They receive 1 All Sport Pass which is good for all 2013-2014 regular season athletic events and a Dexter Bearcat Booster Club yard sign. What an awesome deal and a great way to support your Bearcat Booster Club!

Check out the Dodgeball Tournament that will be held October 5th during the 1st Ever Fall Community Homecoming Weekend Event. The defending champions will hopefully be back in action for some great dodgeball beatdowns!

The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club supports the schools and the students and have over the last couple of years purchased software for the football team, golf bags for the golf team, a cooler, popcorn popper and a banner for the TS Hill Middle School. They even purchases a Vibraphone for the Jazz 'Cats. They also served dinner for the Fall, Winter, and Spring sports' banquets.

Each year they chose students who are graduating to receive a scholarship. At the 2013 Spring Sports Banquet Alex Rybolt, Ryan Joiner, and Sydney Graves each received \$500 scholarships to further their education.

By joining the booster club you are helping to support our school and add money to the district expenditures that are not covered by the school's budget.

The DBBC also has a Board of Directors. Stacy Blocker was just recently elected at the President along with Candy Miller as Vice-President, Jason Mattison as Secretary, Kevin Bishop as Treasurer and members are Jimmy Aldridge, Kristi Boles, Marianne Bruce, Jim Murdock, and Kristi Strong.

If you would like to help with various Booster Club sponsored events, volunteers are greatly appreciated! You can sign up for the Dodge Ball Tournament, Football Field Painting, Football Game Sales, and Basketball Game Sales. Or you can help with one of the Athletic Banquets in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Anyone who wishes to volunteer may contact a DBBC Board Member or when filling out the Membership Form designate by placing a check-mark in the appropriate box.

For more information regarding the Booster Club's activities, or to inquire about joining the club, visit **www.bearcatbooster.com** or email **info@bearcatbooster.com**. Also check out their Facebook page.

To download the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club Membership Form [click here](#).

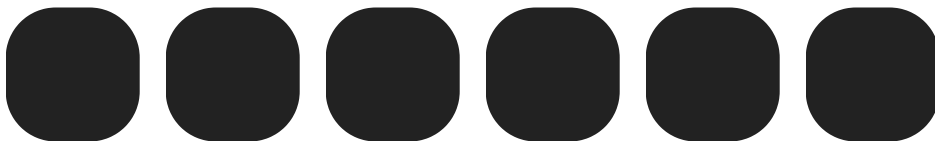
Did you know that the Booster Club paints the Charles Bland Football field prior to each home game? It always looks so nice!

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First Christian Church Delivers Summertime Snacks

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Dexter, Missouri – With schools out for summer, many children go without food as they lose access to regular daily school lunches and breakfasts. These meals typically provide at least one-third of the nutrients that a child needs during the school year. Because families cannot meet this need, hundreds of families seek help each month. The Stoddard County Gospel Mission tries to fill this gap and provide nourishment for adequate mental and physical health and growth.

This morning, the Stoddard County Gospel Mission was pleasantly surprised when SEMO Electric Coop trucks and other vehicles pulled up to their doors.

The **Elders of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Dexter** organized this summer snack drive for the children of our community and with the help of Sean Vanslyke, CEO of SEMO Electric Coop and several employees, they delivered and unloaded bag after bag.

Several Elders of the church were on hand helping including Mark Stidham, City of Dexter Administrator, Debbie Stidham, Kim Williams, Debbie Ellinghouse and Bill Boesin. Also present was City of Dexter's Police Chief Sammy Stone supervising the transportation of goods across city streets!! Thanks to all who helped make this possible from donation to delivery!

The entire congregation of the Disciples of Christ Church donated money and snack type foods and filled the 350 white paper sacks with delicious goodies.

Ron Montgomery, President of the Board of Directors for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission was also on hand to help carry the bags into the warehouse. He is also the Purchasing Manager for SEMO Electric Coop.

Children under 17 will appreciate these summertime treats. Goodies included pudding, fruit cups, oatmeal packs, krispie treats, applesauce, pop-tarts, canned pasta, ramen, nutri-grain bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, cookies, and other delightful snacks. "I have to start calling families as soon as possible to get them scheduled to come in. We had over 400 children in the month of June who required our assistance," stated Marty Starnes, Food Pantry Manager.

Students often have both parents working outside of the home during the summer months, leaving older siblings to cook for younger ones. These snacks will be easy to open and require little to no preparation.

Kim Slavings, SCGM Director smiled and said, “I am so grateful and I want to thank everyone who made this happen, especially the people at the First Christian Church. They are so generous!”

Kim continued, “We see so many each month needing assistance and with school out, children are not getting their normal lunchtime meals.”

YOU can help these families and their children by donating non-perishable foods such as can goods, canned vegetables, box drinks, dry goods, crackers, peanut butter, can tuna, and fruit snacks.

Hunger is a problem right here in our very own community. Please help a fellow neighbor and donate to those who are suffering. Start a food drive in your neighborhood, at work, at school or church. The rewards are unlimited!

The Stoddard County Gospel Mission is located at 207 N. One Mile Road in Dexter with the Food Bank open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call 624-8979 to schedule a time to receive food.

To learn more about the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) click on the picture below!

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