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# Dexter Schools Have a Few New Faces

AUGUST 11TH 2014 BY DEE LOFLIN

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**Dexter, Missouri** - A special luncheon was held for the Dexter faculty, staff and administration to “kick-off” the 2014-2015 school year! The luncheon was held today, Monday, August 11, 2014 with a fantastic lunch and door prizes.

Teachers and staff will report for professional development meetings this week and get their classrooms prepared for another school year. Dexter's first day of school is Thursday, August 14, 2014 and they will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

***That evening a Back-School Bash will be hosted for the Dexter Senior High Students in the High School Parking Lot from 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.***

***The T.S. Hill Middle School will host a Bearcat Bash Parent/Teacher Social/Cookout from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m***

***And don't forget the Back-to-School Dance for the T.S. Hill Middle School Students slated one week later on Thursday, August 21st from 6 pm. - 8 p.m.***

Learning can be fun and we know all new members of our Bearcat Family will enjoy teaching, learning, and being a part of BEARCAT NATION! Welcome aboard!!!

**Front Row from left to right:** *Rebecca Hester -Southwest and Central Elementary Keyboarding/Computer; Shelly Culp – Central Elementary Special Services Teacher; Shena Benton - Southwest Elementary ECSE Aide; Evelyn Fortner - Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher; Starla Pulley – Southwest Elementary Guidance Counselor and DHS Softball Coach; Kristin Miller – T.S. Hill Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science; April DeBerry – Central Elementary Special Education Teacher; Kayla Cunningham – Central Elementary Special Education Teacher*

**Second Row from left to right:** *Kaylin Ridings – Southwest Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher; Rebekah McGhee – Central Elementary SPED Aide; Tonya Cato - Central Elementary SPED Aide; Kacey Christian – T.S. Hill Middle School Special Education Teacher; Lori Garrison – T.S. Hill Middle School Transition Teacher; James Myers – DHS Science Teacher; Gale Slinkard – Central Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Teacher*

**Third Row from left to right:** *Beth Rush - Southwest Elementary Aide; Cara Hartlein – Southwest Elementary SPED Aide; Keri Goodman – DHS Math Teacher; Kyle Williamson - Southwest P.E. Teacher and Middle School Asst. Baseball Coach and Asst. Boys Basketball Coach for both Middle School and High School; Jordan McGowan - High School SPED Aid and Asst. Boys Basketball Coach; Brad LaRue - Head Bus Mechanic Transportation*

**Back Row from left to right:** *Lacy Bennett – DHS Special Services Teacher; Corey Bennett – DHS English/Language Arts Teacher; Leonard Madigan- Bus Driver, Transportation; Cody Jinkerson - T.S Hill Middle School Band Instructor; Julie Rybolt – Middle School and High School Music Aide*

*Not available for photo were Stacy Roe-Goode - Southwest Psych. Examiner/Teacher and Judy Swims - DHS Custodian.*

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## Three Rivers Announces New Kennett Director

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**Kennett, Missouri** - Three Rivers College has announced that Kathy Ballard will serve as Director of its Center at Kennett. Ballard, who was the college's Coordinator of Disability Services, is replacing Ann Matthews, who was appointed as Dean of Student Services in July.

"This is a great opportunity to serve students of the Southeast Missouri bootheel," said Ballard. "Transitioning from the Poplar Bluff campus to an off-campus center is challenging but exciting. I'm getting to see the different roles of students taking classes close to home."

Ballard has been employed at Three Rivers since 1998. She had been Coordinator of Disability Services since 2009, prior to which she served as the Director of Career and Technical Advising and Job Placement. Ballard holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Arkansas State University and a Master's in Human Resources Development from the University of Tennessee. She currently resides in Piggott.

The Center at Kennett is located at 1002 Great West Drive in Kennett, and features classrooms, science labs, a public-access computer center, and a bookstore. Students at the Center can complete degrees in Agriculture, Business Management, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Development, Education, and General Education without having to commute to other Three Rivers sites. The Center also offers a Licensed Practical Nursing program. For more information about the Center at Kennett, call 573-888-6381.

**Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit [trcc.edu](http://trcc.edu).**

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## DHS Back-to-School Bash Set for August 14th

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## DHS Back-to-School Bash Set for August 14th

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**Dexter, Missouri** – It's time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dexter Senior High School Back-to-School BASH!! Because of the successful turn-out of last year's BASH the Student Council decided to do it again this year.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!! The event is FREE! Did we say FREE? That's right the event is FREE to all high school students. The event will take place on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the high school parking lot.

With school starting and the hustle and bustle of students traveling the roadways everyone knows what that means.....an increase in traffic and an increase in school activities. Fall is a very busy time of the school year.

We hope all students have a good time, but please be safe!

Next Friday, August 15th the annual Football Jamboree will be held in Kennett, Missouri with the game starting at 6:00 p.m. Come out and cheer for Dexter as they start another exciting year of Bearcat Football!

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# Bloomfield School Registration Set For August 12th

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Bloomfield School Registration Set For August 12th

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** – Teachers will return to their classroom on Monday, August 11, 2014 in preparation of a new school year. Bloomfield students are slated to return to their desks on Thursday, August 14, 2014.

New Student Registration began today and will run through August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Returning Student Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

If you would like a School Calendar click **HERE**.

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## Bernie School Registration Set for Tuesday

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Bernie School Registration Set for Tuesday

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**Bernie, Missouri** - School begins Thursday, August 14, 2014. This year's school registration for 7th grade through 12th grade will be held on Tuesday, August 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Media Center in the Bernie High School.

On Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. the Kindergarten will host an orientation until about 7:15 p.m.

Then on Monday, August 11, 2014 Bernie Schools will host an Open House for grades 1st - 6th in the High School Gym at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome back to school Bernie Mules!

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