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# Eddie Moss Day celebrated at PBJHS

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Former NFL player Eddie Moss was recognized on the field where he once played on Thursday, Sept. 19, during Poplar Bluff Junior High's first home football game of the season.

Earlier in the day, Moss spoke about leadership to 115 students in a pod named in his honor under the Junior High's house system, which groups students across classes and grade levels in an effort to create a sense of camaraderie within the school community.

"In order to be a leader, you also gotta be a follower," said Moss, who graduated from PBHS in 1967. "If you're just barking orders, you become a dictator. You gotta listen to the people around you too."

Having a "good attitude, integrity and people skills" are also key leadership qualities, Moss noted. In preparation for his hometown visit, the students toured the Poplar Bluff Museum to learn about the Moss family, and other pieces of local history displayed in a building over a century-old that the R-I district sold to the city for a dollar

Moss began his athletic career as a basketball player until he started "growing wider instead of taller," he joked. Past Mules Football coach Jim Lohr took the budding student-athlete under his wing during the summer of Moss' sophomore year to teach the young man the game. Summertime typically meant farm work so it was a "big deal" for his parents JD and Willie Marie to allow him to stay with the coach, Moss explained, describing Lohr as a "second father."

As a varsity Mule, Moss played a number of positions including offensive center, defensive nose tackle, running back, fullback, linebacker and later in college, tailback. “It helps to play a lot of positions,” he advised the students about being versatile. The Mules went undefeated in 1966.

Moss earned a full ride to Central Methodist University in Fayette, but unfortunately sustained injuries in an auto accident causing him to lose the scholarship, he reflected. He persevered to play football at Indian Hills Community College in Iowa eventually transferring to Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, where he was named to the All-Conference team.

In 1972, Moss was drafted by the Buffalo Bills but was the last player to get cut during preseason. He returned to Poplar Bluff to help coach the Mules, yet soon would receive a second break, getting picked up by the St. Louis Football Cardinals from 1973-76. He finished his professional career with the Washington Redskins, from 1977-78. He was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2016.

Moss, who turns 71 on Friday, Sept. 27, resides in St. Louis with his wife Phyllis. Earlier this year, Moss was gracious enough to donate his collection of sports memorabilia to the PBHS wall of fame, revamped by security officer Wesley Lewis.

Eddie Moss Day was organized last week by communication arts teacher Chris East. Each of the school’s houses are named after famous living Poplar Bluff alumni including TV producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, basketball player Tyler Hansbrough, voice-over actor Scott Innes, author Linda Ladd, football player Derland Moore, and Moss himself. The other pods will seek opportunities to make similar connections with their namesakes, according to Principal Candace Warren.

Pictured: Eddie Moss sits with PBJHS students after signing autographs over lunch on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the FEMA gym.

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## 2019 Fall Homecoming Queen Candidates Announced

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### 2019 Fall Homecoming Queen Candidates Announced

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School has announced the 2019 Fall Football Homecoming candidates.

Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 4, 2019 against the Caruthersville Tigers.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with the Fall Community Homecoming Tailgate at Charles Bland Stadium. The homecoming court will be crowned at 6:30 p.m. and kick-off will be at 7 p.m.

Football Nominations: Andie Kruse and Rachel Lin

Football Cheer Nominations: Madilyn Hampton and Maci Rauls

Tennis Team Nominations: Taylor Babb-Ward and Jaden Cato.

Volleyball Team Nominations: Blair Rogers and Alexa Werneck.

Cross Country Team Nominations: Grace Milam and Maddie Slatono

Front row left to right: Andie Kruse, Rachel Lin, Madilyn Hampton, and Maci Rauls.

Back row left to right: Blair Rogers, Alexa Werneck, Taylor Babb Ward, Grace Milam, Maddie Slaton, and Jaden Cato.

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**Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School - This listing of T.S. Hill Middle School activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with C.A. Counts, Superintendent, Scott Kruse, Middle School Principal and the Dexter Public Schools 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 [dloflin@showmetimes.com](mailto:dloflin@showmetimes.com) or call (573) 380-3318.

## **Calendar**

### **Tues Oct 1**

CC-Home 4:00

### **Thurs Oct 3**

Football Vs Doniphan 5:00

### **Sat Oct 5**

CC @ ND 9:30/6:00AM

### **Mon Oct 7**

GBB @ Doniphan 6:00/4:15

### **Tue Oct 8**

Football Vs EP 5:00

### **Thurs Oct 10**

GBB vs. Holcomb 6:00

Football @ Scott City 5:00/3:00

CC @ Saxony 4:00/1:30

### **Mon Oct 14**

GBB @ Woodland 6:00/4:15

CC-SCAA 4:00/2:15

### **Tues Oct 15**

Picture Re Take Day

GBB @ Bluff 5:00/3:45

**Wed Oct 16**

Talent Search 5-6-7

**Thurs Oct 17**

GBB vs. Neelyville 6:00

CC SEMO Conference Tourn. 4:00/2:00

**Fri Oct 18**

Faculty Birthday Celebration

**Sat Oct 19**

CC @ Farmington 9:30/7:00

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored Second 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.

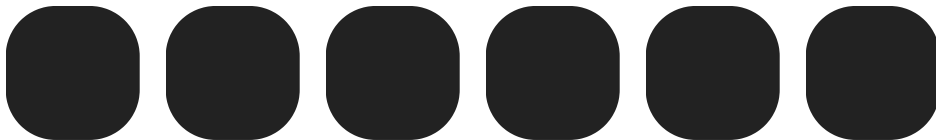
Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Pictured from left to right: Makynna Jarrell, Weston Jarrell, Percy Sanders, Brayden Billingsley, Emma Atherton, and Jaidyn Clark.

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## Southwest Elementary First Grader Earns Positive Office Referral Award

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### Southwest Elementary First Grader Earns Positive Office Referral Award

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored First Grade student Liam Yamnitz, with Positive Office Referral certificate.

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

He received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

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