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Dexter, Missouri - Each year several different organizations adopt families for Christmas. This year the Dexter Honor Society sponsored by Alana Dowdy adopted a few families.

Students donated their time wrapping gifts which were also donated by their families and friends to give to the less fortunate. In years past families who received the donations had absolutely nothing under their tree and sometimes not even a tree for Christmas.

Shown in the photo is the Dexter Honor Society students with their gifts. Families are going to be pretty happy this year and surely there will be smiles on their children's faces!

What a wonderful way to give to the people of Stoddard County that have little this holiday season. We are so fortunate to live in a country where people help people and care so much about each other. God bless everyone this season and have a Merry Christmas.

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Dexter, Missouri - Students at Dexter High School participated in some friendly competition while they collected food donations.

Winners of the Dexter Senior High School "Stuff a Bus" food drive for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission was Mrs. Marrianne Bruce's 1st hour class.

Congratulations and a job well done by all the students in the Dexter Public Schools who participated. It was a record year with over 14,000 cans donated.

"It's a win win for everyone," stated one teacher. "The students learn how to give to the community and those that are in desperate need get food this holiday season."

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Foreign Language Club, (FLC) sponsored by Mrs. Kapelski, foreign language teacher, has been selling foreign candy this week.

They will continue to sell the candy over Christmas break.

The candy is from France and Spain. The French candy includes Eiffel Towers and fruit flavored Bon Bons. The Bon Bons are strawberry, green apple, or blue raspberry flavored. Blue raspberry seems to be a favorite among high school students!

The Spanish candy is called Sour Rayitas. They look like small strips of Air Heads Extremes. These items are for sale to anyone interested and are only \$1.00 per package.

If you are interested in purchasing and helping to support the Dexter Senior High School Foreign Language Club, you may call Kerigan Brady - (573)820-1879, Courtney Scholl - (573) 421-5584, or Alex Moeller - (573) 421-3637.

These three Dexter Senior High School Sophomores are pictured with packages of the candy.

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T.S. Hill Middle School Band Concert

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Dexter, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School Band hosted their annual Christmas concert on December 19, 2013. The band was split into three groups- 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade.

The bands were under the direction of Jim Wade, Scott Rybolt, and student teacher Cody Jinkerson. These three musically inclined men took holiday classics and gave them new direction. The program started with a welcome, with no empty seats in the stands and people lining the walls to see their children. "Well this solves our problem with having not enough people," Wade later joked.

The 6th grade band kicked off the concert on a cheery note playing "Jolly Old St. Nick" by Bruce Pearson. They then played "Up On The Housetop" by Chuck Eileedge. Their third and fourth pieces, both written by Bruce Pearson, were "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "Deck The Halls". Their fifth and final piece was "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" by John Francis Wade.

The sixth graders waited patiently then (or at least most of them did) while The Trashmasters played their tune. The Trashmasters are a group made of six boys who have a way with rhythm. These boys met before and after school to practice their uncommon talent- playing on trash cans. The group includes 8th grader Sean Rybolt, and 8th grader Matthew Chessser, who originally play in the percussion section, 8th grade Aaron Wells, who originally plays baritone (he plays trombone in high school Jazz band), 8th grade Dylan Long, who plays baritone saxophone, 8th grader Logan Elders, who plays Alto saxophone, and 7th grade percussionist Joe Rice. This group played a song entitled "Stinkin' Garbage" by Ed Argenziano.

The 7th grade band played, in this order, "Home For The Holidays" arranged by Eric Osterling, "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" arranged by Mike Story, "I'll Be Home For Christmas" arranged by Kim Gannon, "Trombones on The Housetop" written by Mark Williams and featuring the whole 7th grade trombone section and some duet on the trumpet section's part, and "Holly Jolly Christmas" by Johnny Marks. The 8th grade band played "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" arranged by Michael Story, the patriotic "Last Full Measure" by Michael Sweeney, "Santa Meets Sousa" arranged by Mark Williams, and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" arranged by John Edmondson. This cheery concert put all in the Christmas spirit.

In the pictures are the 6th grade band, Trashmasters, Trombone Section, 7th grade band, and 8th grade band.

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All-State Band Auditions

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Band was unable to travel to Columbia, Missouri today for the All-State Concert and Jazz Band Auditions due to winter weather up in the northern half of the state.

As opposed to canceling the auditions, Scott Rybolt, Cody Jinkerson, and Adam Clark met at Dexter Senior High School at a little before 10:00 a.m. to start the recorded auditions to send to Columbia. Each of the instruments had a list of scales and études to record. The students were devastated when first finding out about the cancelation.

The students in the picture were welcomed to the warm-up room with donuts, milk, chocolate milk, orange juice, and bananas, which were graciously provided by Mr. Rybolt.

If they make this honorable group, they will travel to Lake of the Ozarks on January 22, 2014 and will perform on January 25, 2014. This prestigious group determines the best in the best of Missouri.

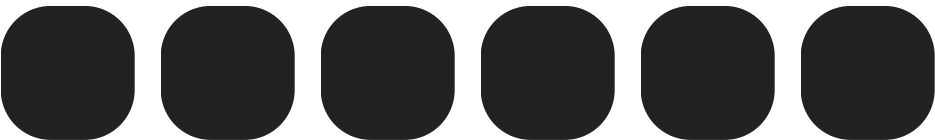
The applied to the positions are: freshmen Emily Johns on French horn, Abby Mangum on oboe, sophmores Kerigan Brady on flute, Courtney School on soprano clarinet, Erin Lauters on soprano clarinet, Gina Magarian on trumpet, Addison Moore on jazz percussion, juniors Toni Curran on alto saxophone, Brooks Propst on trombone, Lacey Midgett on contra alto clarinet, seniors Sara Durham on jazz baritone saxophone, John Durham on jazz and concert percussion, and Chandler Crowley on soprano clarinet.

This picture includes from left to right: Chandler Crowley, Courtney Scholl, Brooks Propst, Emily Johns, Toni Curran, and Gina Magarian.

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