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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named incoming sophomore Khelie Spence and Humza Siddiqui of the Class of 2017 the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for May.

Humza led the Mules Tennis team to its second district championship title. He ended the season with a doubles record of 11-2 and a singles record of 18-3, bringing his career total to 56-17, a school record. He won the Poplar Bluff Invitational, and was a finalist at the Farmington Invitational before rain prevented the final match. He finished second in singles at the individual district tournament, qualifying for sectionals. With an 11.79 GPA, Humza was No. 3 in his class

"Humza has been a joy to coach," his coach Charles Harper said. "He is a true leader, always stepping up to help younger teammates."

Khelie is the first female at PBHS to make All-State at the Missouri Class 5 track and field meet. She made All-Conference in the 100 and 300 hurdle, as well as the 4x2 and the 4x4; All-District in the 100 and 300 hurdle, plus the 4x1; and she was named the Class 5 Sectional 1 100 hurdle champion. In the classroom, she maintains a 11.143 GPA, the 19th rank in her grade level.

"Khelie is a great addition," her coach Beth Lewis-Muse said. "She has a positive attitude and is always willing to step in and do what is needed."

Pictured: Presenting the awards to Khelie Spence and Humza Siddiqui on Wednesday, June 7, is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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Bolivar, Missouri - Peyton Pollock, a 2015 graduate of Dexter High School was named to the Honor's List for the Spring 2017 semester at Southwest Baptist University.

To be listed on the semester's honor roll, students must carry at least 12 hours of college work at SBU and earn at least a B (3.00 GPA), with no grade below C.

Peyton is the son of Dan and Monta Pollock.

He played football and basketball all four years of high school and baseball three years of high school. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of American, FCCLA, Dexter Honor Society and National Honor Society. He also represented Dexter High School at Missouri Boys State.

Peyton is attending Southwest Baptist University on a football scholarship. His major is secondary education where he will teach and coach.

Southwest Baptist University is a private institute of higher education affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention, which is part of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 2003 there were approximately 3,600 students attending at one of SBU's four Missouri campuses, located in the towns of Bolivar, Mountain View, Salem and Springfield.

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McKuin Named to President's List at Williams Baptist College

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Walnut Ridge, Arkansas - Williams Baptist College has released the names of students on the President's and Dean's List for the 2017 spring semester.

The President's List includes those full-time students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average, while the Dean's List is comprised of those with at least a 3.5 GPA.

Melanie McKuin, 2016 graduate of Dexter High School achieved a perfect 4.0 and was named to the President's List.

Melanie McKuin is the daughter of Barry and Kimmy McKuin.

She played basketball all 4 years of high school and ran track her freshman and sophomore years.

Melanie was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Foreign Language Club, Future Teachers of America, Dexter Honor Society, and was in the Top 10% of her class.

She was also voted 2016 Winter Homecoming Queen.

She was a member of the All-State Girls Basketball Team, First Team All-District Girls Basketball Team, SEMO All Conference Girls Basketball Team, SEMO Conference Player of the Year and Standard Democrat Player of the Year during her junior year as a Bearcat! She was a McDonalds' Shootout All-Tournament Team member and Lady Royals Christmas Classic All-Tournament Team team member for both her junior and senior years.

Melanie is playing basketball and majoring in pre-pharmacy at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Williams Baptist College is a four-year, Christian, liberal arts college. Williams is known for its academic excellence and personal attention, with a student-to-teacher ratio of 14-to-1, as well as its warm, Christ-centered environment. There are over 500 students on WBC's main campus at Walnut Ridge, Ark., and a total enrollment of about 600. Most students live in on-campus residence halls and apartments.

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Musical Theater Camp Quite a Success

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Dexter, Missouri - Musical Theater Camp was held at Dexter High School last week. Campers worked on a scene from Shrek the Musical on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

About 30 students from grades 1st through 6th worked each day to perfect their skill.

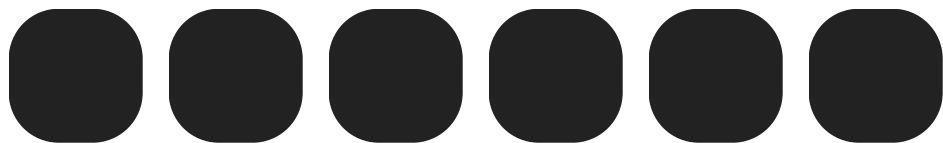
The singers/actors then put on a performance for their parents, grandparents, and friends on Friday.

Jamie Sepulvado is the music/choir director for Dexter Public Schools.

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Dexter School Board Meets in Closed Session

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board met in Closed Session this week. Below are the minutes released by Amy James, Interim Superintendent and Director of Special Services

In Closed Session:

1. The board accepted the resignation of the following:

Michele Cannon, MS Building Aide

2. The board employed the following; pending favorable background checks (if applicable):

Eric Boles-HS Boys Tennis

Brad Hann-Bus Mechanic

Shelly Culp-Business Teacher

Tamara Mallard-Special Services Aide

Cody Boyer-Special Services Aide

Brooke Walker-Special Services Aide

Angie Seabaugh-Special Services Aide

3. The board approved the following internal transfers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Transfer of Christin Stone to 3-8 ACE

Transfer of Rebekah McGhee to K-2 special services aide

4. Discussion of administrative personnel.

5. Discussion of internal candidates for HS Principal position

Motion to approve Alana Dowdy as HS Principal for 2017-2018

Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

None at this time

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