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## 2023-2024 DHS Wrestling Awards Banquet

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### 2023-2024 DHS Wrestling Awards Banquet

The 2023-2024 Dexter High School Wrestling Team held their annual awards banquet. This year they chose Dexter Pizza Company and more than 70 athletes and parents attended. The wrestling team is coached by Cody Boyer and Colton Gibson.

Coach Boyer thanked the district administration for supporting all of the athletic programs at Dexter High School. He also thanked the administration at the high school for making sure the athletes were taken care of and all those things to help with their traveling since wrestling does have some far away places to go. He also thanked Coach Sneed for running the score tables and announcing at our home matches. Julianna Rivera for always coming and watching the girls matches and to give a helping hand when needed.

"I want to thank the parents for trusting us with your sons and daughters," stated Boyer. "They are a really great group of kids. I see other teams just running around, but our kids were where they were supposed to be at all times. I would like to thank Stephanie and Chris Ordway, April DeBerry, Jessica Gilbreath and Chris Lodi's brother for providing food and drinks for all of our matches"

A special thanks to Kaden Jackson aka Momma K and Rylee Hunt as they traveled with the wrestling team and worked really hard to film and keep score and also to Lexi Gibson for helping as well.

He also thanked Coach Colton Gibson who will be leaving next year. "Thank you for these last two years," Boyer stated. "You have put in so much work on developing these young men and women. We will miss you."

Now here is where Coach Boyer got a little sentimental and teary eyed. He thanked his family, his wife Jordan and his daughters Katie Grace and Clare. "It is very hard being a coach's wife, but she has been amazing!" stated Boyer. "I know that Katie Grace will be disappointed that Kennedy won't be wrestling anymore."

Introduction of wrestlers followed.

Freshman: Jaxon Abridge, Keith Cochran, Daniel Conn Harris, Kayden Hart and Houser Robinson.

Sophomores: Asher Allen, Simon Bruyett, Hayden Conn, Wyatt Hockersmith, Jodi Lynn, Carson Mullins, and Paxton White.

Junior: Parker King

Seniors: Ryan Young, Kasen Forkum, James DeBerry, Noah Bruyette, Chase Berry, Hayden Cook, Kennedy McCormick and Emily Barrett.

"This was an exciting year for wrestling. We got new locker rooms, some new pullovers and a new wrestling mat," commented Coach Boyer. "Our kids stepped up when needed. Ryan, Karen, Hayden, Wyatt, Carson, Kayden, Lodi and James all bounced around at different weights all year. The beginning of the season we did struggle, but we got better as the year went on. Ryan, Paxton, Kasen and Wyatt pulled off some big wins."

"I would like to recognize our state qualifiers," continued Boyer. "Paxton White, Ryan Young, and Kasen Forkum. The state tournament is one of my favorite times of the year. The ride up, the hotel stays, the food and the adrenaline rush that comes from the tournament is amazing."

Coach Boyer then talked about each individual senior and how he will miss them next year.

Male Letter Winners were Chase Berry, James DeBerry, Kasen Forkum, Hayden Cook, Wyatt Hockersmith, Jodi Lynn, Carson Mullins, Keith Cochran, Ryan Young, Noah Bruyette, Hayden Conn, Kayden Hot, Parker King, and Paxton White.

Female Letter Winners were Emily Barrett and Kennedy McCormick.

First Year Letter Winners were Hayden Cook, Keith Cochran, Hayden Conn, Kayden Hart, Paxton White, and Noah Bruyette.

Dexter High School has three wrestling awards, Most Improved, Most Aggressive and Most Valuable.

Most Improved Award was earned by Wyatt Hockersmith. "This year's most improved was on the brink of having a great year and I believe next year will be his breakout year," commented Boyer. "He will get bigger, stronger, and wiser on the mat. He wrestled where we needed him when we needed him, even if he struggled to get there."

Most Aggressive Award was earned by Ryan Young. "In wrestling you have to be a little bit crazy and mean (laughing). You have to hit the hardest cross faces and you can't be pushed around so easy"

Most Valuable Award was earned by Ryan Young. " Ryan was my demonstration dummy and was helping others all year. He finished with 22 wins."

"When I took over last year, I wanted to get our wrestlers more recognition than they have had in the past. I talked to the school and we are now members of the MWA, the Missouri Wrestling Association and the NWCA, the National Wrestling Coaches Association. With those memberships we can recognize the hard work that wrestlers put into the practice room, the mat and in the classroom," stated Boyer.

"I am excited to announce that for the first time ever, we have some Character and Leadership All-American and Scholar Classroom All-Americans."

James DeBerry and Ryan Young were awarded the Character and Leadership All-Americans recognition.

James DeBerry, Ryan Young, Noah Bruyette, and Kennedy McCormick were named Scholar All-Americans.

"I have nominated Ryan Young for Academic All-State." Boyer said. "I am waiting to hear back on that. To win this award you have to be a State Qualifier and have a GPA over 3.5." There will be a banquet in Columbia if he is recognized for this award.

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# 2024 T.S. Hill Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Roster

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## 2024 T.S. Hill Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Roster

The 2024 T.S. Hill Middle School volleyball season is underway with Coach Addie Horton at the helm. Assisting her is Coach Summer Crowder.

Roster:

#1 Kennedy Essner

#2 Mila Clark

#5 McKinley Crosby

#8 Harley Haws

#10 McKendree Neuhaus

#16 Gabbie Guethle

#17 Selah Sepulvado

#19 Greta Guethle

#20 Addelyn Gill

#22 Charlotte Hurt

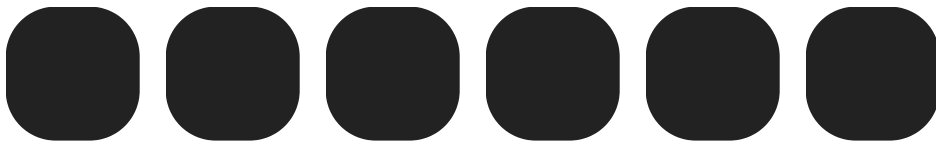
#23 Cori Lovelady

#32 Lana Rangel

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#3 Annslee Ackman

#4 Kali Duckett

#6 Adeline Wunderlich

#7 Sadie Long

#9 Adriannah Oens

#11 Addy Calvert

#12 Rebecca Holt

#13 Lanie Mills

#14 Amelia Robinson

#15 Sophia Wunderlich

#21 Kelsey Courter

#24 Sidney Booker

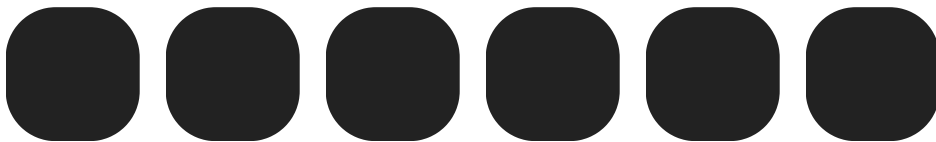
#27 Leah Smith

Manager Emma Brennan and Alyssa Moore

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# 2023 - 2024 SCAA Boys Basketball All-Conference Team Announced

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## 2023 - 2024 SCAA Boys Basketball All-Conference Team Announced

The 2023-2024 Stoddard County Athletic Association Boys Basketball All-Conference team has been announced. This year the games were held at Bloomfield High School.

Coach Matt Cline of Richland was voted the Coach of the Year.

Defensive Player of the Year is Cade Arnold of Bernie High School.

Player of the Year is tucker Hughes of Richland High School.

Players are as follows:

Braylen Carlton - Advance

Jayden Robinette - Bernie

Lucas Dowdy - Bloomfield

Ethan Zabelin - Dexter

Thomas Burch - Puxico

Landan Burchard - Puxico

Tucker Hughes - Richland

Hunter Sanders - Richland

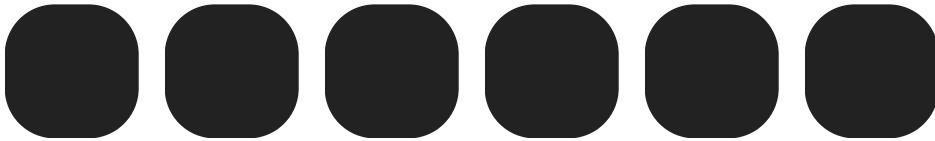
Brayden Hastings - Woodland

Korbin Kinder - Woodland

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## DHS Alyssa Warren Signs with Wallace State

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Dexter High School athlete Alyssa Warrens signed her letter of intent to play golf for Wallace State Community College in Alabama. Wallace State women's golf team won the Alabama Community College Conference Region 22 Tournament.

"I felt that the coach was a great guy and I just seem to fit best with him and his program," commented Warren. "It just felt like the best fit for me. I looked at a bunch of colleges, some in Alabama, some closer. This one was warmer!"

When asked what she wanted to major in at the college, she said she had not chosen a major, but thinks it might be in marketing.

Warren has played golf since she could walk and spoke about her love of the game.



"So I have always played golf, since I could ever walk," commented Warren. "My brother and my dad both played and they taught me how to play and I just loved it ever since."

Alyssa couldn't state a most memorable moment during her high school golf career. She said they were all special to her especially playing with the boys team.

"Being on the boys team has been the best, everything has been great," Warren said. "They treat me like I am their sister so everything has been funny!"

If she had to pick a moment she said it was winning the match in Kennett last season. She said she was the only girl there and defeated all the boys.

"Alyssa has had a great high school career," commented Dexter Golf Coach Eric Sitze. "She works hard on her golf game all year long. Playing against the boys has made her a tough competitor. But honestly I think she likes stepping up there and out driving them the most. It is definitely hard on her playing the blue tees, but should translate well to the college course yardages. probably a highlight or two for her to this point would be winning the Kennett match last year. Second would be breaking 90 at the state tournament."

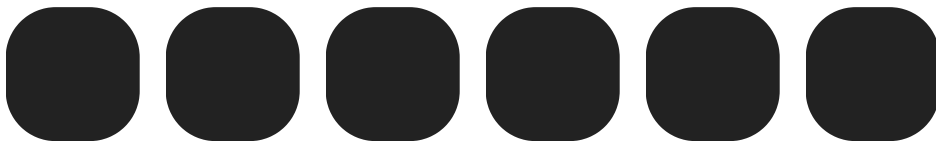
"Alysa will do well at the college level. She's a hard work and after playing with boys all her life she will not be intimidated by anything at the next level," continued Sitze.

She averages a score of 40 - 42 per nine holes from the men's tees.

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