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Louisville, Kentucky – Emily Johns, a member of the Dexter FFA chapter in Dexter, Missouri will be on stage and in the spotlight October 29th – November 1st during the 2014 National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, Kentucky.

Johns, a sophomore and the daughter of Kevin and Janet Johns, has been selected to play French Horn in the National FFA Band.

Emily submitted an audition tape and was selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band from a pool of applicants from across the country.

The National FFA Band will perform several times during the national convention and expo.

She will join fellow band members in Louisville three days before the event for rehearsals.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 579,678 student members in grades 7-12 who belong to one of 7,570 local FFA Chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Congratulations Emily! The Dexter community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments!!

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October Calendar Girl - Miss Lexi May

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Dexter, Missouri – Alexis May has been chosen as the ShowMe Times October Calendar Girl.

Lexi is the 16-year-old daughter of Patty May and Perry May. She is currently a student at Dexter Senior High school.

Miss May is involved in FCCLA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Teenage Republican Club (TARS), Rotary Interact Club, and is a member of the Dexter Honors Choir.

She also participates in Lady 'Cats varsity tennis and is on the track team.

She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

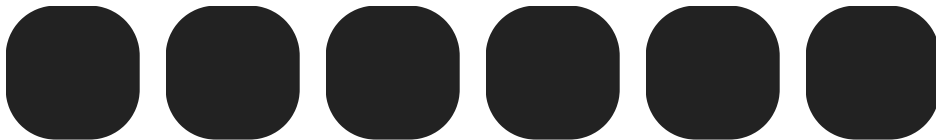
Miss Lexi May was chosen as Miss Dexter 2014. This is an annual pageant sponsored by the Dexter Senior High School Music Department. Each year Miss Dexter and her attendants are chosen as Calendar Girls throughout the year.

Congratulations Lexi! The Dexter community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

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Bearcat Window Splash Contest Winners

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Bearcat Nation Supporting Our Downtown

Shown in the photo left - from left to right are Reagan Miller, Second Place; Janie Lindsey, First Place; and Brianna Gourley, Third Place. In back from left are Hedrick, Hayley Chapman, Fourth and Fifth Place; Peyton Holcomb, Sixth Place; Josh Ladd, Sixth Place, Comfort and Ron Matley of Consumers Insurance. Credited with having organized the Window Splash Contest was Tracy Horton. Not available for photo were Symphony Sumner and Kaitlin Eaton.

Dexter, Missouri – A weekend full of Homecoming events showed everyone how strong our BEARCAT Nation truly is and how a community can come together to show our BEARCAT spirit.

Dana Buchanan Adams came up with an idea to paint downtown windows with a BEARCAT theme and with that idea Alan Hedrick and his Countywide Insurance Team took the idea to the Dexter High School Art Department. The response was overwhelming! What a success!

Hedrick, owner of Countywide Insurance coordinated with DHS art teacher, Clinton Twaddell, who took the idea to the students who were commissioned to begin painting. They were excited about the idea of painting the downtown in BEARCAT red and black!

The Dexter High School arts students had an awesome time painting and showing off their talent! Thirteen art students participated and painted twenty-one windows! With such a huge response some businesses had to be put on a waiting list! Next year the art students are going to get started sooner. It was such a great idea and it seemed to put everyone in a Homecoming spirit!

It was a quick adventure taking only about one month to prepare, advertise, and paint. Thanks to Tracy Horton, an agent at Countywide Insurance. Through her efforts and her tireless dedication, she went door-to-door asking for sponsors for

the project, collected money, and even got keys so that the students could paint after hours. Without her hard work and dedication this momentous occasion would not have been possible!

Mr. Twaddell coordinated obtaining art supplies and a special thanks goes out to Busy B Lumber and Christian Dowdy. David Vinson and Peggy Barks offered extra windows downtown to show their BEARCAT spirit.

In all several hundred dollars was raised with \$320 in prize money going to DHS Art Students. Special thanks to Todd Richards of KFVS12 and other local celebrities for their participation and judging the artistic endeavors! They did a fantastic job choosing the winners!

First place went to Jessica Lindsey.

Her painting was on the front of York Law Office

and she earned a \$100 grand prize!

Here are a list of the other winners!

2nd Place: Reagan Miller

- Farm Bureau. \$75 Prize

3rd Place: Briana Gourley & Symphony Sumner

- County Wide Insurance. \$50 Prize

4th Place: Haley Chapman & Kaitlin Eaton

- ShowMe Times. \$30 Prize

5th Place: Haley Chapman & Kaitlin Eaton

- Ben Franklin. \$25 Prize

Tie 6th: Peyton Holcomb & Josh Ladd

- Rainey Mathis. \$20 Prize

Tie 6th: Brianna Gourley

- Montgomery Bank. \$20 Prize

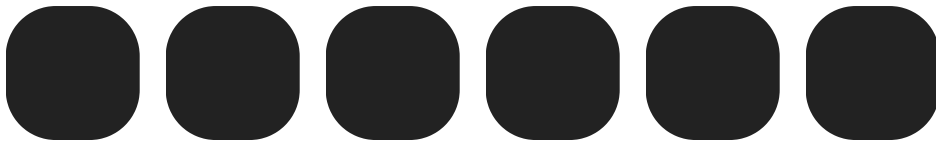
Alan Hedrick, owner of Countywide Insurance and Jason Comfort also presented a check in the amount of \$400 to the Art Department for supplies. Clinton Twaddell was on hand to receive the check.

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POW/MIA Ceremony to be Held at Veterans Cemetery

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YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!

MIA/POW Ceremony

Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery 11:00 a.m.

Friday, September 19, 2014

Bloomfield, Missouri - The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

This year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014. This annual event honors prisoners of war and our missing and their families, and highlights the government's commitment to account for them.

There are 1,741 American personnel listed by the Defense Department's POW/MIA Office as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, as of April 2009.

The number of United States personnel accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 841. About 90 percent of the 1,741 people still missing were lost in Vietnam or areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control, according to the National League of Families website (cited in the United States Army website).

The United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day to be observed on July 18, 1979. It was observed on the same date in 1980 and was held on July 17 in 1981 and 1982. It was then observed on April 9 in 1983 and July 20 in 1984. The event was observed on July 19 in 1985, and then from 1986 onwards the date moved to the third Friday of September. The United States president each year proclaims National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Many states in the USA also proclaim POW/MIA Recognition Day together with the national effort.

The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag symbolizes the United States' resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing.

Newt Heisley designed the flag. The flag's design features a silhouette of a young man, which is based on Mr. Heisley's son, who was medically discharged from the military. As Mr. Heisley looked at his returning son's gaunt features, he imagined what life was for those behind barbed wire fences on foreign shores. He then sketched the profile of his son as the new flag's design was created in his mind.

The flag features a white disk bearing in black silhouette a man's bust, a watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire. White letters "POW" and "MIA", with a white five-pointed star in between, are typed above the disk. Below the disk is a black and white wreath above the motto "You Are Not Forgotten" written in white, capital letters.

The flag can also be displayed on [Armed Forces Day](#), [Memorial Day](#), [Flag Day](#), [Independence Day](#) and [Veterans Day](#). The flag can be displayed at the Capitol, the White House, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans memorial, national cemeteries, various government buildings, and major military installations.

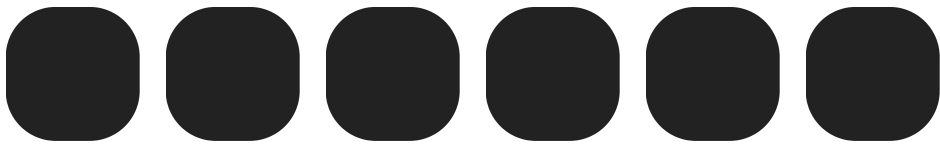
A table will symbolize the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families today. Please join our Veterans as they REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND NEVER FORGET their fallen comrades this historic day. Let us remember and never forget their SACRIFICES so that we may enjoy our FREEDOM!

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield a very special ceremony will be held. Please take a few moments to join them as they pay their respects and never forget those who sacrificed so much for us.

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Bearcats Pitch In To Help DPR

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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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