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Dexter, MO - If you ever wonder what a Bearcat does on Saturday morning following a big victory, sometimes you find them volunteering in the community. Dexter High School Senior, Noah Kronk was busy helping Dexter Park and Recreation this past weekend announcing the DPR Little League Football games.

Kronk was surrounded by several other Bearcats and friends to run the clock and help spot the tackles. On hand this past week were Blake Horton, Jason Mattison, Jared Deal and Jackson Hubbard.

This is a long standing tradition and has been filled by many students in the past. You'll notice the picture above Noah are two long time DHS volunteers Vernon Mathis and Jim Hall.

Undoubtedly, this is a time consuming job that comes way to early on Saturday following a Friday night of bone crushing hits on the field. When asked if they were feeling good, there was an immediate response of "Yes Sir"! The same reply was given when asked if they were sore from last night's game.

"I've never really done this before, but so far I really enjoy it," commented Kronk.

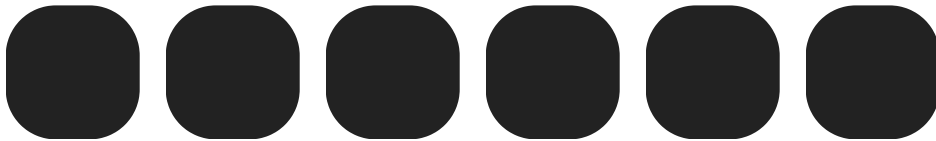
Dexter Park staff certainly appreciates the volunteerism of these young men for their willingness to assist with the program.

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Pollock Family Tradition; Like Father Like Son

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Peyton Pollock Isn't The Only Masked Man in the Family

Carbondale, IL - When it comes to strong family traditions, the Pollock family has a long standing history of college athletics. Most recently, Cody Pollock, a 6' 3", 298 pound sophomore at Southern Illinois University, has become the latest edition to the carry forward the family legacy. Cody has earned the reputation a player filled with football madness for the Saluki's football team.

Cody is the first born son to Dan and Monta Pollock. Many local Dexter residents may not be aware of Cody's athleticism, as he played his high school career at Crystal City High School, near St. Louis. During his high school days, he had a stellar career as an interior lineman and received many honors during his junior and senior seasons.


Pollock was a two-time All-Conference offensive tackle, a first-team All-Region offensive and defensive tackle as a senior and a three-time Academic All-State selection for the CCHS Hornets. He was also a member of the two-time Class 2, District 2 championship team and he was named first-team Jefferson County Leader Dream Team defensive tackle.

Cody's passion has always been to become a division one college football player at Southern Illinois University. His grandfather played for the Salukis and for the University of Minnesota. His dad, Dan, was also a collegiate athlete and played football for the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. It only seemed natural for Cody to pursue his dream of becoming a division one football player.

As a priority freshman walk-on for the Saluki squad in 2012, Pollock did not participate in any games as a redshirt freshman in 2013. Over his first two seasons with SIU, Cody earned the reputation of creating excitement during practices sessions by challenging his teammates. His enthusiastic attitude gained him some positive attention and the respect of the SIU coaching staff.

"It's definitely been a roller coaster ride so far, but in the end I don't know what I would be doing with my life without football," said Cody.


"This team has a feel about it that I've never been apart of before," continued Pollock. "I'm excited to see where we end up at the end of the season."

SIU overwhelmed their opponent  in the 2014 season opener with a 45-0 win over Taylor University. The Salukis were full throttle on both sides of the ball throughout the game, with big plays from the first play from scrimmage to outstanding defensive performance throughout the game.

Cody Pollock's name may not have graced the sports pages of Southeast Missouri, but the Pollock name is making itself known every Friday night on KFVS12 Heartland Football Friday. Brother Peyton Pollock gains the attention of area defensive units with his passing and running skills from his quarterback position for the Dexter Bearcats.

The Pollock's will continue to deliver football players in the coming years as the youngest siblings continue their march to the Bearcat land of Charles "Seed" Bland Stadium. Brother's Brodie Pollock currently plays junior high football and Brett will play junior high football next year.

Dan and Monta moved to Dexter in the Summer of 2013, when Dan took the position of principal at Dexter High School. Monta is a registered physical therapist with Select Rehab.

 College athletics is not a stranger to the family. Monta was a college basketball player at both NOC Junior College and also at Southwest Baptist University. Her father, Albert Urban, was a basketball player as well, playing four years at Wichita State University.

After suffering a high ankle sprain in the opening 45-0 win over Taylor University last Thursday evening, Cody will travel with the Salukis this Saturday to Charleston, Illinois where SIU will take on Eastern Illinois University at O'Brien Stadium. Game time is at 6:00 PM. You can catch all the football action on the **Salukis Sports Network**.

Cody will wear the name of his grandmother, Helen Pollock, on his jersey at the Black Out Cancer game against Western Illinois University on September 27th. Mrs. Pollock passed away after a battle with breast cancer.

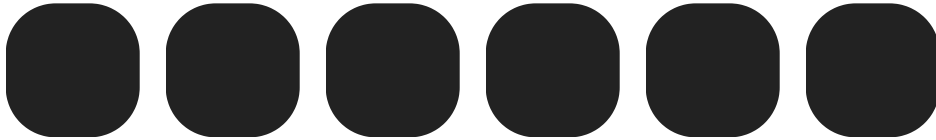
Congratulations Cody!!! You are now a Division One Football Player for the Southern Illinois University Salukis. Best wishes for a great season.

Cody is pictured below with his grandparents after succeeding on his dream of becoming a division 1 football player against Taylor University. From left to right, Jean Pollock, Vern Pollock, Cody Pollock #67, Elbert Urban and Joyce Urban.



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**IT'S SHOWTIME!!
DARRELL "BIG-UN" HICKS
TO PRESENT PRODUCTS ON HSN**

St. Petersburg, Florida - Big news has recently been announced by Hicks' World Champion Smoked Meats, as their product debut on the Home Shopping Network will take place this Sunday, August 31st, 2014. The company has been in negotiation throughout the summer with HSN officials to reach an approval and this past week it became official.

Two showings have been slotted by HSN for the Memorial Day weekend, a very uncharacteristic move by the network giant. Both shows will feature the Hicks' World Champion Smoke Meats Bacon Wrapped Chicken Thighs and the tender BBQ Ribs. **The shows will air at 1:00 AM and again at 1:00 PM Sunday, August 31st.**

"This is a great opportunity for our company to increase our brand awareness and establish rapport with the Home Shopping Network customers", commented Darrell "Big-Un" Hicks. "HSN is the most professional organization I have ever seen in my life and Hicks' Smoked Meats is proud to be associated with them."

Hick's will again appear on the shopping network featuring the popular whole BBQ Boston Butt on September 9th. Times for this show have not been released by the network.

HSN was founded 36 years ago as the first shopping network and is a leading interactive multichannel retailer offering a curated assortment of exclusive products and top brand names to its customers. HSN incorporates entertainment, inspiration, personalities and industry experts to provide an entirely unique shopping experience.

Darrell, his wife Ann and the rest of the Cajun cookers have cooked for many fortune 500 companies and some of the most powerful people in the country. To name just a few, ALLTEL, Anheuser Busch, Wal-Mart, John Deere, FedEx, Bass Pro Shops, and the NFL.

In 1987 on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, the Cajun Cookers won the World Barbeque Championship at the Memphis in May festival. That win validated what everyone around already knew, Darrell's food was the best of the best. Darrell brought back the annual tradition with Cajun Cookers Too, composed of son, grandson, and friends and for the past two years have placed in the top ten in the world of ribs and seafood.

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"If you are not 110% satisfied with my food, then I have not done my job. The quality of my food is something that I will hand down to my son and grandson," one of Darrell "Big Un" Hicks favorite sayings.

Learn more about the simple use of Hicks' Smoked Meats products through your local Sysco Rep or contact Darrell Hicks at darrell@hickssmokedmeats.com.

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Bearcat Booster Club's Annual Membership Drive!

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Bearcat Booster Club's Annual Membership Drive!

Dexter, Missouri – As the 2014-2015 school year approaches, members of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club are busy making plans for an exciting year of Bearcat Nation!

The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club is gearing up for their annual membership drive!

Travis Miller is the President this year, Jim Murdock is Vice-President, Dana Adams is Treasurer, Stacy Blocker is Secretary. Other board members are Candy Miller, Kristi Boles, Kristi Strong, Jason Mattison, Jim Aldridge, Marrienne Bruce and Tracy Hedrick.

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

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 includes 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 that 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!

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.

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.

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Rustic Lodge Presents Keith Anderson!

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Rustic Lodge Presents Keith Anderson!

Zalma, Missouri - This Friday evening the **Rustic Lodge** will be rockin' the night away! It's a performance you won't want to miss!

Jason Roberson Unleashed will be the opening act. The main event will be none other than Keith Anderson!!

Singer/songwriter **Keith Anderson's** latest song, "I'll Bring the Music" says exactly what he plans on doing at the Rustic Lodge on Friday night!

Anderson is known to co-write many songs including "Beer Run (B Double E Double Are You IN?), a duet by Garth Brooks and George Jones which was released in 2001.

He has earned a CMA and ACM Song of the Year nomination for Big & Rich's #1 smash hit, "Lost in This Moment".

Anderson got lots of attention being the handsome, young singer. He was named one of People Magazine's "50 Hottest Bachelors", and Men's Fitness Magazine's, "Ultimate Country Star". His biggest hit of his career, "I Still Miss You", peaked at #2 and he had another Top 25 hit, "Sunday Morning in America".

Who is this handsome country singer? Keith's early life included graduating from Oklahoma State University with an engineering degree. Before that he played sports in high school and began his music career in a band at church. He played baseball during his college years, and was approached by the Kansas City Royals, but after a shoulder injury his pursuit of professional baseball career ended. He also enjoyed bodybuilding and placed second in the Mr. Oklahoma Competition.

Keith has had 3 Top Five Singles, 5 Top 25 Singles, countless hits as a songwriter and to date his most notable songs are, "Pickin' Wildflowers", "Every Time I Hear Your Name", "XXL", "I Still Miss You", "Beer Run", and "Lost in This Moment".

Anderson just changed Booking Agents and said, "He has been crazy booking me everywhere! I love a small town atmosphere!" Well that's exactly what he's going to get Friday night. Population of Zalma is just over 100 resident, but people from all over come out to the Rustic Lodge every year to hear a big name singer/songwriter.

"I used to be an opening act for many great bands for years," continued Anderson. "We seemed to be the go-to band in the Dallas and Fort Worth area for many bands like diamond Rio and Little Texas. I had so many heroes back then, too many to name them all."

"I am bringing a new CD that is not available to the public yet. Matter of fact, it's brand new music that hasn't even been to the record label yet. Folks are going to get some extra music on this CD, 15 songs, some old, some new."

Anderson took a few years off after the loss of his mother to brain cancer. That can take a toll on anyone. His song, "I Will Miss You" was traveling up the charts just four weeks after she died and reached the #2 spot. "It was an emotional time for me. There were lots of interviews and singing that song at each concert was a little hard for me. I just need to take some time off and heal."

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Now that he is back on track, married and has three wonderful children, a 17 year-old stepdaughter, 2 1/2 year-old daughter and 8 month-old boy, he feels it's time to get back out there singing and having a little fun. "I am much better now, both spiritually and emotionally. I married my long time girlfriend and I couldn't be

happier. It's going to be fun to get back out there."

"My latest song, "I'll Bring the Music" is so much fun to sing live. I love the great reaction from the crowd. With each verse it gains momentum and they have their hands in the air singing along. It's great!"

Anderson hasn't had the chance to meet his opening act; however he said there will be plenty of time to visit on Friday before the big show. He knows what it's like to be the opening act and he wants Jason to have fun, enjoy the party, and sing!

From Marble Hill, Jason Roberson Unleashed will be his opening act. As a boy he moved several times growing up. His father was in construction and at a young age he became a Storm Trooper, not the kind on Star Wars, but those who help after devastating hurricanes wipe out towns along the coast.

His first hurricane was Hurricane Opal in Enterprise, Alabama. After helping clean up the area, Jason temporarily relocated to Wayne County, Missouri where he attempted to re-join high school. After only one semester, and making lifelong friends, including his future wife, Tennille Estes. The duty of a Storm Trooper then called again.

He left Woodland High School to help recover after the damage caused by Hurricane Fran in Wilmington, North Carolina. After spending almost two years in North Carolina, Hurricane George hit Gulf port, Mississippi. After working to restore the town, he moved to Marble Hill in 2003.

In 2005, New Orleans was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Being his 5th and most devastating hurricane, Jason returned to Marble Hill in 2006 to work for Ingram Barge Company, his current employer.

Jason is an up and coming talented singer. Join him and Keith Anderson as they rock the night away with Richard and Vicky Dinkens, owners of the Rustic Lodge.



"Mr. Lynn Choate purchased this place and ran it for years. He fought a long battle with cancer and after he died we bought this place on 9/9/1999," stated Vicky Dinkens, co-owner of the Rustic Lodge. "We have battled fires, had floods and we come back stronger and stronger each time. Mr. Choate was my hero. He was a kind and intelligent man and I am so thankful our paths crossed."

Just a reminder to everyone it all begins around 7 p.m. tickets are \$20 each and parking will be \$3.00 per vehicle. The Zalma Volunteer Fire Department will be parking cars and raising money to purchase much needed life saving fire rescue equipment.

Big Skinny is bringing his smoker so there will be plenty of delicious BBQ and don't forget those COLD beverages. "Please bring a designated driver if you plan to drink," added Richard Dinkens, co-owner of Rustic Lodge. "We don't want anyone driving home after having too many out here."

"The 30'x30' stage is set and ready to go. The grass is mowed, tables set, I sprayed for mosquitoes, and it looks really good out here," said Dinkens. "We're right on the Castor River between the two bridges. Come out and have a good time!"

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