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Sikeston, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats participated in a 7on7 football challenge and lineman challenge at Sikeston along with Scott City and New Madrid County Central.

"We competed well in both the 7on7 and the lineman challenge," commented Dexter Head Football Coach Aaron Pixley. "We were down a couple of our stronger lineman and came together and worked hard and most importantly had fun."

"We also were down a couple of potential starters for the 7on7 as well, but played hard and had great attitudes the whole day," continued Pixley. "The 7on7 is fantasy in a lot of ways so win or lose in the summer it doesn't necessarily dictate how your season will go. This team needs to continue to learn to fight through any adversity thrown at them. If we do that we'll be competitive during the season."

The Dexter Bearcats will also be at Sikeston on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Bulldog Jamboree. Caruthersville will also be competing. It all begins at 6 p.m. Time to fire-up Bearcats!

The Bearcats will open their season at Ste. Genevieve on Friday, August 24, 2018. Kick-Off at 7 p.m.

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## Gabe Jackson Selected to Play on Lions Club All Star Football Team

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The 42nd Annual Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game will be played in Warrensburg on Saturday, July 21st. The game features outstanding 2018 graduated high school football players from the entire state! pre-game festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with kick-off scheduled for 7 p.m. at the UCM Walton Stadium, Kennedy Field.

Gabe Jackson, DHS 2018 graduate, was selected for the Lions All-Star Football Game.

He is a 6'5" TE weighing 250 lbs and will attend Murray State University in the fall.

He is the son of Dale and Kim Jackson.

He has been a member of the football team all four years of high school and basketball all four years.

Gabe is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, Choir, and Sr. Beta Club.

His future plans are to major in Psychology.

The annual affair was created in order to benefit the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF), and has raised over \$200,000 for this statewide Lions project. It now supports Missouri Lions KidSight, an offshoot of MLERF. The game pits some of the top football talent from around the state to play one last game with and against their peers before entering the world of college or other careers.

The game is divided into Blue and Gold Teams. Heading this year's Blue squad will be Coach David Kirby from Monroe City R1 High School, and the Gold team will be piloted by Coach Tom Cox from Mt. Vernon High School.

The players and coaches will arrive at UCM on Tuesday, July 17th. The week will be spent getting acquainted, learning plays and tow-a-day practice sessions.

A banquet to honor the players will be held Friday evening, July 20th, with Colin Brown as the keynote speaker. He played for Mizzou and was drafted by the K.C. Chiefs before spending four years with the Buffalo Bills.

Tickets for the game will be available at the gate on game day at \$10 adults and \$5 for students.

The Lions of Missouri invite you to come enjoy one of the best high school football games you will ever see!

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## Dexter High School Band Camp Begins Monday, July 23, 2018

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School Marching Band Camp will take place Monday, July 23rd - Friday, July 27th. Band Camp attendance is required for all DHS band students

Monday: Freshman and Drum Majors only 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday: All High School Band Members 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For marching band camps – bring hats, wear shorts, light colored shirts, tennis shoes, NO SANDALS, for rehearsals you may wear sunglasses. Bring water bottles!

On Friday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m. the band will perform. Parents and family are invited to attend to see what they learned and preview the season. The performance will last about 15 minutes.

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### Local Teachers Attend Nature's Night Shift

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Nine teachers from southeast Missouri attended Nature's Night Shift, a workshop hosted by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), specifically for teachers as part of the Discover Nature Schools (DNS) program. The purpose of the workshop, according to Sara Bradshaw, a MDC education consultant, is to help teachers learn how to explore the nocturnal aspects of nature in Missouri and then use the lessons from the workshop in their classroom.

The teachers attended the three-day workshop at MINGO National Wildlife Refuge, where teachers netted for bats, used black lighting to search for nocturnal insects, searched for owls by canoe, visited scent and track stations, went on a night hike and more.

Teacher workshops are directly tied to MDC's mission to educate Missourians about nature and engage them in wildlife management and conservation. Attending teachers

were from Puxico, Dexter, Poplar Bluff, Doniphan, Naylor, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson City, teaching class ranges from kindergarten to high school.

"Classrooms are the perfect place to start influencing the next generation and help them understand the importance of nature and conservation," Bradshaw said. "We never want to live in a time when people don't value nature. Helping teachers reach their students and get them excited about nature is a great way to ensure the future of conservation."

Bradshaw led the workshop with two other MDC education consultants. She said the attending teachers' students will benefit from these workshops because the content appeals and is relatable to all kinds of students. The lessons taught will also encourage students to be more aware of the nocturnal creatures around their area and their specialized adaptations.

"I loved seeing the excitement and enthusiasm in the teachers through each of the activities," she said. "They were all so excited to see how what we were doing aligned perfectly with their curriculum."

DNS curriculum is available to all Missouri teachers. It emphasizes hands-on learning, teaches problem-solving, and provides authentic and local contexts for learning. DNS teaches students from pre-K through high school about Missouri's native plants, animals, and habitats and connects them with nature. Student books, teacher guides, and training workshops are available at no charge to Missouri educators. Teachers who formally enroll in the DNS program are eligible for additional resources including grant opportunities for equipment and field trips.

Bradshaw said she and the teachers appreciated the partnership between MDC, US Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which enabled the group to mist net bats during the workshop. Mist netting for bats is a capturing technique using low-visibility mesh nets suspended between two poles, usually placed near streams or logging roads, with an overhanging tree canopy above. It's important to mist net bats because it allows biologists to gather various body measurements, attach transmitters and bands, find maternity trees, and potentially give information regarding age and migration routes. This data also helps biologists determine the presence or absence of species in an area, and protect threatened or endangered species.

"While teachers won't necessarily mist net for bats with their students, these activities help teachers understand and get excited about conservation methods and that always translates back in the classroom," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said the next teacher workshop opportunity in southeast Missouri is titled Creating an Outdoor Classroom, hosted at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center July 24 to 26. Teachers should contact the nature center to register no later than July 18 at (573)290-5218 or email bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov. Find more information about Discover Nature Schools at www.mdc.mo.gov.

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## Dexter Beginning Band Camp Dates Set

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Beginning Band Camp will be held at T.S. Hill Middle School Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20.

This event is for all students who will be entering sixth grade band this year.

Band camp will be held Monday through Friday; camp times vary depending on which instrument the student is playing. Here is the schedule:

8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Tubas and all Saxophones

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Trumpets and Flutes

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Percussion and Clarinets

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Trombones and Bassoon/Oboe

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. French Horns and Baritones

Attendance at band camp is very important to instill proper fundamentals for the beginning instrumentalist. It is vital to set good playing and practice habits from the start. Students will have smaller learning groups to help address their individual needs.

Parent orientation meetings will be held **Tuesday**, **July 17** and **Thursday**, **July 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school band room. Parents/guardians are asked to attend one of these meetings; it is not necessary to attend both.

If parents have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Jinkerson (cjinkerson@dexter.k12.mo.us) or Mr. Rybolt (srybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us).

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