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Dexter, Missouri – The Dexter Board of Education have selected Gavin Miller as the new T.S. Hill Middle School Assistant Principal.

Miller graduated from Dexter High School in 1988 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Evangel University in 1993. He earned his teaching certificate in 1996. Miller went on to earn a Master's degree in Education Administration from William Woods University in 2011 and is currently working on a Specialist Degree from William Woods University.

He has 18 years of education under his belt. Two years he taught PE and Business classes at New Madrid County Central and coached football, wrestling, and baseball. He was at Dexter High School for eight years teaching marketing/COE class, coached football, girls basketball and was Athletic Director. He moved away for six years teaching personal finance and computer apps for four years at Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia and then finished with two years as Assistant Principal. He recently joined the Bernie school district as high school and junior high principal where he has been the last two years.

He is married to Kristin Miller of 12 years. She is a 7th grade science teacher at T.S. Hill Middle School. They have three children, Madelyn who is 19 years old, Maddox age 11, and Jaxon age 6.

"I love spending time with my family, being outdoors, riding 4-wheelers, going to the beach and attending as many St. Louis Cardinals games as possible," commented Miller.

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Public School educators who are retiring this year will be honored at the district's Annual Retirement Tea scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center.

Retiring this year are Andrea Backfisch, first grade teacher; Sherry Dukes, high school special education teacher; Anita Joyner, middle school math teacher; Paula Jarrell, elementary learning disabilities teacher; and Cindy Bowman, Central Elementary principal.

Among the classified staff retiring are Gale Simmering, elementary librarian and Lisa Moore, high school secretary.

The public is encouraged to attend this even and honor those that are retiring.

Congratulations to all those retiring!

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Softball Team Honors Dakota Silliman on Senior Night

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Dexter, Missouri - Dakota Silliman is the daughter of Chad and Dena Silliman and is a senior at Dexter High School.

She participated in basketball her freshman and sophomore years, volleyball her sophomore year, and softball all four years of high school. This year she is playing at 1st base.

Dakota is member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of American, Future Farmers of America, Pep Club, Honor Society and is the treasurer of DECA.

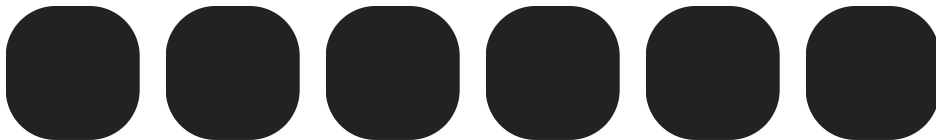
She has earned awards as an all-county softball player and all-tourney softball athlete and the Highest Batting Average Award.

Her future plans are to attend Southeast Missouri State University and major in Radiology.

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MSTA Honors Local School Retirees

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Long-time Dexter Public School teachers Sherry Dukes and Anita Joyner were honored Thursday evening at the MSTA Southeast Region Spring Teachers' Meeting and Retirement Banquet.

The annual spring dinner was held at the Drury Lodge in Cape Girardeau. Retirees from thirteen Southeast Missouri school districts were recognized for their years of service to Missouri public schools.

Sherry Dukes has been in special education for thirty years--twenty-eight of those in the Dexter schools. Anita Joyner, who has taught 8th grade math and algebra for the past 27 1/2 years, is also retiring with thirty years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Dukes and Mrs. Joyner were presented with the traditional engraved classroom bell, as a tribute to their dedication to education.

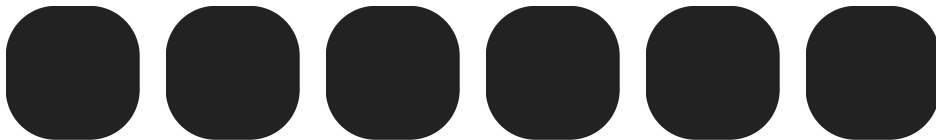
The Dexter Public Schools will host a retirement tea on May 5 in the Bearcat Event Center, which will honor all those retiring from the district.

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Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School - This listing of future activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with Dr. Sharp, Superintendent and the Dexter Public Schools for your convenience.

We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

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