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# DHS Weekly Activities - May 11, 2015

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**Dexter High 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!

*If you would like to submit information and a picture of a student and his/her accomplishments, send it to [news@showmetimes.com](mailto:news@showmetimes.com).*

### Monday, May 11

Faculty Awards Program in the BEC-9:25 a.m.

Kickin' Cats Dance Team Mandatory Clinic in high school gym from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Baseball Varsity vs. Portageville-Home-4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 12

Golf Varsity Sectionals at Sikeston-9:00 a.m.

Kickin' Cats Dance Team Open Gym in the high school gym from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis Team Districts at Dexter-4:00 p.m.

Baseball Varsity at Clearwater-4:30 p.m. Bus leaves at 2:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 13**

Senior Finals-1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> periods

Kickin' Cats Dance Team Open Gym in the high school gym from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Student Council-8<sup>th</sup> grade ice cream social in the cafeteria at 3:15 p.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis Team Districts at Dexter-4:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 14**

Senior Finals-2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> periods

Seniors last day at Sikeston Career & Technology Center and Cadet Teaching

Kickin' Cats Dance Team Tryouts in the high school gym-3:30 p.m.

Spring Sports Banquet in the cafeteria-5:30 p.m.

### **Friday, May 15**

Commencement Practice in the cafeteria and BEC from 8:15-11:00 a.m.

Senior Slide Show in the auditorium from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Senior Picnic in the high school gym from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Commencement in the Bearcat Event Center-7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 16**

Track Varsity Districts at Park Hills Central

Baseball Varsity Districts at Doniphan

Boys Varsity Tennis Individual Districts at Notre Dame

### **Dates to Remember**

May 18/19-Golf Varsity at State Tournament

May 18/19-Baseball Varsity Districts at Doniphan

May 18-20-Boys Varsity Tennis Individual Sectionals at TBD

May 19/20-Color Guard & Drum Major Clinics at Middle School from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

May 20-Finals-1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> periods

May 21-Finals-2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> periods

May 21-Last day for juniors at Sikeston Career & Technology Center and Cadet Teaching

May 21-Locker Clean Out at 2:45 p.m.

May 21-Color Guard & Drum Major Auditions at Middle School starting at 3:30 p.m.

May 22-Last day of school for the 2014-15 school year. Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

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## Dexter School Board Minutes - Monday, May 4, 2015

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[Dexter School Board Minutes - Monday, May 4, 2015](#)

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter School Board held a special meeting at noon on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Below are is the Press Release from Dr. Sharp, Superintendent of Dexter Public Schools.

In regular session, the Board accepted a bid from Contract Paper Group, Inc., for photocopy paper.

In closed session:

The Board employed Gavin Miller to serve as middle school assistant principal. He is currently serving as principal at the Bernie School District.

The Board approved the transfer request from middle school secretary Heather Rice to serve as the high school secretary. On July 1 she will replace Lisa Moore who is retiring.

The Board approved the transfer of ECSE classroom aide Virginia Krapf to serve as the elementary library aide for both Southwest Elementary and Central Elementary. She will replace Gale Simmering who is retiring.

The Board accepted a letter of resignation from high school assistant football coach Marc Thrower for the 2015-2016 school year.

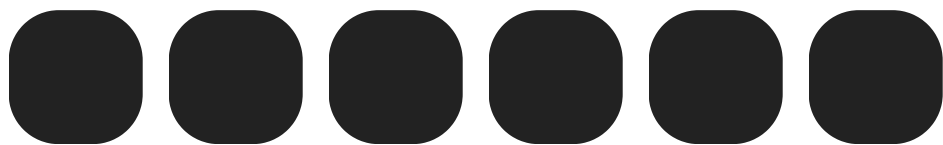
The Board accepted a letter of resignation from high school assistant volleyball coach Kacey Christian for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board tabled consideration of hourly wages for selected classified staff.

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# Retiring Educators Honored at Bearcat Event Center

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## Retiring Educators Honored at Bearcat Event Center

**Dexter, Missouri** – Each year a Retirement Tea is held at the Bearcat Event Center for retiring teachers at the Dexter Public Schools. Six well seasoned educators with 158 years in the field of education will leave the halls of Dexter and enjoy the life of retirement.

Andrea Backfisch will retire with 23 years in the classroom and is a first and second grade resource teacher at Southwest Elementary. She first served for a two-year period as a remedial reading aide at Central School, and in August 1992, she began teaching first grade at Southwest. Six years ago, she moved to a resource classroom. Her entire teaching career has been spent in the position of first grade teacher at Southwest.

Anita Joyner received her teaching certificate in July of 1984 and began her career in January of 1985 as a Title 1 Remedial Reading aide at Southwest Elementary. She accepted an elementary fifth grade teaching position at Desloge, Missouri for the 1985-1986 school year and remained there until returning to Dexter Schools in January 1988 to fill a vacancy as a Middle School Math teacher. She has served in that position since that time and retires with 28 district years and 30 career years of service to education. Joyner was also selected the Dexter Chamber of Commerce 2014 Educator of the Year.

Julie Garner was employed by Dexter Schools in January of 1994 and will retire with 22 years of service to Dexter. She was hired to complete the remainder of the 1993-1994 school year teaching Special Education at Southwest Elementary. The following year, Early Childhood Special Education was implemented and she has served as a teacher of that program since that time. This successful program has benefitted many students as a result of her dedication to the special needs of special children within the local school district.

Paula Jarrell will retire with 22 years of service to Dexter School District. She was employed in August 1993 as a Learning Disabilities teacher in the Special Education Department of Dexter Schools. During her first five years of employment, her time was split between Southwest and Central Elementary, but in 1998-1999, she was reassigned exclusively to Southwest.

Sherry Dukes taught Special Education at Bloomfield for two years before coming to Dexter Schools in August 1987 as a special education teacher at Dexter High School. She has continued to provide educational services for special needs students at Dexter High School for the past 28 years. Dedication to her career and empathy for her students lends credence to the term "Special" education teacher. She retires with 30 career years of teaching experience.

In addition to the certified staff members retiring, support staff member Gale Simmering will be stepping down.

Gale Simmering was employed in August 2006 as an elementary library aide. She worked in collaboration with the elementary librarian whose day was split between Southwest and Central. She has served in that position for nine years and will retire at the end of the school year.

Shown in the photo from left to right are: Andrea Backfisch, Anita Joyner, Julie Garner, Paula Jarrell, Sherry Dukes, and Gale Simmering. Not present was Central Elementary retiring principal Cindy Bowman.

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## Gavin Miller Selected as Dexter Middle School Asst. Principal

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### Gavin Miller Selected as Dexter Middle School Asst. Principal

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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## Retirement Tea Set to Honor Teachers

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### Retirement Tea Set to Honor Teachers

**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.

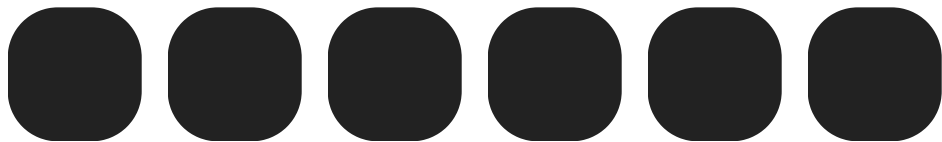
The public is encouraged to attend this even and honor those that are retiring.

Congratulations to all those retiring!



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