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Dexter, MO - Cody Boyer has been named the new head coach for Dexter HIgh School Wrestling. The Dexter R-XI School Board approved the hiring of Boyer earlier this year.

"The excitement that I'm experiencing right now is off the charts," commented Boyer.

Boyer started coaching wrestling in the 2011-2012 season as an assistant middle school coach with Marc Thrower. "Those kids knew more than me!" Boyer said that athletes like Ethan Stevens, Storm Massey, and James Mullins were just a few that taught him so much over the years. He then moved up to coaching at the high school level the following year as an assistant to Coach James Sneed and has been in that position until now.

"The knowledge that Coach Sneed and Coach Aaron Pixley have instilled in me can never be repaid and I thank them so much for that. They were amazing and helped bring Dexter their first ever District Title."

"Growing up I had a great opportunity to have an older brother who would practice with me in every sport that I participated in," stated Boyer. "My brother, Wade, played football, baseball and wrestling growing up and that's what I wanted to do as well. I wanted to be just like him or even better. He was a tremendous athlete. I tried wrestling at an early age, but I didn't really excel at it. So I didn't do it again until my 8th grade year. I lost weight and learned a good deal and then went on t wrestle in high school for

three years.

Boyer has also coached football as an assistant for seven years and he has been the assistant baseball coach for ten years as a Bearcat. He is currently the Physical Education teacher at Southwest Elementary.

When as what his most memorable moment was about wrestling and he answered, "Coaching Trevor Waldner to a Missouri State Title!"

"I remember talking to him in the tunnel and telling him that his dad, Bob Waldner, would always tell me that he would be a State Champ one day." It came true! There are so many wonderful memories that came to mind according to Boyer. Winning a District Title, many of the athletes becoming state medalists, Waldner winning a state title, first ever girls state medalist was Julianna Rivera, Waldner becoming Dexter's first ever 3 time state medalist and just seeing all the athletes getting better and better every day on and off the mat.

This reporter asked him about Coach James Sneed who retired this year from Dexter. "What can I say about Coach Sneed? He was not just another coach to me, he is my friend and mentor," commented Boyer. "I cannot tell you how many times he had to tell me not to worry. That if I kept worrying then I would end up with hair like his.....LOL. We have the same mindset in that wrestling room. During matches we would yell the same thing at the same time! Coach Sneed would say we were in sync today. I could never repay what he has done for me and for my career. He will truly be missed."

"I found a saying just the other day that states: If you push yourself to failure, you will never fail. That is what I want these young men and women to know. yes, this is going to be hard, but it can be a great tool in the future. Don't give up when things get hard and tough, keep going, finish!."

"I want to thank my wife, Jordan Boyer and my daughter, Katie Grace for always being there for me and loving me. I know it's hard for them. I want to thank my parents, Joy and Dale Boyer, for letting me play sports and have a love for competing. I want to thank my brother, Wade Boyer, for pushing me past my limits. I want to thank Coach Sneed, Coach Pixley and Coach Schwab for giving me the opportunity to help out with wrestling and giving me the love of the sport. I want to thank the administrators for having the faith in me."

Once a Bearcat! Always a Bearcat! I love this school!

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Bloomfield Wildcats Baseball camp was held this summer and it was a huge success.

"What a great week of camp and thank you to all of our campers for coming out," commented new head baseball coach Chris Smith. "Thank you to the parents as well for getting them there."

"Not only did we get to learn more about baseball, the game we love, we were able to build relationships with all of our future Wildcats!"

The high school Wildcats baseball team came out and helped the youngsters as well. "We couldn't have done it without you!" continued Smith.

The t-shirts have been ordered and once the shirts are in the campers will be able to pick up at the central office with mrs. Sarah Upchurch.

The future is bright for the baseball Wildcats!

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2022 Bloomfield Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camp

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2022 Bloomfield Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camp

The Bloomfield Basketball Youth Camp will be for boys and girls going into 1st - 8th grades. You do not have to be in the Bloomfield School District to attend.

Coach Keith along with Assistant Coaches and players will be present to instruct and teach athletes.

The cost of the camp is \$40 if you register now. It will be \$50 the day of the camp. If the cost of the camp is an issue please contact Coach Keith by email at **kkeith@bps14.org**.

"We just want the athletes to get the opportunity to participate in a fun and exciting camp.

Sign up sheets are available at the central office or you can email Coach Keith for a copy.

Dates of the camp are July 19th - July 21st (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Grades 1st - 4th are from 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Grades 5th - 8th are from 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Make checks payable to Bloomfield R-14 Schools.

Campers will work on the basic fundamentals of basketball including passing, dribbling, shooting, and teamwork. They will be involved in competitive games along with daily contests. Each camper will receive a Wildcat t-shirt.

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Get more information on MDC managed deer hunts, preview hunt details, and apply starting July 1 at mdc.mo.gov/managedhunt.

Beginning July 1, deer hunters can apply online through the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) website for a shot at more than 100 managed deer hunts throughout the state this fall and winter.

MDC offers managed deer hunts for archery, muzzleloading, crossbow, and modern firearms from mid-September through mid-January at conservation areas, state and other parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public areas. Some managed deer hunts are held specifically for youth or for people with disabilities.

The managed deer hunt application period is July 1 - 31. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing. Draw results will be available Aug. 15 through Jan. 15. Applicants who are drawn will receive area maps and other hunt information by email, or mail if an email address is not located on the customer's account.

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Dexter Bearcats Compete in 7-on-7 and Big Man Challenge in Sikeston

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Dexter Bearcats Compete in 7-on-7 and Big Man Challenge in Sikeston

The Sikeston Bulldogs hosted their second annual Sikeston 7-on-7 and Big Man Tournament on Tuesday, June 21st at the Sikeston Public Schools Stadium.

The tournament was attended by Kennett, Charleston, Poplar Bluff, Perryville, Portageville, Dexter, Chaffee, Scott City, Hayti and East Prairie.

Scott City defeated Kennett in the championship game of the tournament. The Rams knocked off Dexter in the semifinals while the Indians beat Poplar Bluff.

"Overall, the kids performed better than expected at Sikeston," commented new head coach Chad Jameson. "In pool play, we were 3-1. We ended up losing in the semi-finals."

"Our "big men" met the challenges presented that day with a great attitude and effort. Several kids stood out in the challenge and during 7v7. We've still got a long way to go before the fall, but I believe we are heading in the right direction."

There's less than 2 months to go until the stadium lights at Charles Bland Stadium are illuminated for the Bearcat fans! Football during the summer never stops, the grind, the heart of the players to play in the heat and give up hanging out with their fans takes endurance and commitment!

"We are still working on setting up some competitions for the month of July. On the 20th, we plan to travel and compete in a 7v7 & Big Man Challenge at Cape. At the end of July, we intend to travel to Farmington for a contact camp. That camp will most likely wrap up our July before heading into the mandatory MSHSAA Dead Period at the beginning of August."

This upcoming week will mark our final team camp for the month of June. We will continue our weight room work throughout the month of July while having our team camp at Charles Bland Stadium throughout the final 2 weeks of July. Our home high school camps will be Mon-Thur during the weeks of July 18 & July 25. We intend to add another 7v7 and some "team building" activities to continue working towards our Bearcat Football goals."

Dexter will open at Scott City on Friday, August 24th before hosting the Sikeston Bulldogs on the following weekend of September 2nd.

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