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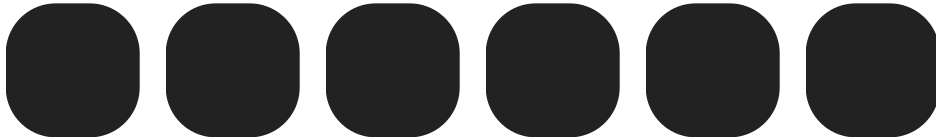
The Dexter R-11 Board of Education is excited to announce that Mrs. Amy James will become the newest Superintendent of the Dexter R-11 School District effective July 1, 2020. She will be replacing C.A. Counts, who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Board President Jim Reiker stated, “We are very pleased to have someone of Mrs. James’ professional background and integrity to lead our district into the years ahead. With her background as a Teacher, Principal, Special Services Director and Interim Superintendent and with her 20 years of education experience including seven years here in the Dexter District, Mrs. James is the ideal person to move our district forward, as we continue to strive to make the District the best it can be for our students, staff and the community.”

Mrs. James commented on her selection, “I am honored to be chosen for the position of Superintendent of the Dexter Public Schools. I have grown tremendously as an educational leader because of my current years of service at the Dexter Schools. I look forward to working collaboratively with the school board, staff, parents, students, and the community. In my leadership I will be committed to a “student first” mind set to continue moving our district in a positive direction and improving education outcomes for all students.”

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## Richland Yearbook Staff Receives Awards

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### Richland Yearbook Staff Receives Awards

Richland's The Rebel yearbook staff recently received 14 total awards during the 2019 Quill & Scroll National Yearbook Contest, including four Sweepstakes (first place) Awards.

The yearbook staff as a whole also received the Blue and Gold Award Staff Excellence for Comprehensive Visuals along with various photography and writing awards.

Posing for the photo sre, front left: Editor-in-Chief Allison Jones, 2019 graduate Kate Wyman, and Page Editor Alesia Eaton. Back, from left, 2019 graduates Emily Blunt and Liza King, Photo Editor Dacie Ritch, and Production Coordinator Devin Duffie.

Ritch, Duffie, Blunt, and King all received Sweepstakes Awards for being the overall winners in various photo categories.

Ritch received the most awards of any student in the contest, with seven, including one sweepstakes, two second places, two third places, and two honorable mentions – all for photography.

Individual Award Winners were:

Dacie Ritch: Sweepstakes Award for Feature Photography

Second Place for Photo Illustration

Second Place for Clubs/Organization Photography

Third Place for Sports Action Photography

Third Place for Feature Photography

Honorable Mention for Sports Action Photography

Honorable Mention for Academic Photography

Devin Duffie: Sweepstakes Award for Academic Photography

Alesia Eaton: Second Place for Caption Writing

Allison Jones: Third Place for Clubs/Organization Photography

Emily Blunt: Sweepstakes Award for Student Life Photography

Honorable Mention for Sports Action Photography

Liza King: Sweepstakes Award for Sports Action Photography

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## Dexter High School Annual Mac & Cheese Drive to Feed the Hungry

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### Dexter High School Annual Mac & Cheese Drive to Feed the Hungry

The Dexter High School students and teachers had a contest to see which group could donate more Macaroni and Cheese to the Stoddard County Gospel Mission Food Bank. The teachers won with 1105 boxes and the students had 750.

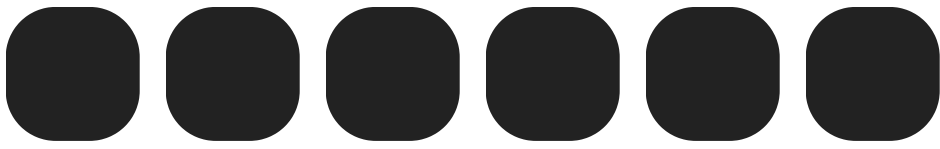
The following FBLA members of the Macaroni & Cheese committee helped load the 1,855 boxes when the drive concluded on Monday, November 25.

From left to right: Alyssa Frizzell, Emily Northern in back, Emily Metz, Miranda Norman, Kaylee Schaefer and Rachel Lin.

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## DHS Students Bring Home Awards at Missouri State Sr. Beta Convention

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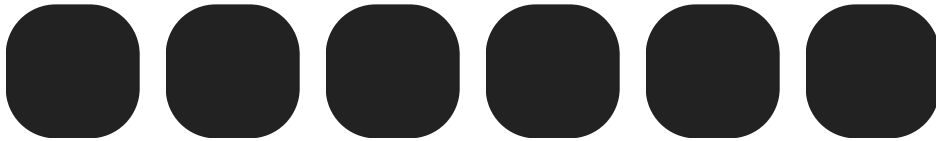
### DHS Students Bring Home Awards at Missouri State Sr. Beta Convention

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School students returned from the Missouri State Sr. Beta Convention with several awards. Students who qualified to compete at the national level will attend Fort Worth, Texas in June 2020.

Those students are: MaKayla Annesser, 5th Place in Division 2 Onsite Drawing; Jillian Avery, 3rd Place in Division 2 Mixed Media, 2nd Place in Division 2 Painting, 1st Place in Division 2 Onsite Painting; Victoria Bess, 4th Place in 12th Grade Language Arts; Addy Green, 1st Place in Division 2 Drawing; Evan Grobe, 4th Place in 11th Grade Social Studies; Nevaeh Johnson, 2nd Place in 11th Grade Spanish; Rachel Lin, 2nd Place in Division 1 Drawing; Audrey Lutmer, 1st Place in Division 2 Speech; Layne Medler, 1st Place in 11th Grade Language Arts; Annie Slaton, Madison Slaton, Grace Milam, Audrey Lutmer and Blair Rogers, 5th Place in Marketing and Communications; Chloe McRoy and Makenzie Hutson, 3rd Place in Apparel Design; Ryder Boles, Justin Viers and Andrew Ellinghouse, 5th Place in Engineering; Mattilyn Williams, Abby Dement and Gerica Harris, 5th Place in Solo/Duo/Trio; Show Choir 2nd place, member are: Abby Dement, Addy Atherton, Andie Kruse, Annie Banken, Ayden Walters, Berkley Moreland, Delaney Lemmon, Dylan Sitze, Gerica Harris, Jeb Hubbard, Justin Viers, Kyla Propst, Logan Wyman, Madison Slaton, Magi McBride, Mattilyn Williams, Mia Williams, Natalie Bolin, Natalie Sells and Sarah Dachs.

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## Bernie School Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 9, 2019

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[Bernie School Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 9, 2019](#)

Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie School Board met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2019. Below are the meeting minutes submitted to the ShowMe Times for publication.

Filing dates were announced for election to the Board of Education. Those dates are December 17th at 8:00 AM through January 21st at 5:00 PM.

Positions up for re-election this year are Rick Beard, Denny Riddle and Richard Owens.

The Board announced the opening for nominations to the Hall of Fame.

Nominations will be accepted through the end of December and will be reviewed at the January Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed & approved the 2018/19 Financial Audit and approved paying the bills and replenishing petty cash.

During executive session, the administration presented a mid-year staff review and Mr. Hicks presented his goals to the Board.

The Board accepted the resignation from Amber Eaton, Elementary Para Professional.

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