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# Miss Sophie Thorn Named 2015 Homecoming Queen

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** – Bloomfield High School held their annual Homecoming Ceremony in the gym Friday evening. Along with Homecoming candidates student athletes were introduced.

Miss Sophie Thorn was announced as the 2015 Homecoming Queen!

Freshman class candidate is Miss Makayla Hutchison. She is the daughter of Jeff Hutchison and the late Ladonna Hutchison. Makayla is in BETA, FBLA, and Choir. Her hobbies include playing tennis, hanging out with friends, and signing. Her plan after graduation is to attend a four-year university.

Matt Gibbs escorted Miss Hutchison. He is the son of Todd and Jill Gibbs. Matt is a member of Future Farmers of America, Bloomfield Student Council, and an athlete on the basketball and baseball teams. His hobbies include racing, playing basketball, and baseball. After graduation he plans to attend college.

Sophomore class candidate is Miss Adalina Gensler. She is the daughter of Woody and Dana Gensler. Adalina is a member of the Pep Club, FBLA, Choir, FCCLA, Speech, and BETA. Her hobbies include playing piano, violin, and singing. Her plans after graduation are to attend Southeast Missouri State University and earn a degree in Psychiatry.

Alex Gibbs escorted Miss Gensler. He is the son of Todd and Jill Gibbs. Alex is an active member of FBLA, BETA Club and is on the basketball and baseball teams. His hobbies include playing basketball, baseball, and hanging out with friends. His plans after graduation are to attend college.

Junior class candidate is Miss Elizabeth Meyer. She is the daughter of Robert and Laura Meyer. Elizabeth is a member of the volleyball team, BETA Club, and FCCLA. Her hobbies include kickboxing, martial arts, playing volleyball, running, weightlifting, and reading. Her plans after graduation are to attend Southeast Missouri State University and enlist in the National Guard. She hopes to major in Forensics and Criminology and become a crime scene investigator.

Bailey Vaughn escorted Miss Meyer. He is the son of Richard and Heather Vaughn. Bailey is a member of FBLA, BETA Club, Bloomfield Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Choice, and the Golf team. He enjoys playing golf, piano, and basketball. His plans are to attend the University of Missouri – Columbia and become a radiologist.

Senior Class candidate and the 2015 Bloomfield Homecoming Queen is Miss

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Sophie Thorn. She is the daughter of Tony and Lara Thorn. Sophie is a member of the BETA Club, Choir, Cheerleading, FBLA, and the Pep Club. Her hobbies include working at the Powder Room & Boutique in Dexter, styling people's hair and make-up, babysitting, and she loves art. After graduation she plans to attend the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School in Springfield, Missouri.

Miss Thorn was escorted by Ricky Brotherton. He is the son of Michael and Angie Cobb. Ricky is a member of the Bloomfield Student Council, FBLA, FCCLA, Choir, and is the Pep Club President. His hobbies include grooming his dog Dasher, hanging out with friends, and fishing. His plans after graduation are to attend college and major in business.

The retiring Homecoming Queen was Miss Katrina Duncan. She is the daughter of Terry Duncan and Joyce Duncan. In high school, she participated in cheerleading, choir, BETA Club, FBLA, and Bloomfield Student Council. Her hobbies include singing. She is currently attending college and working towards a degree in nursing.

Josh Clary escorted the 2014 retiring Homecoming Queen Miss Duncan. He is the son of Charles Clary and Mandy Clary. Jacob is currently attending college

and working towards a degree in nursing. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and long walks on the beach. His future plans are finish his degree and become a nurse practitioner.

Congratulations Sophie Thorn and all of the Homecoming candidates!

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## Dexter School Board Hires Mitch Wood as New Superintendent

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Board of Education of the Dexter R-XI School District has voted to employ Mitchell D. Wood as the Superintendent of Schools, effective

July 1, 2015.

Mitchell has been serving as Superintendent of the Oran R-3 District since 2004. Prior to becoming Superintendent at Oran, he was a Teacher, Coach, and Activities Director from 1992-1999 and served as Jr. High/High School Principal in the same district from 1999-2004 for a total of 23 years in the Oran District. Prior to going to Oran he was a teacher and coach at Hayti from 1989-1992.

Mr. Wood earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Arkansas State University, a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Specialist in Educational Leadership from Southeast Missouri State University and is currently working toward a Doctorate from William Woods University with an anticipated completion date in 2015.

During his tenure as superintendent at Oran, Mr. Wood has directed their strategic planning team and planned and directed passage of a bond issue (more than 75% approval rate) that resulted in new Elementary and Jr. High buildings and a cafeteria and multi-purpose facility. He also coordinated and directed the Comprehensive School Improvement Committee. The district has consistently achieved outstanding Annual Performance Reports under his leadership.

Mr. Wood's other professional activities include his membership in the SEMO Superintendents Association, Missouri Association of School Administrators (Chairman, Small Schools Committee 2013-current), Scott-Miss Superintendents Association ( President 2006-2008), and Missouri Association of School Business Officials. In addition he served on the Board of Appeals for the Missouri State High School Activities Association from 2009-2014 and the Coaches Advisory Panel from 2006-2009. Before retiring from his very successful coaching career,

Mr. Wood's teams won numerous conference, district, and sectional championships in both basketball and baseball as well as the baseball state championship in 2013. He also was selected as MHSBCA Coach of the year in baseball in 1998 and 2013 and inducted into the MHSBCA Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

Mr. Wood has been married to his wife Shawn for 30 years and they have two children. Their son, Dr. Ryne Wood, is an optometrist in Cape Girardeau and their daughter, Mandi Wood, will graduate in December 2015 from Logan College of Chiropractic.

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## DHS Students Earn Drama, Speech, and Debate Medals

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DHS Students Earn Drama, Speech, and Debate Medals

**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** – The Dexter High School Drama, Speech, and Debate Team performed extremely well t the Cape Central Tournament Thursday evening.

Macy Cecil and Adam Webb earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Public Forum Debate.

Morgan Ross placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Haley Cornett took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Dramatic Interpretation and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Prose.

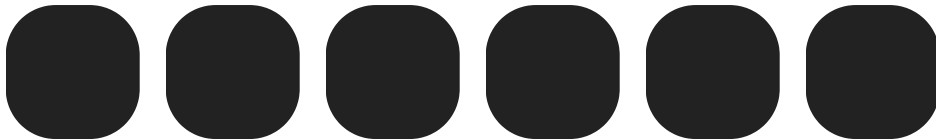
Congratulations to the DHS Drama, Speech, and Debate Team!

Photo provided by Celeste Colley. Shown in the photo from left to right are Haley Cornett, Adam Webb, Macy Cecil, and Morgan Ross.

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## Fifth Grade Honor Roll at Central Elementary

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### 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for Fifth Grade Students

**Dexter, Missouri** - Students must earn a B average to earn a spot on the Honor Roll each quarter. The following fifth grade students accomplished just that and were awarded a certificate of recognition at Central Elementary School in Dexter.

Jill Allen – Daniel Aycock, Sajah Ballard, Emily Belcher, Kennedy Bess, Maci Comfort, Alex Dugan, Blake Jung, Gerica Harris, Lexie Laramore, Magi McBride, Landon Pullam, Dulcie Pullen, and Camille Winchester

Kara Lummuks – Drake Channell, Alyssa Frizzell, Patrick Lutmer, Katelyn Riley, Julianna Rivera, Benjamin Rybolt, Allison Thurkill, Ethan Watson, and Bailey Whitaker

Jennifer Bolin – Annie Banken, Andie Kruse, Miller McLaughlin, Avery Neely, Lexis Newell, Dylan Sitze, Ryan Strickland, and Mia Williams

Nicole Guethle – Lydia Bishop, Garrison Cabral, Andrew Dodson, Grace Hanner, Diego McCormick, Gabriel McGhee, and Natalie Sells

Lacey Winchester – Lauren Barnes, Toni Long, Tanay Patel, and Abigail Thompson

Gale Slinkard – Sydney Bess, Abigail DeMent, Kayla Freeman, Amaya Summers, and Ayden Walters

Rob Scott – Addy Atherton, Makayla Boyt, Arielle Coyner, KanDee Harris, Andrew Hueckel, Logan Kayler, Danielle Morgan, Mackenzie Raley, Isaac Sandage, Layken Smith, and Ivy Tucker

Sandy Stone – Jacob Adams, Emily Drews, Kayleigh Gibson, Jordan Lay, Arianna Mercado, Camden Riley, Kenedy Robertson, Austin Stiefferman, and Kyle Tellman

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# Fourth Grade Honor Roll at Central Elementary

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## Fourth Grade Honor Roll at Central Elementary

### 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for Fourth Grade Students

**Dexter, Missouri** - Students must earn a B average to earn a spot on the Honor Roll each quarter. The following fourth grade students accomplished just that and were awarded a certificate of recognition at Central Elementary School in Dexter.

Casey Williams – Clara Barber, Peyton Boles, Eric Harmon, Reece Justice, Ava Markham, Cole Nichols, Abigail Rash, Jasmine Silvey, Destiny Snell, Hanna Spence, Christopher Stone, and Ethan Williams

Kristen Mick – Zackery Brown, Camron Dobbelare, Parker Evans, Madison Glaus, Brianna Granger, Destiny Griffin, Jayci Holcomb, Myles Keena, Owen Lacy, Julia Lykins, Hunter Moore, Blaine Prance, Morgan Ryan, Molly Simmons, and Calysta Whitaker

Cassie Terry – Drew Chamberlain, Chase Elder, Caitlin Giles, Isaac Hann, Owen Bewley, and Clayton Whitaker

Dawn Warren – Grant Ayers, Derek Bradley, Chevy Burns, Isabella Cook, LeeAmber Costigan, Shelby Dawson, Hannah Guy, Logan Josupait, Carly Long, Lakota Lovell, Alisha Pittman.

Kristy Rinehart – Cassie Bess, Kaden Bias, Keller Buck, Levi Grubbs, Alexis Holden, Braxton Huey, Amber Madigan, Taylor Oliva, Eric Riddle, and Mahkiya Voice

Ashley Burns – Seth Bolin, Draven Cato, Rachel Cobb, Makenna Dean, Kami Fortner, Nate Harris, Alise Howell, Truman Krapf, Kylan Moore, Grace Sepulvado, Xzander Smith, and Seth Warren

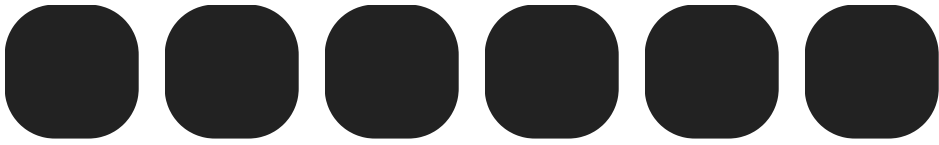
Anna Whiteman – Austin Akin, Evan Childers, Aysia Corbin, Christian Dobbelare, Ellen Dowdy, Gabrielle Dunivan, Jude Griffin, Kellie Kersey, Hailey Pennebaker, Taylor Tatum, and Brock Wyman

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