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# Bearcats Take the Field at Annual Jamboree in East Prairie

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Bearcats can't wait to get the 2015 football season started this year. Last year Dexter hit some enormous milestones. They defeated Sikeston on their home turf with a "hook and ladder" play. They beat Charleston by 67 points and was the second highest scoring game in the last 15 years and they defeated Kennett at homecoming. Three great wins equaled terrific atmosphere and dedicated fans who cheered from the sidelines.

This year they look to increase the totals in the win column and have been working very hard this summer lifting weights and working on and off the field. They are dedicated to each other and as the old saying goes, "Once a Bearcat, Always a Bearcat!" rings in their ears.

"These guys have been working hard all summer," commented head football coach Justin Peden. "Our weight program was extremely successful over the summer and camp attendance was great."

**The Bearcats open their season with the annual Jamboree.** Normally it would have been Dexter's year to host; however with the construction of the new entrance to the football field, **East Prairie will host this year. Kennett and New Madrid County Central also slated to participate in the Jamboree. Game time is 6:00 p.m.**

The Boys of Fall have been hitting practice pretty hard and the heat has been almost unbearable.

“We have gone through a week of two a days and are ready to hit someone else for a change,” continued Peden.

Dexter will have 12 seniors on the team this year. “Some are first year players, but most have been in the program with me going on three years.”

“I think we can expect a high effort, high intensity evening on Friday,” continued Peden. “I am ready to see what we can do against another team.”

Dexter opens the regular 2015 football season with a home game against Ste. Genevieve on Friday, August 21st. Game time 7:00 p.m.

They travel to Poplar Bluff the following weekend and then on to Charleston on September 4th.

The Sikeston Bulldogs are seeking revenge and will play on the Bearcat's home turf on September 11th. It will be a blood bath between these two.

They play Caruthersville at home on the 18th then travel to Kennett on September 25th.

Homecoming is on October 2nd against New Madrid County Central. The Bearcats will travel to Park Hills Central on October 9th and end at home on Senior Night with Malden on October 16th before going into play-off weeks.

**Please come out to East Prairie for the annual Jamboree. Game time is 6:00 p.m.**

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## DPR Tackle Little League Football Registration Underway

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### DPR Tackle Little League Football Registration Underway

**Dexter, Missouri** - Dexter Parks and Recreation Little League Football registration is underway! This is a tackle football program with a deadline to sign-up of August 21st.

On August 22nd a one day DPR Football Camp will held from 10 a.m. - noon at the Dexter Baseball Complex with lunch provided. Each player will leave with their very own football! T-shirts will also be available.

DPR football is open to any player in 3-4-5-6 grades. All players must be present at time of registration to be weighed using the DPR scales.

Registration forms are taken at the park office Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed during the noon hour). Registration fee is \$55 per player.

There will also be an evening registration August 18th. The evening registration will consist of an equipment fitting. On Monday, August 24th EQUIPMENT will be issued. Games schedules will be handed out as well that evening.

Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the sports complex. Coaches may add practice dates. During the week of the Stoddard County Fair, practices

will not be at the complex.

Registration forms may be printed off the web. Online registration will not be taken for football due to the fact all players must be weighed. DPR reserves the right to refuse any forms that are received after the deadline. No Refunds. **Click HERE for Registration Form.**

Players will also be required to weigh-in prior to each game. All players exceeding the weight limit must play on the offensive or defensive line.

If you have a brother or sister playing in the same league, list their name on the registration form so that they may be placed on the same team. Remember only brothers and sisters in the same household will be placed on teams together. If you have a special circumstance, please contact the Dexter Parks & Recreation office.

If you have any questions or concerns about DPR little league football, please contact Gaston Orahood, Aquatic & Recreation Programmer.

Football games will tentatively begin September 12th and anticipate the final games being October 10th. Most games will be on Saturday. Teams will also have some night games during the week throughout the season.

Grades 5 and 6 will travel some with potential games being held in Jackson, Kennett, New Madrid, Malden, and Portageville.

Grades 3 and 4 will play most of their games in Dexter. They may play a couple of games in Jackson or New Madrid, but the dates have not been set.

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## Bearcats Host Joint Practice With Hayti

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Bearcats are preparing for a great 2015 football season and to add a little extra to their practices Coach Justin Peden invited the Hayti Indians to a joint practice on Monday morning.

With excruciating heat and humidity the boys performed quite well under the hot conditions. They drilled and worked on plays for a couple of hours before hosting a little 11-man scrimmage between the two varsity teams. Even the Junior Varsity Bearcats and Indians saw some turf time.

"It was great to get out there and compete against someone other than our own guys," commented head football coach Justin Peden. "Hayti is a fast, physical team and overall I think we learned a lot from today."

"We battled and did some good things on both sides of the ball. Overall I am pleased with how we did," continued Peden.

"I want to thank Coach Cruce at Hayti for coming up. I also want to thank Dexter Pizza Company for helping us with pizzas to feed all these boys!"

You will be able to see the Bearcats in their first performance on the field at the Annual Jamboree on August 14th. Due to construction of the new football stadium entrance the

jamboree has been moved to East Prairie. New Madrid County Central and Kennett will also be at the Jamboree! Game time 6:00 p.m.

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## Final Rib City Shootout of the Summer - Girls Basketball

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The last Rib City of the summer will commence on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> with high school girls basketball.

The Lady Cats will have two varsity teams in action this weekend. Dexter (white) has the #1 seed and Dexter (black) has the #13 seed.

Dexter V (white) is scheduled to begin play on Friday at NOON on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center with Couch Varsity. At 2:15 p.m. they play Memphis Mambas also on Court #2. At 3:45 p.m. they play Valley View, AR and then at 6:00 p.m. they will compete against Poplar Bluff Lady Mules all on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center.

Dexter V (black) begin at 12:45 p.m. at the High School against Neelyville JV. Then at 3:00 p.m. they move over to Court #3 at the Bearcat Event Center and play East Carter County. At 6:00 p.m. on Court #1 of the Bearcat Event Center they will play Twin Rivers JV.

Dexter Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team will play at 9:45 a.m. against Twin Rivers MS on Court #1 of the Bearcat Event Center. Then at noon they play on Court #3 against Puxico 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At 5:15 p.m. at the High School they will take on Jackson Middle School. Then at 7:30 p.m. for their final game of the day they play Greenville Middle School on court #3 of the Bearcat Event Center.

Teams competing in the final summer 2015 girls Rib City Shootout are Dexter, Memphis Mambas, Valley View, AR, Couch, Poplar Bluff, Mansfield, Puxico, Greenville, Calico Rock, Ar, Blytheville, AR, South Iron, Valley Caledonia, East Carter County, Campbell, Malden, East Prairie varsity schools.

Poplar Bluff, Neelyville, Chaffee, Twin Rivers, and South Iron will have junior varsity teams. Chaffee, Dexter, Twin Rivers, Puxico, Jackson, and Greenville will have middle school teams.

The Rib City Shootout will continue on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with quarterfinals beginning at 12:15 p.m.

For more information and schedules click **HERE**. Don't forget to follow the Rib City Shootout Facebook page by clicking **HERE**.

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## Dexter Athletes Attend Semoball Awards Banquet

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Seven Dexter Bearcat athletes were finalists attending the Semoball Awards Banquet co-sponsored by SoutheastHEALTH.

Ethan Flowers and Jessica Lindsey took top honors at the annual Semoball Awards banquet on Saturday evening at the Bedell Performance Hall on the River Campus of Southeast Missouri State University.

Ethan Flowers received the Boys Tennis Player of the Year Award.

Jessica Lindsey received the Volleyball Player of the Year Award.

Flowers finished the season with 9-2 singles record and a 17-6 doubles record. Along with his teammates earned Dexter their first boys tennis District title in ten years.

Flowers received the Singles Award at Dexter High School earlier this year.

Ethan is the son of Tim and Kim Flowers and will be a senior at Dexter High School in the fall. He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, DHS Honor Society, and is on the DHS Varsity Tennis Team and Varsity Basketball Team.



Lindsey completed her season with a team-high 297 kills, 15 aces served, and 72 blocks kills. Along with her teammates they won their first District title since 2000 finishing the season 29-4-1. She had 99.6 serving percentage and had 138 digs. She also received a second-team All-State Honors in Class 3 and was named to the Academic All-State Team.

Jessica was also selected first team All-Conference and SCAA Player of the Year. Earlier last season she was named Defensive Player of the Year and the Most Kills Award at Dexter High School.

She is the daughter of Elaina Lindsey and Kevin and Sara Lindsey. She has been a volleyball player all four years of high school and has signed to play at Mineral Area College in the fall.

Over 150 high school athletes from 57 schools were recognized at the event presented by SoutheastHEALTH.

Seven total athletes from Dexter High School were nominated for awards. Ethan Stevens, Shyann Jines, MaKayla Waldner, Melanie McKuin, and Noah Kronk were also spotlighted for their athleticism.

Ethan Stevens was nominated for football. Shyann Jines was nominated for volleyball. MaKayla Waldner was nominated for track. Melanie McKuin was nominated for girls' basketball and Noah Kronk was nominated for football.

Congratulations to all of the athletes!!

***Shown in the photo are from left to right: Ethan Stevens, Jessica Lindsey, Shyann Jines, MaKayla Waldner, Melanie McKuin, Noah Kronk and Ethan Stevens.***

***Photo by Greg Mathis.***

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