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# Wildcats Play for District Championship Today

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Written by Dee Loflin, Manager/Writer SMT

**Bloomfield, Missouri** – It was a tough game for both the Bernie Mules and the Bloomfield Wildcats Monday afternoon.

The Wildcats were able to defeat the Bernie Mules in the Semi-Final District Championship game. Tim Fox made the only run of the entire game when Travis Phillips got a hit to get him to home plate.

"A very good win for us against a really good Bernie team," commented Coach Jason Karnes of Bloomfield. "Travis was exceptional on the mound and our defense backed him up all day."

Bloomfield will play Chaffee in the District Championship at Chaffee today, Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 4 p.m.

"Chaffee is really good and we will have to play just as well today," Coach stated. "Offensively we just barely did enough to give us the chance to play for a championship."

Bloomfield's record is 14-7 for the year. Good luck to the Wildcats as they take on Chaffee this afternoon.

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## Bearcat Track Athletes Move On To Sectionals

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Bearcat Track Athletes Move On To Sectionals

Written by an SMT Reader

**Bonne Terre, Missouri -** The Dexter Lady Bearcats Track team had an exceptional day this past weekend at North County High School as the team advanced five young ladies to the State of Missouri 3A Sectional.

Dexter competes in the 16-team District 1 of Class 3A against area schools such as Sikeston, Kennett, New Madrid and Notre Dame. The remaining teams are the northern teams of Park Hills, DeSoto, Arcadia Valley, Festus, Fredericktown, North County, Perryville, Potosi, St. Pius, St. Gen and Windsor.

The Lady 'Cats 4x100 relay team was able to deliver a first place finish for the Bearcats. As shown in the picture above, Makayla Waldner hands off the baton to Brooke Baker during their race on Saturday. The 4x100 relay team is comprised of Makayla Waldner, Brooke Baker, Samantha Midgett, Melanie McKuin and Julia Hahn. The team posted a top time of 51.92 to win the 1st place medal.

Makayla Waldner continues to lead the team as the overall

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top Bearcat performer. In addition to the 4x100 Relay, Makayla qualified for Sectionals in the 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles and the long jump competition finishing in second place in each of the above events.

Samantha Midgett also had a strong performance in the 100 meter run, qualifying for Sectionals with a time of 13.50 and a third place finish.

Other notable performances on the day came from Chandler Crowley who finished 5th with a 4' 8" jump in the High Jump event. Freshman Melanie McKuin continued to show her speed as she finished 7th in the 200 meter run and the triple jump.

The 4x800 meter relay team finished sixth with a time of 11:23:04. That team is made up of athletes Kelsey Wood, Alexis Smith, Shania Case and Katie Justice.

The Lady 'Cats will travel to MICDS on Saturday, May 18th for the Sectional competition of the Missouri State Track and Field 3A Division.

We wish them all best of luck in their attempts to qualify for the Missouri State Track and Field Championships.



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# DHS Softball Team Donates to Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation

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**Dexter, Missouri -** The DHS Lady 'Cats Softball team made a wonderful donation to the Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation this past week. Ashley Brown and her coach basically came up with the idea just two years ago to have a Swing Pink Softball Tournament to raise much needed money for people fighting cancer and their families.

In the first year they only had 8 teams competing, but managed to raise an extraordinary amount of \$4,300 for the local charity. "Ashley and I basically thought of the idea at almost the same moment," commented Coach Leonard Morse. "We new we had a hit on our hands after the first tournament and I believe this is a legacy that Ashley leaves with us at DHS." Ashley is a junior and has one more year to help host the event. Thank you Ashley and your teammates for helping such a wonderful organization.

This year 12 softball teams competed on a very windy day in April. The annual Swing

Pink Softball Tournament featured some of the best teams in Southeast Missouri. The weather has not really cooperating with Spring sporting events; however it didn't stop these girls from raising \$3,800 for the Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation and placing 3rd in the tournament.

The plans are already under way for next year's event and it seems to be growing each year. They expect 16 teams to be competing and perhaps they will make an even larger donation to Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation.

Amazing what teenagers can do when they put their minds together. Their spirit is alive and they really make an effort on the softball field. These girls are truly dedicated not only to their sport, but are passionate about their charity.

Scott Kruse, founder, shown in the picture receiving the check from the Lady 'Cats Softball Team. "This is awesome!" stated Kruse. "Each year I am amazed by these girls. Thank you."

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## DHS Boys Baseball Senior Night

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**DHS Boys Baseball Senior Night** 

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**Dexter, Missouri -** It was Senior night at Dexter, so that made the win even sweeter! The five Senior boys escorted their parents out to the base line while their future plans were announced over the loudspeaker.

The 2013 Seniors are Chase Young, Clarence Riddle, Jordan Miller, Logan Northern and Brad Potts. They presented their moms with a special red rose.

Congratulations to all of the boys and their accomplishments. These students work hard not only on the ball field, but in the classroom as well.

And let's give special thanks to the moms who decorated the dugout with pictures, balloons and jerseys. Perfect for photos.

Without supportive parents we wouldn't have such fine young men on the field!

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Sports Banquet this Friday evening at 5:30 p.m.. ShowMe Times will be on hand to take photos and report on all the awards and the top athletes.

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# Bearcats Surprise Neelyville With a Win

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**Dexter, Missouri -** It may have been a non-conference game, the Bearcats were ready for a win, they needed this win and they accomplished a win!

The Neelyville Tigers entered the game with a 20-1 record and are ranked #1 in the Missouri Class 2 rankings.

Neelyville seemed confident to beat Dexter with a 9-14 record on the season. To their surprise the Bearcats were able to load the bases several times scoring 10 runs total for the afternoon.

The Tigers scored 4 runs in the first two innings, but the Bearcats proved to be stronger. Logan Northern scored the first run in the 3rd inning for the Bearcats on a hit by Brad Potts.

The Bearcats were able to even the score 4 to 4 in the 4th. By the 5th inning it was tied again 5 to 5. Five more runs in the 5th gave the Bearcats the momentum to keep on hitting! The Tigers didn't know what hit them. The Tigers never scored again and it was 10 - 5 Bearcats game!

Chase Young #3 was able to step up to the plate and bat. Unfortunately he did not get a hit, but way to go Chase! It's been a tough year for him with his basketball injury and not being able to play baseball. He is healing extremely well and will be back at the plate soon.

The crowd was on their feet cheering for Clarence Riddle who stood at the plate and took a few swings. Great kid and a great ball player. Way to go Clarence!

Final Score 10 - 5. What a great game for the Seniors of 2013!

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