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DHS FFA Helps Pack Meals for Families at Missouri State Fair

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Dexter High School FFA joined more than 700 FFA members and agricultural leaders on Tuesday, Aug. 13, for the third annual Missouri FFA Food Insecurity Service Day held at the Missouri State Fair. Together, members packed 128,460 meals to feed families of up to six people. The meals were distributed to Missouri's regional food banks across the state.

"FFA Food Insecurity Day was once again a great success at the State Fair. Students noticed a need in our state and took action, which is what FFA is all about," said Brenden Kleiboeker, Missouri FFA Association President. "I have confidence that students will go back to their communities with these needs in mind and continue making an impact in our state."

The Service Day recognizes the efforts of Missouri FFA members and enables members to experience the State Fair. The food packing event and food drive are components of Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids, presented in partnership with Bayer and Brownfield Ag News with support from the Missouri State Fair, Missouri FFA and Missouri Department of Agriculture, along with many organizations and individuals across Missouri agriculture.

"The last line of the FFA motto is 'Living to Serve'," said Dan Cassidy, secretary of Missouri Farmers Care and chair of the Drive to Feed Kids. "FFA Food Insecurity Day plants this seed as hundreds of FFA students and their advisors came together, some on

the last day of their summer break, to prepare meals for fellow Missourians in need. They did so with a smile on their face and a sincere desire to make a difference. We are proud to partner with Missouri FFA and Feeding Missouri on this event, knowing we are working together to prepare not only meals but an appetite for service."

In addition to meals packed by FFA members, 1,740 backpack meals were packed at the fair by farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and legislators. FFA members also collected donations from fairgoers of more than 15,000 pounds of canned food for Missouri children facing hunger. The Drive culminated Saturday, Aug. 17, with a check presentation of \$175,000 to Feeding Missouri.

"Missouri farmers are stepping up and saying, 'not in our state' when it comes to childhood hunger," said Scott Baker, State Director for Feeding Missouri. "Thousands of children in Missouri will have something to eat this year because of Missouri Farmers Care and their partners. The pairing of expertise with compassion shows exactly what can be done to address hunger when we work together."

Sponsorship of Missouri FFA Food Insecurity Day and Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids was provided by: Brownfield Ag News, Bayer, American Family Insurance, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance, MFA Incorporated, FCS Financial, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri State Fair, National FFA Association, Missouri FFA Association, Country Vet Pet Foods, Nutrablend, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas – founders of Protect the Harvest, CoBank, A Better Way to Farm, Sydenstricker Implement Company, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Cattlemen's Association – The Beef House, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Tyson and the contributions of many Missouri farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses.

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Dexter High School Senior Sunrise - Class of 2020

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School Senior Sunrise is becoming a tradition. This is the second year as the "Class of 2020" prepares for their last year of high school.

Senior students at Dexter are invited to attend the Senior Sunrise on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:15 p.m. at the Football Stadium entrance.

Breakfast provided!

Just a reminder this is for senior students only!!

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Central Elementary Open House TONIGHT!!

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Dexter, Missouri - Central Elementary Open House will be Monday, August 26th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. Parents and students go to Homeroom (All School Supplies may be taken to homeroom)

At 6 p.m. Parents attend a meeting in the Gym/Students stay in homeroom.

At 6:30 p.m. Students go to the Gym/Parents go to AM Block.

At 6:45 p.m. Students Stay in the Gym/Parent go to PM Block.

From 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Parents have a chance to meet and visit with teachers of a second child if needed.

Please be aware of construction going on around the schools.

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New Faces at Bloomfield Public Schools

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bloomfield Schools began their 2019-2020 academic school year on Thursday. There are a few new faces teaching this year.

Jori Loyd is a new alternative school aide.

Kaylin Goins is now teaching middle school math.

Che Jones is a special education teacher.

Lenzy Leimbach is the new music/choir teacher.

Brasley Conner is preschool ECSE aide.

Samantha Huckleby is a 3rd grade teacher.

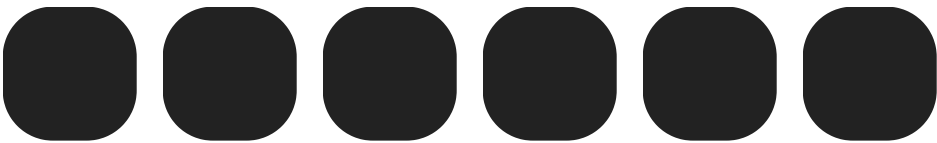
Zane Huckleby is the new high school science teacher.

Pictured from left to right are: Jori Loyd, Kayling Goins, Che Jones, Lenzy Leimbach, Brasley Conner, Samantha Huckleby and Zane Huckleby.

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Bloomfield School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2019

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Bloomfield School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2019

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield School Board of Directors met on Monday, August 12, 2019 for their annual tax rate hearing and monthly board meeting.

The board approved the tax rate of \$3.10 for operating levy and \$0.26 debt service for a total tax rate of \$3.36.

The board also approved:

1. Special Education Compliance Plan
2. Conflict of Interest policy BBFA
3. Full maintenance service agreement with MSBA
4. Several district policies and procedures. Policies approved were BCC, DH, DI, EBBA, GBCB, GBCBB, GCL, JGGA, JHC, and KK. Procedure EHBC-AP1 was approved.

In executive session, the following were approved:

1. Resignation of Kara Thompson
2. Jori Loyd hired as alternative school aide.
3. Kaylin Goins hired as MS math teacher.
4. Substitute list
5. Brandon Crook as Fall/Spring Baseball assistant coach; Kaylin Goins as MS softball coach; Brasley Conner as MS assistant softball coach; Terri Matthews as MS and HS robotics club sponsor; Debbie Shafer as MS Student Council sponsor.

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