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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored First Grade students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award was presented to students who consistently showed the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Back row from left to right: Abigail Lutmer, Warren Parris, Brayden Billingsley, Jase Comfort, Newt Barnes, and Lydia Rhamy.

Front row from left to right: Maebri Jordan, Paris Brewer, Sophia Jones, Arabella McKinnis, and Scarlett Ryan.

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Kindergarten Students Earn Positive Office Referral Awards

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored Kindergarten students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award was presented to students who consistently showed the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Back row from left to right: Ronald Ahrens, Tate Montez, Braydon Thomas, Eli Dealba, Dakota Glore, Canaan Masters, and Barrett Mills.

Front row from left to right: Ryan Ruppel, Stella Gill, Piper Kennedy, Audrey Sitzes, Kadie Morgan, Codi Madsen, Lucy McDonald, Blaren Boone

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Students Sew Pillowcases for Foster Care Children

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A Poplar Bluff Junior High group of seventh graders have donated about 100 hand-sewn pillowcases that double as laundry bags to FosterAdopt Connect SEMO.

The midyear service project was the brainchild of Team One (House M? Luó), according to Principal Candace Warren. The sacks were filled with small blankets, fidget spinners, and personal hygiene items such as wet wipes, deodorant and toothbrushes donated by Jared Beard Family Dentistry.

Students representing each academic lab team had been coming to school early and staying after since October to help sew under the tutelage of librarian Nikki Davis. All the fabric used was donated. The library is still accepting fabric for future projects, Davis noted.

FosterAdopt Connect offers trainings, advocacy and licensing to families caring for children through the foster system and adoption process, according to program director Mary Haldeman. Located at 2198 N. Westwood Blvd., the support organization operates Sammy’s Window, a second-hand shop that offers free clothing and hygiene items for children in need.

Pictured: Students (pictured holding pillowcases) who volunteered to help sew included Gabby Anderson, Zoie Armes, Lillith Beedle, Ryan Black, Sabrina Breckenridge, Kaylie Burm, Paris Chatman, Nya Cram, Renee Huck, Alyssa Miller, Mckenna Miller, Adyson Parson, Madelyn Redmond, Pamela Richards, Alyssa Roy, Savanah Shaw, Dustin Sinclair, Hailea Sinclair, Essence Skinner, Mark Starkey, Natika Starkey, Rebecca Stevens, Karissa Tilley, Joshua Walsh, Brennen White and Gianna Williams.

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Dexter High School Weekly Activities February 4th - 8th 2019

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Dexter High School Weekly Activities February 4th - 8th 2019

Dexter High School - This listing of weekly activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with Dexter High School principal, Alana Dowdy, and DHS Asst. Principal Melissa Hahn 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

Saturday, February 9th

ACT Testing

Jazz Band - All Districts at TRCC, bus 7:30 am

Scholar Bowl at Bloomfield, bus 8:15 am

Friday, February 8th

FBLA Week - Formal Friday (Professional Dress)

Wrestling at Ste. Genevieve Tournament, bus TBD

Jazz Band - All Districts at TRCC, bus 5:00 pm

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Kennett - SENIOR NIGHT, 6:00 pm game

Thursday, February 7th

FBLA Week - Dress for Your Future Career

TRCC Jazz Festival, bus 3:00 pm

Drama, Speech and Debate at Sikeston Tournament at 4:00 pm, bus 3:00 pm

Scholar Bowl at Bell City, match 6:00 pm, bus 5:00 pm

JV & Varsity Girls Basketball at Cape Central High School, game 6:00 pm, bus 4:30 pm

FBLA Leadership Conference in Cape Girardeau, bus 6:45 am

Wednesday, February 6th

FBLA Week - Hat Day. Donate \$1 to March of Dimes to wear a hat. See Mrs. Guy or an FBLA officer before school for a sticker to wear.

Tuesday, February 5th

FBLA Week - Skittles Day. Wear your class color.

Seniors- Red, Juniors - Purple, Sophomores - Green, Freshmen - Yellow, Faculty - Orange

ASVAB Testing for Juniors beginning at 12:30 pm

Wrestling at home vs. Kennett, Cape, Notre Dame, match 5:00 pm

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball at Bell City, 6:00 pm game, player bus 4:50 pm, cheer bus 5:15 pm

Monday, February 4th

FBLA Week - "Where Are You Going?" Wear college, trade, military, shirt for furthering your education/training.

Scholar Bowl at Puxico, 5:00 pm match, bus 4:00 pm

JV & Varsity Girls Basketball at Notre Dame, game 6:00 pm, bus TBD

Softball Open Gym at Southwest Gym, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Lifelong Mule Spearheads Distinguished Alumni Project

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Wesley Lewis is a true mule. Since he is the person who coined the term, he owns the right to define it.

“A true mule is not just a Poplar Bluffian,” the lifelong R-I employee explained. “This is a society of people that loves to see the town progress, with that hard-headed determination of a mule.”

Poplar Bluff is where Lewis was born, raised a family, spent his career and plans to some day retire. He returned to the school system from which he graduated with the Class of 1979, and has served in some capacity for nearly three decades.

Being employed as a security officer for the bulk of his tenure in public education, Lewis has come to be relied upon for his observation skills, among other intangibles. As the watcher of the hallways over the years, it is befitting that he was charged with memorializing the history in those very halls.

Since the High School moved to its present location in 2016, Lewis has taken it upon himself to gather all the trophies, plaques and banners, and completed a series of displays in the building in time for the recent ShowDown Basketball Tournament.

“Not only does he know our history, he’s a part of it,” stated PBHS Principal Mike Owen, who regards Lewis as the school historian. “I had a vision for the walls, and he changed that vision. And I’m OK with that.”

During the relocation to Oak Grove Road, the trophy cases remained in E.T. Peter’s Gym at Victory Lane. Over time, Lewis secured most of the items and came up with a commensurate system to honor his fellow distinguished alumni at their alma mater.

Through his meticulous efforts, the new campus now contains generations of history, including names of valedictorians from 1902 to present, portraits of All-State athletes dating back to 1947, undefeated team photos as early as 1966, and the jerseys of Mules who made it all the way to the professional ranks.

“Kids gotta know where they came from,” Lewis commented. “We had some great people lead these halls. Those folks’ faces up there are the pride of our school.”

Although his picture is not currently on the wall, Lewis was a standout student-athlete in his own right in the 1970s. Besides good coaches, he said he remembers being inspired by pictures of local stars such as Derland Moore and Eddie Moss, who respectively made it to the NFL.

The wall of fame is a work in progress, Lewis noted. He continues to research and track down memorabilia, and has additional plans throughout the facility to recognize Poplar Bluff natives who gained national recognition beyond the field, court and classroom.

“All our kids are great,” Lewis asserted. “I wish I can plaster them all on the walls.”

Lewis is known by his co-workers for ‘telling it like it is.’ Having started his career in transportation and maintenance, his position was essentially created around his unique skillset.

“I know every kid, their mom, daddy, dog, cat, rat,” Lewis said, half-jokingly. With an intricate knowledge base of the community and its residents, he has been able to reach students in a way others simply cannot.

“We’re all here for the same purpose: to help these kids get a balance out of life,” Lewis continued. “I tell them, ‘We’re trying our best to promote you so you can take over my job one day.’”

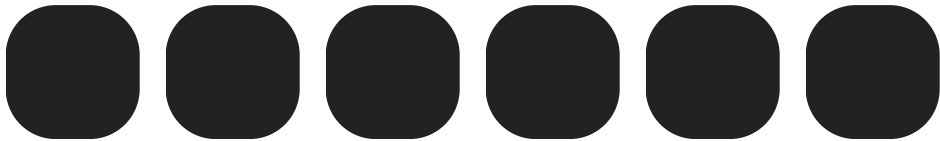
Pictured: Longtime security officer Wesley Lewis stands next to his trophy display in the front addition of the High School at Tom Hoover Way.

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