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# Meet Jason Comfort, Dexter School Board Candidate

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Jason Comfort is a Dexter School Board Candidate. The Dexter CTA made available at Monday evening's School Board Candidate Forum a little background information on each candidate to share with the public.

**Family Members:** Christi Comfort (wife), Maci (5th grade), Cali (1st grade), and Jase (3 years).

**Personal Education History:** Graduate of Dexter High School in 1996. Three Rivers College and Southeast Missouri State University.

**Occupation:** Sales Manager at Countywide Insurance Agency, Dexter.

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, past president of Dexter Chamber of commerce and Economic Development Board, past president of Hidden Trails Country Club, Dexter Bearcat Booster Club, volunteer coach for Dexter Parks & Recreation for football, softball, and track, broadcaster for Dexter Bearcat Football.

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?** "I want to work to POSITIVELY impact our students' achievements in ALL areas."

**What is your philosophy of education?** "I strongly believe we have to be working every day to "get better"....This applies to school board members, administrators, teachers,

students, and community members. I have Dexter Schools on a pedestal, not in an arrogant way, but in a confident way. I believe in our greatness. However, I also believe we have a to keep working, keep pushing for excellence. I believe we have to operate with equal amounts of common sense and good, strong policies. We have to advance technologically in our classrooms; we have to send our teachers to the best professional development available. We have to have high expectations for our students! High expectations on student, only creates higher expectations on us adults!"

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## Meet Sarah Blackler, Dexter School Board Candidate

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**Family Members:** Robert Blackler, Brandi (Blackler) Schwarz, Nicholas Marines, Vicki (Blackler) Craft, Brad Craft.

**Personal Education History:** Graduate of Turner High School in Kansas City, KS in 1975; Graduate of DeVry in Kansas City, Missouri in 1984.

**Occupation:** Former Customer Service Representative; Disabled.

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Keys for Networking & Families Together in Kansas City; NAMI Child Advocate in Kansas City; Parent Support Specialist; Instructor for "Visions for Tomorrow" with NAMI.

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?** "I have a grandson attending Dexter Schools; his is in kindergarten. I want him to be successful by having the best education we can offer. I want to remove Common Core from our schools; our children are not lab rats."

**What is your philosophy of education?** "Education is our gateway into a brighter future. With right education, we can accomplish anything and everything."

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## SEMO to Shut Down Power to Campus

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Power to the Southeast Missouri State University campus will be shut down for approximately six hours on Friday, April 3. Please see full details below:

Due to some preventive maintenance repairs needed to the main power transformer in the Boiler Plant switch-yard, Facilities Management staff along with KT Power will be shutting down power to the main campus only for approximately six hours on April 3.

Facilities Management crews will start shutting down equipment (air handling systems, chiller systems, etc.) between 7-8 a.m. in the educational facilities, with power being shut off to campus at 8 a.m. Power should be completely restored to campus by 2 p.m., and Facilities Management crews will be here until all systems return to normal operation.

During the outage, the following facilities on emergency generators (Show Me Center, LaFerla Hall, Johnson Hall, Rhodes Hall, Dempster Hall, Towers Complex, Scully Building, Art Building, Brandt Hall, Crisp Hall, Cheney, Carnahan Hall, GS-1, GS2, Memorial Hall, Serena Building, Vandiver Hall and Merick Hall) will have emergency power available, and personnel will be here to monitor them.

Heating and cooling will not be available during this time except for KRCU and the IT Rooms (Serena Building, Johnson Hall and Memorial Hall) that are on emergency systems.

Facilities Management apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and will have the power restored to campus as soon as possible. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Facilities Management at ext. 2214.

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## St. Francis Healthcare Scholarship Now Available

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Applications for the 2015 Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program funded by the Saint Francis Foundation and Auxiliary are now available. The program awards 23 scholarships of up to \$2,000 annually to students pursuing a healthcare-related career.

Applicants must have successfully completed one year of an accredited healthcare program and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. They must also reside within Saint Francis Medical Center's service area, as defined in the application. Applicants must submit all required documentation and a completed application to the Foundation by 5 pm on Monday, June 29. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship a maximum of two years.

Since it was created in 1980, the scholarship program has provided more than \$533,000 in education scholarships to college students in an effort to encourage participation in professional healthcare careers.

All applicants are considered regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, age, handicap or veteran status. Applications are available at [foundation.sfmc.net/scholarship](http://foundation.sfmc.net/scholarship). For more information, please contact the Foundation at 573-331-5790.

Saint Francis Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that supports Saint Francis Medical Center by strengthening the institution overall and reaffirming its mission of supporting the community and the people it serves. Formally organized in 1976, its mission reflects the Medical Center's priorities through fundraising efforts that support the community.

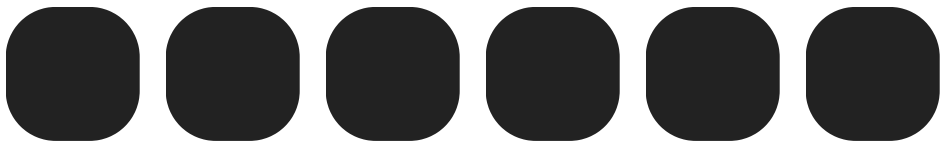
The Foundation sponsors several annual events, including golf tournaments, and philanthropic activities such as annual appeals, memorials, endowment funds, planned giving, grants and major gifts.

Through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers, the Foundation accepts contributions each year to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, provide patient and employee assistance, create new programs that help patients in the region, and improve facilities at the Medical Center. Saint Francis Medical Center is proud to be the only employer in Missouri ranked on *Modern Healthcare* magazine's prestigious Best Places to Work in Healthcare list for six consecutive years (2008-2013).

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## Hayli Petty Honored by MO Association of Student Councils

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Hayli Petty of Dexter High School was awarded the Distinguished Student Leader Award by the Missouri Association of Student Councils.

"This is the most prestigious award given by the association," Jennifer Miller, student council representative for DHS said of the award to Petty, "and is based on the student's leadership and involvement in school and community activities throughout their four years of high school."

"Receiving this award feels like such an honor because of all the amazing people in Student Council," commented Petty. "I have been to the District Convention four times, the State Convention twice and the people never cease to amaze me. It has been the single, most significant experience of my life!"

Hayli is the 18-year-old daughter of Tryna Mitchell and Scott Mitchell and is a senior at Dexter.

Her activities include Student Council, Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and the Art Club.

She also participates in Rotary Interact and was in Showstoppers of SEMO for two years.

Hayli is a big art enthusiast, loves photography, and enjoys reading and writing. She also plays billiards when she gets the opportunity.

Her future plans are to attend Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Missouri and then transfer to Missouri State University. She's not 100% sure of her degree, but might like to major in Graphic Design.

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