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It was a great night to be outside for a while, and a great night for parents, faculty and students to gather at Richland Schools for its annual Open House.

Parents had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and speak to their students' teachers as the new academic year begins. Hotdogs were grilled outside and everyone got the chance to enjoy being together.

The first meeting of the Richland PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 in the school cafeteria.

Organizers report that at the first meeting officers will be elected and the group's agenda for the upcoming school year will be discussed. Membership fee is \$5 and all parents are invited and encouraged to participate.

Photo Above: Everyone had a good time Tuesday evening at the annual Richland School Open House. Hanging out together were (from left) Ashland Wheeler, Abigail Wheeler, Richland Music Teacher Amber Duley, and Alesia Eaton . (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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Filmmaking Dreams Come True for Greer

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Filmmaking Dreams Come True for Greer

By Joe Schneider, ShowMe Times Contributing Writer

Independent filmmaker Brittney Greer of Dexter, Missouri has been working to create a film entitled Left Alone. Greer studied at Missouri State University where she claims to have met like-minded people that wanted to make movies without Hollywood's unfriendly costs.

The film is about Annabelle (played by Brittney's cousin, Gabrielle Greer) who is asked to house-sit for a weekend. When she starts to hear strange noises and things begin disappearing, Annabelle realizes that she might not have been as alone as she thought.

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Brittney describes the film as being a B horror movie reminiscent of horrors of the 80s and 90s. The film does feature violence and blood, but is not devoted to gore. Brittney hopes that Left Alone is something that everyone can enjoy.

Although there was no major funding, a crew of five has managed to nearly complete a feature length film.

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Greer says that the film is currently being edited. She expects the film to premiere in Springfield some time in the fall.

She says that movie-making is rewarding, if difficult work. Since Gabrielle Greer lives in St. Louis and could only shoot in Springfield on weekends, the production was crammed into long sessions including a marathon thirteen hour shoot. Brittney says that the stress and long hours are worth being on set, where she feels in her element.

While she is not a professional filmmaker yet, she aspires to make movies full time-- Brittney has been "obsessed" with television and film her entire life.

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Greer says that everything started when a friend approached her with script ideas. The same friend, Jason Brasier of Willow Springs, MO, then helped Greer start the production company American Wasteland Entertainment which is responsible for producing Left Alone. Brittney says that they hope to "give people like us a chance to have their work seen and to be paid for doing what they love."

Brittney Greer is the daughter of Debbie Snider and Stacy Greer both of Dexter. She is a 2004 graduate of Dexter High School. Gabrielle Greer is a former student of Dexter schools and is a 2009 graduate of MICDS in St. Louis and is the daughter of Matt and Lisa Greer, formerly of Dexter now living in St. Louis.

[Check out American Wasteland Entertainment and Left Alone on Facebook and go to \[www.leftalonefilm.com\]\(http://www.leftalonefilm.com\) in order to see the film's progress. Greer says that after the premiere and a few showings, the film will be released online. Look out for Left Alone this fall to support local art.](#)

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Please take a moment and show Brittney that "Hometown" support by clicking this icon and going to their Facebook page and clicking "LIKE". It's a real way we can show her that we are proud her success in chasing her dream.

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Marching Bearcats Ready For Season

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Every morning this week they have been diligently learning – learning the music, learning the formations, learning how many steps to take between point A and point B.

The Dexter High School Marching Bearcat Band has been working hard this week to prepare for the fall field show. Band instructors Scott Rybolt and Jim Wade, and drum majors Kendra Stevenson, Joseph Greer, and Lauren Dudley are ready to lead the Marching Bearcats onto the field.

The music this fall will come from the hit rock band Chicago and will feature some of the group's hit songs. Included will be "25 or 6 to 4," "Make Me Smile," and more. Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in five decades.

As a culmination on their pre-start of school rehearsals and to unveil the 2011 field show, the Marching Bearcats will perform at 6 p.m. Friday night on the Band Practice Field.

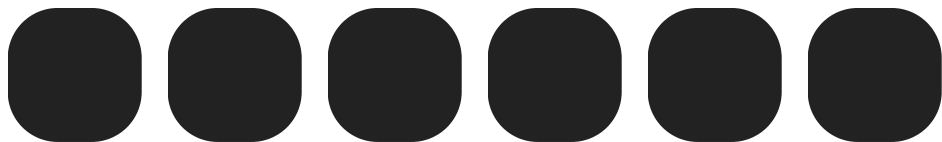
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The Band Practice Field is near T. S. Hill Middle School, behind the school tennis court. It is suggested that those wishing to see the show arrive by 5:45 p.m. to allow time to walk back to the practice field before the 6 p.m. performance.

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18 FORE Life Nears 1,000 Twitter Followers

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The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation continues bring a caring impact to our

community and surrounding area.

As a group that has always impacted new technologies, 18 FORE Life is nearing a milestone in the area of Twitter followers. Many of you may be unfamiliar with a "Tweet", however the concept of social media promotion is continually becoming more and more common within organizations and clubs worldwide.

"We are less than 50 followers to go and 18FORELife reaches 1,000 followers on Twitter!" commented Scott Kruse on his Facebook page. "Now *that* is crazy!"

This group has a very special way of building excitement. The list of events sponsored by **18 FORE Life** continues to grow. The greatest part is that the purpose purely exists for fun and raising money for those in need of help.

"And when you see who all follows us (on Twitter), it gets even crazier!" Kruse also posted.

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The coming year is full of events for you to become involved. It doesn't matter if you golf, fish, bowl or run, 18 FORE Life has something to fit you. Plus, you will always find something on the drawing board of Scott Kruse and his team.

"We are looking forward to a Fall Run, Fishing Tournament, and another Dig Pink Event at the BEC (Bearcat Event Center)", says Kruse. "Details will be coming soon."

Be sure to keep your eyes on the website and become a follower today of the 18 FORE Life Twitter account. Join in the fun today and be first to be informed of all 18 FORE Life events by following 18 FORE Life on **Twitter**.

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Bearcat Booster Club Plans Exciting Year

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As the 2011-12 school year approaches, members of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club are busy making plans for a great year of fun and excitement for Bearcat Nation. Don't miss out on becoming a member and supporting this incredible community organization.

New member sign-ups are set to begin immediately for the 2011-12 school year. Bearcat Boosters will be manning registration tables just inside the gate during all home football games and boys basketball games. A registration form can be downloaded and filled out [here](#) to speed up the registration process. Along with providing registration forms and fielding questions from potential members, the club will be selling Bearcat Fan Gear, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, stadium chairs, hats, car decals, and much more.

The Booster Club is a big part of our community, and has given much to the Dexter Public School system.

“[Our current] bylaws are dated 1995. Since January of 2009, we have given \$48,000 in some form or fashion back to the school,” DBBC Treasurer Kevin Bishop said, “whether it be through scholarships, banquets, or items needed for extracurricular activities.”

Some of the club's 'big ticket' item purchases include new scoreboards for the DMS Gym, interactive classroom equipment for DMS and DHS, a portable water cooler for the football team, and annual donations to the Goodwill Games and Project Prom.

“Also, we have been a top sponsor of the Rib City Shootout for the past two years, and we are a member of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce,” Bishop added.

On top of financial donations to the school, the club also sponsors several events during the year. All sports banquets are put on by the club, as well as several fundraising events throughout the year.

“Last year the DBBC sponsored the Donkey Basketball Tournament and this year we will be sponsoring a Dodgeball Tournament,” said vice president Dana Adams. “This is an extra fundraiser for the club and all proceeds go directly back to the organization and, in turn, the Middle School and High School.”

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“The Booster Club table will be set up at the BEC during registration on August 8 & 9,” Adams added. “As an incentive to join the Booster Club during registration, all memberships received at registration will be entered into a drawing for a BEARCATS BIGGEST FAN gift basket.”

BEARCAT FOOTBALL JAMBOREE: The Booster Club year begins with the return of the Pre-Season Jamboree held at Charles Bland Stadium, held August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

This football extravaganza is taken to a new level with the Booster Club Membership Drive and Fanatic Fan Wear sales prior to the scrimmage games. Afterward, with the help of local businesses, the Booster Club will provide a post-game meal to players and coaches.

“We will feed all of the coaches, players, officials, and administration members for the participating teams after the jamboree,” Adams added.

The thing that sets this outstanding organization apart is that it isn’t just for the school’s athletic department: this organization benefits multiple extracurricular programs within the Dexter Public School system.

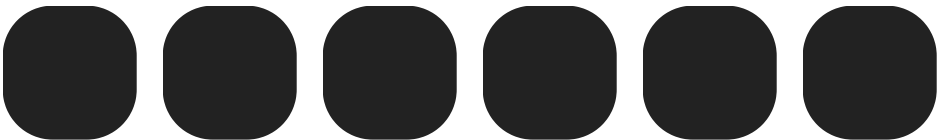
“The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club is different from many Booster Clubs in that we are not solely an athletic booster club, but a student activity booster club,” Adams said. “This means that we have helped out with several organizations such as Band, Chorus, Science Fair, Special Olympics, and many others.”

For more information regarding the Booster Club’s activities, or to inquire about joining the club, visit **www.bearcatbooster.com** or email **info@bearcatbooster.com**

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