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Richland Science Fair Results

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Richland Junior High and High School had another successful year at their annual Science Fair, put together and hosted by their science teachers, Lisa Gerlach and Stephanie Depew. The science fair gives many students the opportunity to be creative when they choose their own topic, product their own experiment, and design their own board to represent their results. This year, T.S. Hill's science teachers got to come and help judge the students' boards and overall experiments.

This year's Science Fair improved greatly from the previous years, with new experiments and new students participating. All students enrolled in a science class participated in the Science Fair, so there were many different grades and categories that gave students multiple chances to win a ribbon.

Richland Science Fair Winners

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Any of these winners have the chance to go to the District Science Fair in Cape Girardeau in early March to participate in a bigger competition. A couple of the students have already decided to compete so they are currently working on bettering their boards and experiments.

Overall, Richland's Science Fair went over very well and was very successful among the students and teachers that lent a helping hand. We would like to say congratulations to all the winners and to all who competed.

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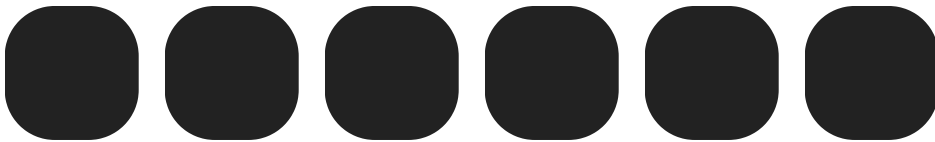
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DHS Holds Mock Election

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Dexter, Missouri- As we all know the General Election is fast approaching. This is a time that is very important to the future of our cities, states, and our country. Some of us may take for granted that we know the process of voting and being involved in our government workings.

Think back to a time when you were younger. You have not always known what the United States government was all about.

For many of us it was the History and Government classes that we took at Dexter High School that taught us about the voting process. Those classes taught us that we were blessed to live in country that we could be involved in the decision making of the country.

Tuesday at Dexter High School was the annual Mock Election led by Social Sciences teachers, Alana Dowdy and Debbie Essner. Students filed into the auditorium and up onto the stage which was set up to replicate an actual polling station.

The polling station was complete with a table to show proof of identification and copies of the actual ballots that will be used on November 6th at the General Election. The mock polling station was also complete with one of the actual ballot boxes that are used at a local polling station and booths that are used for voters who wish to have their ballots kept private.

"The students will use the actual ballots and vote on every issue that will be on voters ballots in November," commented Mrs. Debbie Essner.

As the students came into the auditorium, government teacher Alana Dowdy, explained to the students what the voting process was like. She told them about things that they would experience if it were a real polling place.

"In the past voters could walk into their local voting places and if you were recognized you could vote because the people working at the polls knew you," explained Alana Dowdy to the students. "Nowadays you can not do this, you will be required to show your identification."

Alana also explained that politicians are required to stay back 50 feet from the polling

place because in the past people might feel intimidated or pressured into voting one way or another.

This is a very important exercise that will teach these students about the process and the importance of voting, to the future of our country.

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Bearcats Fall to Mules in SCAA

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It was a much-anticipated match up last night as the Dexter Bearcats and the Bernie Mules traveled to Bell City for their 8:00 P.M. match up against each other.

Earlier in the season, the Bearcats played a very tense game against the Mules and pulled out ahead but using three sets to do so.

Last night during the Stoddard County Tournament it was a different story though. It seemed as though Bernie could do no wrong when they stepped onto the court for the competition. The Mules had spot-on serves and kills that were unstoppable.

During the first set, the score rallied back and forth between the two evenly talented teams until Bernie took off at the end with a 19-25 victory over the Bearcats.

Most Bearcat fans expected to see a great turn around during the second set as everyone hoped Coach Morgan could fire her team up enough to send them to victory. The team was fired up throughout the second set and they came out stronger than they had in the first. It just wasn't enough to withstand Bernie's offense though.

Throughout the first and second sets, Dexter fell short on a lot of their serves; giving Bernie a free point. That's not to say that it wasn't a nail biting game to sit through though. As the two teams battled back and forth the whole second set, Bernie eventually took the win with a 23-25 victory over the Bearcats as they defeated them in just two sets.

It was a great game to be watched by fans of both teams as they all played with their hearts. The two teams are always evenly matched which makes for good volleyball watching year after year.

The Stoddard County Volleyball Tournament will continue tonight in Bell City.

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The Bearcat on the Fence

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The Bearcat on the Fence

If you haven't passed by Charles "Seed" Bland Stadium lately you definitely need to make sure you come out to the game for Senior night. One of the projects that the Dexter High School Student Council did for Homecoming is worth seeing.

For the project of the fence decorations in the past many people have used red Solo cups stuck in the chain link fence to create a design. This year Student Council decided to do something a little different.

The Student council advisor, Jennifer Miller, and the Student Council looked for some things that would stand out and look nice for homecoming weekend. They found a product from The Prom Nite Company. It is small, reusable, plastic inserts that fit into the diamond shaped gaps in the chain-link fencing around the football stadium.

"The company sent us a small picture of how they were supposed to be installed." Miller recalled. "It was very time consuming and difficult to complete, but the results turned out awesome.

Student council members; Honey Patel, Rebecca Singh, and Kasily Twaddell completed the design. These students had to transfer the design from a small picture that was sent to the Prom Nite Company onto the fence by counting each space on that area of the fence.

This project turned out great and really looks awesome. It is something that will catch the eye of the fans and intimidate the opposing teams as they enter the stadium.

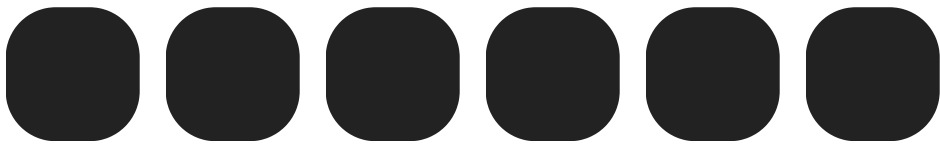
Be sure to come check out the great job that these students did on this awesome piece that

helps to dress up Charles "Seed" Bland Stadium for Senior Night at tonight's game.

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