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Dexter, Missouri - There are five candidates for three positions in the 2017 Dexter School Board election to be held on April 4, 2017. A bio was submitted on each candidate. Below is the bio for Mr. Kevin Bishop.

Occupation: Banker

Family Members: Lori Bishop (wife), Anna Claire (daughter, high school sophomore), Lydia (daughter, 7th grade), and Luke (son, 4th grade)

Personal Education History: Graduated valedictorian from Trumann High School in Trumann, AR; graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Arkansas State University

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: Current member and past president of the Dexter Kiwanis Club, current member and past president of the Dexter Lions Club, Past president of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Current secretary for the Dexter Economic Development Board, Served as secretary of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club for 6 years; volunteer coach for the Dexter Park and Recreation in multiple sports for the last 11 straight years. Current member of the Dexter Board of Education and served a two-year term as board President. Current member of the St. Francis Fitness Plus Advisory Board and current member of the Hidden Trails Finance Advisory Board

Why do you want to serve as a school board member?

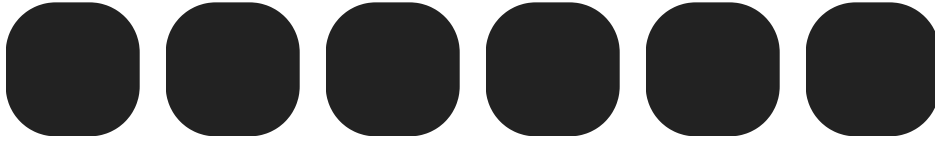
Outside of my faith, my family remains the #1 priority in my life, and I have 3 children in the Dexter School System. I want to be a part of giving them the best opportunities that public education can offer. When I ran for the board 6 years ago, I ran based on just that simple thought. It continues to be the reason I want to be on the board. I do not have or nor have I ever had an agenda. I believe we have a great school system with stellar educators in place, and I am proud to know my children will graduate from Dexter Public Schools. We have to continue to focus on improvement and we must continue to strive to do the best. This is an ongoing process, and I want to continue to be a part of it. I am a firm believer in prayer, and I have taken every major decision made by this board in to my prayers. Many times tough decisions have to be made on just about any board, and I can lay my head down at night and know it was turned over to the good Lord. The success of our youth as a whole is very important to me, and I want to do everything I can to make sure we are not only giving them a quality education, but that we are delivering good productive citizens to this community when they leave the Dexter Public School System. This is a big reason I have also been involved with coaching youth sports. Yes, I love athletics, and I love being involved with my children, but I have coached on several occasions when my child was not even involved. I want to be good role model to these kids, and the Dexter School Board gives me that platform. This is exactly why I try to be at as many school events as possible. It is important for our youth to see us there supporting them as much as possible and it is important for our staff to know they have board members that attend their events.

What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?

I believe above all else, I will bring the passion needed to continue to take this school to the next level. I believe my leadership qualities could be valuable to the district, but I believe the most effective leaders are great listeners. Listening to our faculty and staff on the needs of our district are very important, and although we are unable to always deliver on everything, I feel I have taken every consideration brought to my attention to the appropriate level. I am visible in this community, and with the tough economic times ahead, I believe my financial background will be vital to make sure we do not sacrifice quality educations due to school finance. I also believe I have the leadership qualities to stand strong and unite during tough times as this has been proven with my service to the board and events that were out of our control. We should take pride in having individuals with strong moral character that take pride in standing strong in their faith when serving in a public position and these are qualities I will bring to this service opportunity. I am very competitive and I take pride in serving this district, and I would be honored to continue that service.

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Occupation: PPTL Launch Engineer

Family Members: Kara Glaus, Madison Glaus, Ethan Glaus, Kallen Glaus

Personal Education History: Graduated from Scott City High School; Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from University of Missouri at Rolla

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: Dexter Parks and Recreation coach for football, baseball, and basketball, Knights of Columbus member, former Parish Council member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, Cub Scout leader, Ducks Unlimited Greenhead Chapter member.

Why do you want to serve as a school board member?

Our children are the future leaders, and I want the students of Dexter Schools to get the best education possible and to be prepared for the Future. I feel by serving on the board I will be able to help make decisions that will help the students prepare for their future.

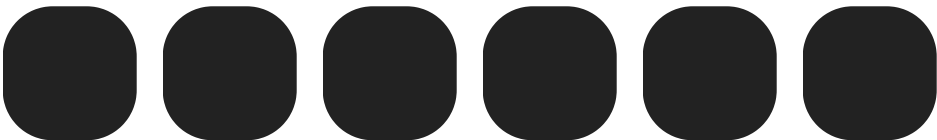
What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?

As an Engineer by profession I am detailed oriented, I believe this is a quality that would serve me well as a board member. I am able to maintain a level head and am willing to seek input from multiple sources before making a decision.

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Occupation: Attorney at Law

Family Members: June (wife) and Hunter (son in 10th grade)

Personal Education History: Graduated Dexter High School in 1972; University of Missouri at Columbia in 1976 with a BS in Business Administration; University of Texas at Austin in 1979 with a Doctor of Jurisprudence; clerked for Federal Judge Roy Harper from 1979-1980.

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: Served on the Board of Directors of Bootheel Counseling Services for several years. Member of Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Stoddard County Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association and Missouri Municipal Attorney Association. Serving as Attorney for the City of Dexter and the Stoddard County Ambulance District.

Why do you want to serve as a school board member?

I am proud of our school and wish to contribute to its continued success.

What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?

A sincere interest in the Dexter Public School and providing the best education possible for all of our students, allowing them to excel in school and after graduation. I have been a member of the City's Budget Committee for several years and understand the process of preparing a budget. I have experience with legal issues involving public entities. My wife is a retired teacher and I have learned a great deal from her about the educational process and its continually changing requirements. Our son has attended Dexter School for 11 years and I have witnessed the needs and efforts necessary for a quality education.

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Kiwanis Club Thanks Local Sponsors - Pancake Day Set

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Dexter, Missouri -The Dexter Kiwanis would like to thank all of their sponsors.

The Dexter Kiwanis Pancake Day is set for Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

This annual event features pancakes, bacon, coffee, and milk. Take-out orders are also available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00 each.

The Easter Bunny will also make a visit between 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and those who purchased tickets can also get their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Kiwanis will be held on Saturday, April 15th at West City Park at 1 p.m.

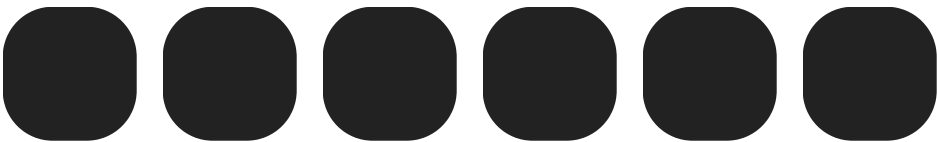
Special prizes will be awarded in three categories. Boy Scouts will also assist the Kiwanis with the egg hunt.

The public is encouraged to attend and there is no charge for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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VFW Presents Patriots Pen Award

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter VFW Post #2659 is pleased to announce the winner of the 2016-2017 VFW Patriots Pen Award. Belle Jones is a 7th grade student at Richland High School in Essex, Missouri and was presented the award on March 20, 2017. Her history teacher is Mr. Paul Arnold.

WHAT IS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM? Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ (VFW’s) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on a different annual patriotic theme each year.

Both VFW’s Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen essay competitions are dedicated to encouraging a better understanding and appreciation for our great country and fostering patriotism among our nation’s youth.

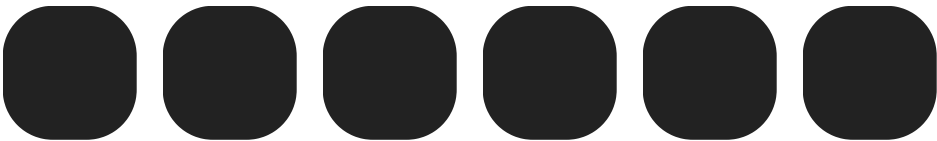
Students are asked to submit an essay in response to a question or statement on a subject which prompts them to consider how American history and democratic ideals and principles apply to their lives.

This year, 2016-17, the Voice of Democracy theme asked students to explain, “My Responsibility to America.”

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