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Soeter Completes 100-Book Challenge

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff High School senior Ben Soeter is the first student in three years to read 100 novels and earn a \$1,000 scholarship via the Designing Women Foundation's Charlie Classics reading program.

The 17-year-old has placed first in his class each year for reading the most teacher-approved literary works, resultantly winning thousands in bank cards in addition to the scholarship. When Soeter was a freshman, he generously donated \$500 back to the PBHS library so the school can replace some of its titles in the Charlie Classics collection. At the time, he declared that it was a goal of his to complete the challenge.

Reflecting on all the books, Soeter said: "It changed the way I think, broadening my outlook of the world and the way I understand it for the better." He added that he has enjoyed the select pieces of literature because they contain morals that he later contemplates. His favorite title of late was "I, Robot" by Isaac Asimov.

Having gotten a jumpstart on reading prior to starting high school, Soeter reviewed his first book with a voluntary program mentor in June of 2011. Students can begin working toward the scholarship in Junior High.

Soeter has been accepted into Rice University in Houston, Texas. His predecessor in the contest, Fathom Hefner, attends the University of Mississippi in Oxford, according to Stacey Scobey, who is the president of the Designing Women Foundation, and also a past scholarship recipient.

The Charlie Classics program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, was originally founded by writer/producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and has been sustained by individual donors and local businesses in recent years, most notably U.S. Bank.

Photo and article provided by Tim Krakowiak.

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Swafford Photography to Offer DHS Graduation Portraits

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Dexter, Missouri – It's that time of the year!!! GRADUATION!!! And it's time for Swafford Photography to take their awesome graduation photos!

To help parents get a head start below is the 2015 Dexter High School Senior Graduation Photo price list, etc. On Friday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Swafford will be on hand to take formal portrait photos of graduates and their families. If you wish to purchase the photos please choose from the packages listed below!

All orders must be paid in full and placed before GRADUATION begins. You can pick up your photos at the high school office when they are available and the ShowMe Times will announce on their Facebook page when the photos are available.

Good luck to all the graduates!

Photo by Dee Loflin at the 2015 Baccalaureate in Dexter.

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DHS Faculty Awards Presented at Bearcat Event Center

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Dexter, Missouri - Each year the faculty choose students with who have achieved greatness in the classroom. Students are then presented awards at the Annual Awards Assembly in the Bearcat Event Center.

Scholarships were also announced for the Class of 2015 and will be listed in another article after Graduation on Friday evening. More scholarships are expected to be announced.

Mr. Dan Pollock, principal, recognized each student had earned a place in the Dexter Honor Society. He also named all those who made Top Ten Percent at Dexter High School.

Many teachers wrote notes about the students they chose to receive the faculty awards.

Mr. Derek Urhahn presented each student their award and read the letter from the teacher.

2015 Faculty Awards Presented

Agriculture - Jackson Hubbard

Art - Honey Patel

Band - Brooks Propst

Business - Jacob Harris

Choir - Shelby Gathings

C.C.E. - Dakota Silliman

Debate/Speech/Drama - Nolen Dixon

Family and Consumer Science - Jessica Ladd

Foreign Language - Caprese Bostic

Industrial Technology - Brandon Berry

Language Arts - Honey Patel

Math - Alexis Smith

Physical Education - MaKayla Waldner

Publications/Yearbook - Shyann Jines

School Spirit - Blake Horton
Science - Honey Patel
Social Studies - Lacey Midgett
Student Council - Alexis Smith
Special Recognition Outstanding STUCO Officer/Member - Hayli Petty

Shown in the photo are front row from left to right: Shyann Jines, MaKayla Waldner, Dakota Silliman, Alexis Smith, Jessica Ladd, and Lacey Midgett. Middle Row from left to right: Shelby Gathings, Jackson Hubbard, Brandon Berry, Blake Horton, Honey Patel, and Hayli Petty. Back row from left to right: Nolen Dixon, Caprese Bostic, and Jacob Harris. Not shown is Brooks Propst. He was at Arkansas State University today scheduling class for the fall semester.

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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.

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-1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th periods

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

Student Council-8th 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-2nd, 4th, & 6th 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-1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th periods

May 21-Finals-2nd, 4th & 6th 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.

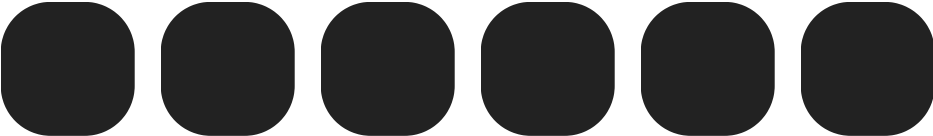
The Board accepted a letter of resignation from high school assistant volleyball coach Kacey Christian for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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