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# Dexter High School Marching Band Camp

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The 2015-2016 school season is just around the corner and just as the football prepares for their upcoming season so much the Dexter Marching Band.

Mr. Scott Rybolt, High School Band Director, has scheduled the Marching Bearcats Band Camp.

On Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th the high school Color Guard and Drum Line will have their camp prior to the regular Marching Band Camp.

Beginning on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Freshman and drum Majors will meet from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> all high school marching band members will meet from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please bring hats, wear shorts, light colored shirts, tennis shoes (NO SANDALS) for morning rehearsals. You may also wear sunglasses. Due to the hot weather you may want to bring water bottles as well and drink plenty of water (NOT SODA).

On Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the high school will perform for parents, friends and family at the practice field behind the tennis courts. This is a culmination of the work they have put forth over the week of band camp.

Student should wear khaki shorts and white t-shirts for the performance on Friday evening. Also this is a good time to sign up for informational emails and volunteer for band related activities. You can also follow the DHS Band on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

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## Ellenburg Honored as Heartland's Best

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**Bernie, Missouri** - KFVS12 honored dozens of the Heartland's Best on Saturday, May 30th at a banquet ceremony for high school valedictorians.

Among those honored was Caleb Ellenburg representing Bernie High School.

The 30th Annual Heartland's Best ceremony was held in the University Ballroom on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

All Heartland valedictorians and their parents were invited to attend the ceremony. Students who attended recorded greetings that have been featured in special announcements airing throughout the summer on KFVS12's Heartland News. Kathy Sweeney and Crystal Britt, anchors for Heartland News, introduced each valedictorian with a summary of their honors and achievements.

Caleb is the son of Allan and Tommie Ellenburg. He plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University - Cape Girardeau in the fall and major in Chemistry.

Ellenburg earned a GPA of 4.294 to earn the honor. He has been awarded the George Washington Carver Award, the President's Award for Educational Excellence, Anatomy and Physiology Award, Perfect Attendance Award and Student of the Year at Bernie High School.

His activities while at Bernie High School included basketball, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Scholar Bowl.

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# Vargas Takes Helm as 18th President of SEMO University

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - A new era of leadership begins at Southeast Missouri State University today as Dr. Carlos Vargas takes the reins as the 18<sup>th</sup> president of the University.

“I am very proud to have been selected as the 18<sup>th</sup> president of the University,” Vargas said. “I am eager ... to live up to the expectations of the students, the staff and the faculty of the institution.”

Vargas will hit the ground running with his first day spent with the University’s executive staff who will brief him on numerous University initiatives. During the next couple of weeks, he also will meet with Interim Provost Dr. Gerald McDougall, members of the Board of Regents and Student Government President Peter Jacobsen. He also plans on attending divisional retreats throughout the summer.

“I want everybody to know that I am going to do my absolute best and I am going to work very hard to make sure this institution continues on the path that it has been for a long time. I just want to make sure that we do whatever it takes to help the students be successful.”

Vargas’ presidency at Southeast culminates a comprehensive and wide-ranging search process that began following the announcement in September 2014 that President Kenneth W. Dobbins would retire effective June 30, 2015.

The Southeast Board of Regents announced the appointment of Vargas on March 4. Vargas has been serving as acting president at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania since last July. He previously served as the provost and vice

president for academic and student affairs, and had been the school's chief academic officer since 2006. For more information on President Vargas' career in higher education, visit <http://www.semo.edu/president/about.html>.

Southeast also welcomes Vargas' wife, Dr. Pamela Vargas, who begins her new duties today as the director of the Office of Research and Grant Development on campus. She has served as executive director of the Kutztown University Research Center since 2006. She previously served as the director of Sponsored Programs in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Graduate School of Engineering and Management at the Air Force Institute of Technology. She also has served as the director and in several other capacities with The Graduate School, Office of Research with the University of Notre Dame. President and Mrs. Vargas – the campus welcomes you and wishes you much success here at Southeast Missouri State University!

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# Dexter School Board Meeting - Monday, June 29, 2015

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter School Board held a board meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015.

Below are is the Press Release from Dexter Public Schools.

**In open session, the Board:**

Approved the Tentative Budget for 2015-2016

Approved the Vocational Program Annual Review

Tabled consideration of the Middle School Cross Country Program until the July Meeting

Approved Superintendent Mitchell Wood as the authorized representative for Dexter R-XI Schools for all state and federal programs, effective July 1, 2015.

Approved Asphalt Bid from ASA Asphalt

Approved Seal Coating Bid from B & K Asphalt Seal Coating

Approved concrete work to be completed by Randy Laird and Sons

**In closed session, the Board:**

Employed the following for Paraprofessionals for the 2015-2016 School Year: Curt Hillis – Adrian Byrd – Christopher Muzny – Roxanne McGhee – Maryssa Campbell – Lauren VonRuden

Employed the following as Bus Drivers for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Jackie Ash – Regina Dowdy

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## Kate Wyman First Place Win at Junior Beta Club Convention

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**Essex, Missouri** - Richland R-1 student Kate Wyman won first place in the Language Arts Division II competition at the 19th Annual National Junior Beta Club Convention over the weekend in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wyman defeated 22 other competitors from 10 other states including: Illinois, Texas, North Carolina, and others to bring home the title of champion. Wyman traveled to Nashville and did her preregistration work for the event on Thursday.

She then took the timed multiple choice test on Friday afternoon. "Much of the national test focused on reading comprehension while much of the state test was on grammar,"

stated Wyman.

After seeing her name on the Top 10 list on their way into the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center on Sunday morning, she was surprised to hear her named called to receive the top honor.

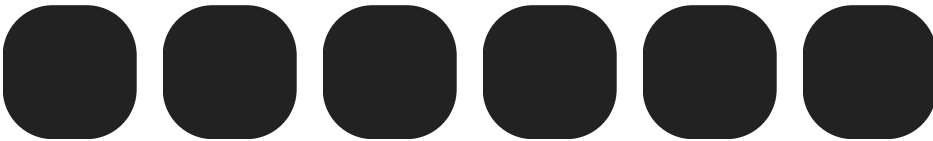
Wyman won the right to compete on the national stage by taking third place in the state competition in Poplar Bluff back in December. Wyman will be a freshman this fall at Richland R-1 School.

Congratulations Kate!

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