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Dexter, Missouri - Three Dexter High School students received scholarships from the Community Teachers Association.

The recipients of the 2016 Dexter Public Schools Community Teachers Association (CTA) Scholarship are Garrett Kyle and Delaney Pullen. They each received a \$500 nonrenewable scholarship.

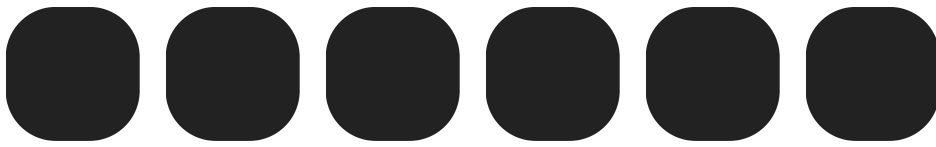
The recipient of the CTA Education Majors Scholarship is Erin Lauters. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Laura Stone, Dexter High School CTA Building Representative, Garrett Kyle, Delaney Pullen, and Erin Lauters.

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6th Grade Singers Chosen for MCDA Honors Choir

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Dexter, Missouri - The Missouri Choral Directors Association sponsors Honors Choirs for their summer conference which is held in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mrs. Jamie Sepulvado, Choral Director, for Dexter Public Schools submitted recordings of the students who wished to audition in March. They received the results on May 1, 2016. These students competed against students from all over the state of Missouri.

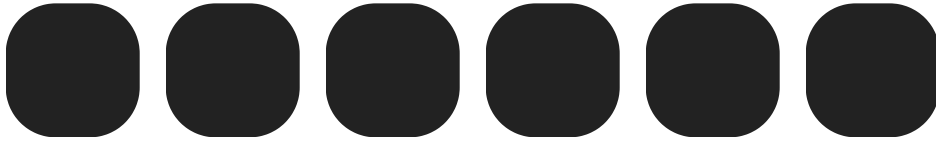
They will now travel to Jefferson City on July 20, 2016 to sing with other students from around the state in the Honors Choir program.

Since their founding in 1959, the Missouri Choral Directors Association has made this even possible in part by relentlessly pursuing the first objective in their constitution: to encourage higher standards of choral singing and its performance. they are proud to sponsor several honor choirs which represent excellence in choral music from elementary age to adult. They will feature Missouri Youth Honor Choirs, All-State ShowChoir, and Vocal Jazz Ensembles, and the Church/Community Honor Choir.

Shown in the photo are 6th grade students front row from left to right: Mia Williams, Drake Channell, Ryan Strickland, and Gracie Hanner. Back row from left to right MacKenzie Raley, Gerica Harris, Kennedy Robertson, and Abby DeMent.

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Seniors Earn Scholarships Through Montgomery Family Foundation

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Five hard-working seniors recently earned scholarships through The Montgomery Family Foundation, which awards college funds to Poplar Bluff Senior High students annually among over 30 other secondary schools and universities across several states.

The mission of the Montgomery Foundation is to: “provide scholarship funds to ‘B’ students who possess the demonstrated talent, desire and promise for a college education” but could not pursue their higher education without extra financial help, according to the nonprofit. This year’s recipients, determined by a selection committee, include:

- Cynder Potter, who received a \$3,000 renewable scholarship to study to be a veterinarian at Southeast Missouri State University
- Clayton Rone, who received a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to study aerospace engineering at the University of Missouri
- Taylor Barker, who received a \$500 renewable scholarship to study nursing at Three Rivers College
- Hannah Russell, who received a \$500 one-time scholarship to study pharmacology at St. Louis College
- Angelica Esquivel, who received a \$500 one-time scholarship to study Spanish at Three Rivers

Pictured (from left) are Taylor Barker, Angelica Esquivel, Poplar Bluff Public School Foundation vice president Emily Hogg, Cynder Potter and Clayton Rone. Not present for the photo was Hannah Russell.

Article and photo submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Coordinator, Poplar Buff R-I School District.

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Missouri Good Sports Awards

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Missouri Good Sports Awards

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Four Poplar Bluff student athletes have received the prestigious Missouri Good Sport honor for their exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.

Katie Huskey and Steven Haley of Senior High, and Kiley Bess and Trenton Davis of Junior High were given the awards of excellence by Athletic Director Kent Keith on Wednesday, May 4, in the PBJHS FEMA building. The selections were determined by a vote of the coaching staff.

The state award is intended to recognize students that have had a positive impact on the student body through their participation in extra-curricular activities, according to Jason West, Missouri State High School Activities Association communications director.

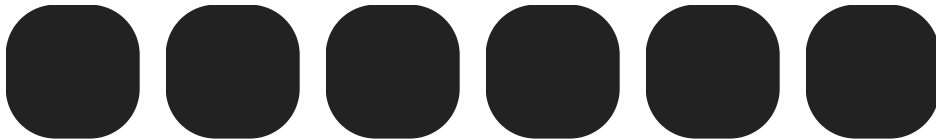
“We at MSHSAA firmly believe that a positive role model such as yourself can positively influence the actions of others in your school—your teammates, younger students, your opponents and even spectators,” West wrote in the award letter. “By taking the responsible steps in displaying positive sportsmanship, you are helping to rekindle the spirit of citizenship and are serving as a positive representative of your school and community.”

Shown in the photo (From left) Trenton Davis, Kiley Bess, Kent Keith, Katie Huskey and Steven Haley.

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Puxico Names Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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Puxico, Missouri - The Puxico High School honored their Class of 2016 graduates on Friday evening. McKenna Hawthorne was named the Valedictorian and Nathan Dare was named Salutatorian.

McKenna is the daughter of Chad and Nacole Hawthorne. She graduated with a 4.32 GPA. She was a member of the Puxico Softball Team, and Beta Club. Her future plans are to attend Missouri State University and earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry.

Nathan is the son of Kyle and Carmel Dare. He graduated with a 4.30 GPA. He was Puxico RhythmSteppers in marching band as well as a drum major and section leader, he participated in basketball as captain, baseball as captain, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and was District 20 President. His future plans are to the University of Missouri - Columbia and earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. He plans to also earn a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. Nathan was also a Missouri Bright

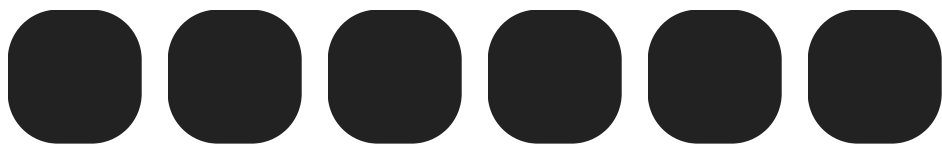
Flight Scholar.

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