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**Dexter, Missouri** - The 2017 Dexter High School Winter Homecoming Queen and her court will be named on Friday, January 6th at the boys basketball game between the Bearcats and the Woodland Cardinals.

Junior Varsity play begins at 6:00 p.m. with Homecoming presentation to begin prior to the varsity basketball game.

DHS Candidates are selected by various sports team. They are as follows:

Boys Basketball team nominated juniors Morgan Aldridge and Addie Kruse

Cheer Squad nominated seniors Kelsey Kendrick and Emily Page

Wrestling team nominated junior Rhylan Hillis and senior McKenzie Anthony

Kickin' Cats Dance Team nominated seniors Haley Cornett and Kaylea Murdock

Girls Basketball team nominated seniors Cheyenne Mosby and Harley Allen

Shown in the photo front row from left to right: Morgan Aldridge, Addie Kruse, Kelsey Kendrick, Emily Page, and Rhylan Hillis; back row from left to right: McKenzie Anthony, Haley cornett, Kaylea Murdock Cheyenne Mosby, and Harley Allen.

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## Dexter Elks December Students of the Month

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**Bernie, Missouri** - The Dexter Elks December Students of the Month are Logan Asher and Madissen Corbin of Bernie High School. Both are seniors and will graduate in May 2017

Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member, presented certificates and \$50 checks for Savings Bonds to Logan and Madissen.

Logan is the son of Aaron Asher and Stephanie Miller.

Madissen is the daughter of Kevin and Karen Corbin.

Logan and Madissen are competing with honorees from the other Stoddard County schools for the Dexter Elks Students of the Year.

Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Lisa Henry, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later next spring. The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at the spring banquet.

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## Bethany Christian Named to Fall 2016 Dean's List

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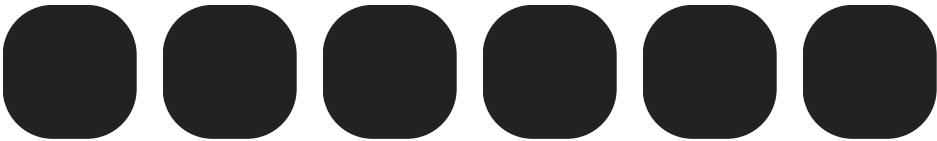
Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Bethany Christian of Dexter, MO, has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2016 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled courses, including credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

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# First Lighthouse School in Southeast Missouri

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Eugene Field has achieved lighthouse status under The Leader in Me program, joining only a dozen other schools in Missouri and less than 250 world-wide that have met the prestigious benchmark.

Students have participated in goal setting, data tracking, leadership roles, self-led

conferences with parents and community events since the elementary school received a grant valued at about \$75,000 from Franklin Covey's I Am A Leader Foundation in 2013.

"It reinforces the hard work of our staff and students over the last four years and shows that, regardless of socioeconomic status or a child's age, personal leadership can be taught and modeled," said Eugene Field Principal Jennifer Taylor, after sharing the news to the campus community on Thursday, Dec. 15. "It is completely attainable for students to achieve personal and academic goals and give back to their community, putting leadership in action to better themselves, even if they have obstacles or limited background experiences."

At the start of the month a review team from Franklin Covey visited Poplar Bluff to evaluate the environment, culture and language at Eugene Field. The model teaches students to become self-reliant, take initiative, plan ahead, set and track goals, prioritize, manage their emotions, be considerate, express their viewpoint persuasively, resolve conflicts, find creative solutions, value differences and live a balanced life, according to company officials.

"Schools who achieve the lighthouse milestone are great examples of a strong leadership model, process and of what it means to be a Leader in Me School," stated company Education Practice Leader Sean Covey in a press release. "This school has experienced transformational results by implementing the principles and practices related to The Leader in Me."

The program, which is not taught as a curriculum but rather incorporated in all classroom activities, is based on Dr. Stephen Covey's bestseller, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." The seven habits are: to be proactive, to begin with the end in mind, to put first things first, to think win-win, to seek first to understand then to be understood, to synergize, and to sharpen the saw.

Prior to writing the successful grant, Taylor and her team participated in a book study of "The Leader in Me," which details how the habits can be used by school-aged children to develop the skills and self-confidence needed to succeed in class and life. Now recognized as an exemplary Leader in Me school throughout the region, having fully implemented all of the criteria in the program, Eugene Field will continue to receive annual on and off site coaching, and sustain its certification with reviews every other year.

"This is a tremendous accolade for the students, faculty and staff at Eugene Field," R-I Superintendent Scott Dill commented. "They have worked unceasingly to improve

themselves and to improve their school. All of their hard work and their persistence has merited this award.”

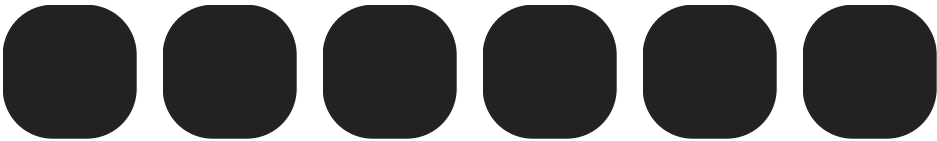
Shown in the photo: Eugene Field Elementary staff and students celebrate after learning last week they have become a lighthouse school under The Leader in Me.

Photos and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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# Students Earn Positive Bus Referral Awards at Southwest Elementary

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Ethan Harris, Maddilyn Coggins, Ryan Carter Bishop, and Jeremiah Marshall with the Positive Bus Referral certificate.

Each student showed great character on the school bus for the month and are nominated by their bus driver.

Ethan, Maddilyn, and Ryan are in kindergarten and Jeremiah is a second grade student at Southwest Elementary.

Congratulations to all of the students.

Each student received a certificate and a free gift certificate for a taco from Taco Bell.

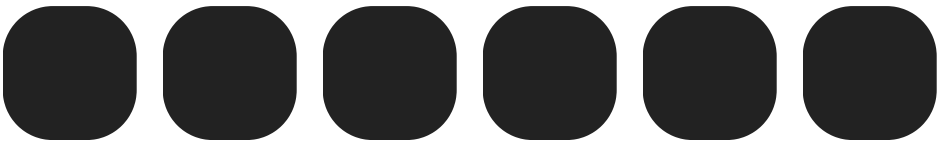
Shown in the photo front row from left to right Ethan Harris and Maddilyn Coggins.

Back row from left to right Ryan Carter Bishop and Jeremiah Marshall.

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