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New Faces at Dexter Public Schools

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Dexter, Missouri - the Dexter Public School District began their 2015-2016 with 26 new employees. Classes began on Thursday, August 13th.

They include: (back row, from left) Gavin Miller-Middle School Assistant Principal, Hillary Mayberry-Grade Three Teacher, Melissa Raley-Teacher's Assistant, Maryssa Campbell-Teacher's Assistant, and Patricia Mason-Teacher's Assistant.

Second from top: Zac Moore-Southwest Elementary P.E., Daniel McCoy-Teacher's Assistant and Asst. H.S. Football Coach, Jacinda DeWitt-Southwest Principal, and Tonya Whitehead-Teacher's Assistant.

Third row from top: Shelby Lintz-Grade Five Teacher, Cassie Templemire-Grade Three Teacher, Lauren VonRuden-Teacher's Assistant, Kayla Hammons-Teacher's Assistant and Michele Williams-Curriculum Director.

Standing is Superintendent Mitch Wood.

In the front row are: Candice Averett- Grade Three Teacher, Kaylee Hessling-Grade Four Teacher, Kimberly Williams-Southwest ECSE Aide, Carla Bradley-High School English, and Angela Yount - Teacher's Assistant.

Not available for the photo are Curt Hillis-Teacher's Assistant, William Vance-Teacher's Assistant, Sephanie Monroe-Middle School Art and Lucas McKinnis-High School Social

Studies.

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DHS Weekly Activities August 17th - August 21st

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Dexter High School - This listing of Dexter High School activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with Mr. Mitch Wood, 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, August 17

Zero hour classes begin.

Freshman/New Student Parent Orientation-Auditorium-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

Freshman Class Orientation Meeting-Go straight to the auditorium after 1st hour class.

Wednesday, August 19

Sophomore Class Orientation Meeting-Go straight to the auditorium after 2nd hour class.

Thursday, August 20

Junior Class Orientation Meeting-Go straight to the auditorium after 1st hour class.

Friday, August 21

FCA Breakfast at First Baptist Church-7:20 a.m.

Choir Fundraiser Begins

Senior Class Orientation Meeting-Go straight to the auditorium after 3rd hour class. Everybody will eat during lunch B.

Football vs. Ste. Genevieve-Home-7:00 p.m.

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Dexter High School Back 2 School Bash Slated for Thursday

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School students are invited to attend the annual Back-2-School Bash.

The Bash will be held Thursday, August 13th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the high school parking lot. Admission is FREE; however students will need money for concessions and sno-cones.

Activities include the CAR Bash, Inflatables, Laser Tag, music and a movie!

Only Dexter High School students and staff may participate!

If you have further questions please contact Dexter High School at (573) 614-1030.

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Cheney Hall Closing at SEMO

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Cheney Hall Closing at SEMO

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - For the fall 2015 and spring 2016 academic year, Southeast Missouri State University is closing Cheney Hall, a residence hall on the Southeast campus.

The closing of this building, at the corner of Cheney Drive and North Henderson Street, is necessary to examine and make structural and infrastructure repairs.

Over the past year, the University, working with outside engineering and architect professionals, has been examining the maintenance needs for multiple facilities across the Southeast campus, University officials said. These efforts have provided opportunities for the campus to plan ahead for future repairs to various academic and non-academic facilities. Cheney Hall is one of the buildings the University has previously identified as a building in need of future renovation for its continued use as a residence hall.

Previous plans had called for Cheney Hall to be open for residence hall students during this year, however, recent assessments of the building have demonstrated a need to consider structural repairs in the coming year, according to Angela Meyer, director of Facilities Management.

A combination of events over the past year, including recent heavy rains, has resulted in some settling of the building foundation and stair-stepped cracking of the northwest corner of the building.

"In order to fully investigate and determine the cause of the movement, the University has made the decision to begin a full structural analysis which may involve soil borings and/or excavation followed by a structural evaluation by a consultant," Meyer said. "The goal is to stabilize the structure and ensure that the facility can be brought back on-line for future use."

The work needed to complete structural and other infrastructure repairs will be very disruptive to the building.

"To provide our students the best on-campus living experience, the campus is closing this building for this coming academic year," she said.

Cheney Hall has been a landmark on the Southeast campus for more than 75 years. Dr. Kendra Skinner, director of the Office of Residence Life, noted, "Students enjoy the on-campus living experience, and Cheney Hall has been part of this experience for more than half a century. While we wish we could have the building open for the coming year, we need to take action now to repair the building and to find the impacted students other places on campus to live this year."

During this closure, 85 students who were planning to reside in Cheney Hall are being provided other residence hall spaces on the Southeast campus for the academic year. Students who were planning to live in Cheney Hall will be provided alternate campus housing at the same room rate in other residence halls on the Southeast campus, Skinner said. The Office of Residence Life is working with the impacted students to change their room assignments before students return to the Southeast campus on Aug. 20. Additional information for students impacted by this closure is available through the Office of Residence Life at 573.651.2274 or ORL@semo.edu.

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Meet and Greet with Mitch Wood Draws a Crowd

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Dexter, Missouri - A large crowd came out to the Bearcat Event Center to welcome new superintendent Mitch Wood. Dexter residents had an opportunity to meet and introduce themselves to Dexter Public Schools' newest leader.

Wood's official first day of employment was July 1, 2015.

Kevin Bishop, President of Dexter's School Board, introduced Mr. Wood to a large crowd and thanked everyone for coming out and visiting.

Wood spoke to everyone and said that he was dedicated to Dexter schools and though he has worn "blue" for 23 years, he does like the color red. The crowd chuckled and clapped! He also said there would be a few changes and his door was always open.

He has received a very warm welcome from Dexter and anticipates visiting every school building several times throughout his first months.

He thanked everyone for coming and also introduced his wife, Shawn.

Welcome to Dexter Mr. & Mrs. Wood. The community is extremely excited to have you!

Dexter School Registration begins on August 4^{th} from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center.

Shown in the photo are Mitch Wood and his wife, Shawn.

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