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Emily Johns Selected to National FFA Band

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Indianapolis, Indiana - Emily Johns, a member of the Dexter FFA chapter in Dexter, MO, will be on stage and in the spotlight Oct. 28-31 during the 2015 National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, KY. This is her second year in the prestigious band.

Johns, a junior and the daughter of Kevin and Janet Johns of Dudley, has been selected to play French horn in the National FFA Band.

Johns submitted an audition tape and was selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band from a pool of applicants from across the country.

The National FFA Band will perform several times during the national convention and expo. The sessions, along with Friday's band and chorus concert, will be aired on RFD-TV.

Johns will join fellow band members in Louisville three days before the event for rehearsals.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 610,240 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

About National FFA Organization

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 610,240 student members as part of 7,665 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States

Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org, on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees comprised of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA alumni, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.

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Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt Slated for November 17th

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Dexter, Missouri - The American Legion, Tom Love, and Gobbler Ridge, the Missouri Department of Conservation, Sikeston Rotary, and the National Wild Turkey Federation are once again sponsoring a deer hunt for disabled veterans.

This year's hunt is at Gobbler Ridge on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 according to Stoddard County Conservation Agent Mark Reed.

If you are a disabled veteran and are interested in participating, please contact the American Legion in Dexter, Missouri.

Gobbler Ridge Farms was converted from a family recreational area into a place where veterans with combat-related injuries could go, relax, enjoy the outdoors, and hunt and enjoy nature. The project has been spearheaded by Tom Love and Gobbler Ridge Farms and sponsored by the Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post 59 in Dexter.

“It is a place where disabled veterans can hunt, view wildlife, take nature photographs, and relax,” Love said recently.

Priority will be given to Stoddard County veterans and veterans with combat-related disabilities

The site has handicapped accessible blinds elevated for hunting and viewing. Blinds are wheelchair accessible. Ground blinds are also wheelchair accessible and portable to provide mobility and maximize use through the seasons and movement of wildlife.

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Cambridge Adult Day Center Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Cambridge Adult Day Center on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

The Center is located at 812 North West Oak Street in Dexter. For more information about their services contact Bertha Sherritze at (314) 210-7393.

Shown in the photo from left to right are: Debbie Stidham, Jerry Corder, Lucinda Gyurci, Jeri Pierce, Bertha Sherritze, Mark Stidham, Joe Weber, Bill Hampton, Kevin Bishop, and Dennis Boggess.

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Being Faurecia Campaign Donates to D.A.R.E.

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Being Faurecia Campaign Donates to D.A.R.E.

Dexter, Missouri - “Being Faurecia” is a new initiative at the Dexter Faurecia plant and globally that aims to continually support the community in which they operate through both volunteerism and monetary contributions.

In addition to a recent donation to the Regional Healthcare Foundation’s Mother-to-Mother program, the “Being Faurecia” team presented a check on Tuesday to Dexter Police Department’s Officer Lori O’Dell, who is the coordinator and director of the local D.A.R.E. Program at the fifth grade level.

Emphasizing that “Children are Our Future,” Being Faurecia Champion Angela Roberts, (at left holding the D.A.R.E. mascot) along with Team Member, Kim Pierce, with Human Resources at the local plant, are shown presenting the \$500 contribution to O’Dell to be utilized as she instructs her D.A.R.E. students.

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2015 Bearcat Art Splash Contest Winners Named

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Dexter, Missouri - It was a great year for the 2015 DHS Bearcat Art Splash. They had way more businesses willing to participate than they were able to accommodate with students artists this year.

This group of incredibly talented art students is among some of the busiest high school students on the Dexter Bearcat campus and yet they still found time to paint eight business locations this year for homecoming.

Organizing and running this event takes a lot of time, a special thanks to County Wide Insurance and Tracy Horton for making this event special during the homecoming activities.

The art students painted 5 large windows and 3 small windows in Dexter. The DHS Bearcat Art Splash program collected \$550 for the art students and the Art Club at Dexter High School.

They paid out \$225 in prize money and \$200 was shared among the students who painted the windows. The additional \$100 went to the Art Club.

Josh Ladd and Emily Ladd painted their Bearcat at County Wide Insurance Agency and earned a 3rd Place finish and \$50. (See photo below.)

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Taylor Ivy and MaKayla Waldner painted the cute Cheerleader and football player at Ben Franklin and placed 2nd receiving \$75.

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First place went to Brianna Gourley with her “Blow Away the Eagles” painted at First Midwest Bank (Downtown). She received \$100 for her incredible work and efforts.

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Congratulations to all of the art students for their hard work, long hours, and talent! A shout-out to County Wide Insurance for sponsoring the 2015 DHS Bearcat Art Splash again this year.

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Shown in the photo above are from left to right (Each student received \$25 for participating!) front row: Madison McConnell, Brianna Gourley, Marissa Pilgrim, and Emily Ladd. Back row: Reagan Miller, Janie Lindsey, MaKayla Waldner, Taylor Ivy, and Joshua Ladd.

Below are the other business participants and the name of the artist who painted their window. Madison McConnell painted Dexter Senior Center. Taylor Ivy painted County Wide Abstract. Reagan Miller painted Farm Bureau Insurance, Travis Miller Agent. Reagan Miller also painted along with Janie Lindsey First National Bank and Marissa Pilgram painted first State Bank & Trust's window.

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