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We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

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## Dexter Senior High Activities: May 20 - 26th

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The ShowMe Times would like to encourage all of our readers to support our local school system. The education and growth of young people in our community is important to everyone's future.

We would like everyone to join us as we encourage these young students in their pursuits.

So lets get involved by supporting the events at our schools.

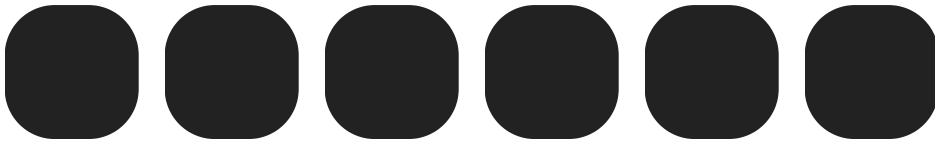
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## Graduation at Richland High School

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Written by

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**Essex, Missouri** – The Richland Rebels celebrated the end of the 2012-2013 school year on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The school day ended with an early release, sending the students home at noon. It was a busy day for all students and faculty members, but it was especially busy for the high school seniors and the kindergartners, who were both preparing for graduation.

Both graduations took place in the gymnasium, but the kindergartners were the first to start their first graduation program after many successful practices earlier on Thursday and Friday. The program began at 6pm and there was a great turnout for the soon-to-be first graders. All of the kindergartners had a great first year of school and are excited to continue their elementary education at Richland with their new teachers in the fall.

While the kindergartners were celebrated the end to their first year of school, the seniors were graduating the end to their last year of high school. The senior graduation took place two hours later, at 8pm on the stage in the gymnasium, where senior classmate, Jesse Barnes, welcomed all of the visitors and began the ceremony. Mr. Nathan Rice from the Harvest Assembly Church of God in Essex, began the invocation and welcomed the salutatorian and valedictorian, Jessica Shidler and Kelly Motta.

During the presentation of scholarships, Richland's counselor, Mrs. Michelle Chism, had quite a long list to give to the graduates. The students worked very hard and competed for multiple scholarships. A majority of the senior class is planning on going to college or pursuing a secondary education after high school.

Superintendent, Mr. Frank Killian, and high school and junior high principal, Mrs. Cindy Rhodes, were honored to present the class with their diplomas. Mr. Loyd Odum, President of the Richland R-1 Board of Education also congratulated the class and helped confer their diplomas. The junior class escorts included Tyler Maddox and Kayla Uhles, who were both chosen by the seniors to help guide them onto the stage and represent the upcoming class.

Tears began to pour during the special </images/Beth's Pictures/graduation side.jpg> recognition, where the seniors passed out flowers to their family members, friends, and other important members that helped them get to this point in their life. The recognition was followed by the senior slideshow titled "Thirteen Years of Memories", which many of the twelfth grade classmates worked very hard on most of the year to gather enough baby pictures, group pictures, and songs to create a timeline of their lives and all of the fun they had growing up year after year together.

When it came to the time to throw up their caps, the class song, “We All Roll Along” by The Maine played through the speakers. The class of 2013 was a joy to have at Richland and they were always a spirited and lively bunch, but even more than that, they were great role models for the underclassmen and always took great pride in helping others.

Their class motto was a quote from Mac Miller, “People change and things go wrong, but just remember life goes on”. Their class flower was the daisy and their class colors were lime green and turquoise. The seniors had a long and busy year with the help of their three class sponsors, Mrs. Lisa Taylor, Mrs. Samantha Jones, and Mr. Matt Cline.

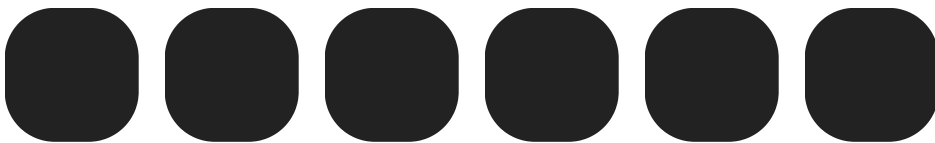
The class had multiple successful years at Richland High School and ended with a successful graduation. The students will go on to do many great things and will continue to learn, grow, and thrive wherever they choose to go for the next chapter of their life.

Congratulations, Class of 2013!

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## Bearcats Named to SEMO All-Conference Team

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**Bearcats Named to SEMO All-Conference Team**

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Three Dexter Bearcat baseball players recently received recognition on the SEMO Conference all-conference baseball team.

Brad Potts, a senior at DHS was selected First Team-All Conference as an infielder. He has played for the Dexter Bearcats as a shortstop and a pitcher. Cody Neldon a junior was selected as an outfielder and has played as a center fielder for DHS.

Jordan Miller received an Honorable Mention as an infielder. He has been on the mound many times as pitcher for the 'Cats and is a senior.

Congratulations to Potts, Neldon, and Miller! Brad Potts and Jordan Miller just graduation on Friday from Dexter Senior High School and we wish them well on their future endeavors. Neldon will return next year as a senior for the Dexter Bearcats.

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# Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced at DHS

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Senior High School announced their Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2013 this morning.

Mr. Ryan Joyner is Salutatorian and Miss Jessica Loflin is Valedictorian.

Jessica Loflin has a GPA of 4.267 and is the daughter of Dee Loflin. She has received many honors throughout her life as well as taking several college credit hours from Missouri State University, Three Rivers College and Southeast Missouri State University while attending high school.

Her academic honors from high school include the Faculty Foreign Language Award her junior year, Faculty English Award, Faculty Mathematics Award, Dexter Honor's Society, Top 10%, the National Society for High School Scholars, and Missouri Girls' State.

She is involved in many clubs, both in school and in the community. They include the Foreign Language Club, Future Business Leaders of America, the National Wild Turkey Federation, DHS marching and concert band, JAKES, Student Council, Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club, and Dexter Rotary Interact.

Jessica will be attending Southeast Missouri State University where she has been accepted into the Pre-Veterinary Program and the Jane Stephens Honors Program. Once she has completed the 60-hour program she will apply to the University Missouri Veterinary College in Columbia, Missouri to obtain her doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine.

"I am very honored and excited to be Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 2013," stated Loflin. "I finally wrote my speech and I am going to be really nervous tonight. I

congratulate all of my classmates and wish them great success in the future. "

Jessica said, "To sum it all up for us tonight, in the great words of Reese Witherspoon's character Elle Woods in the movie Legally Blonde, "WE DID IT!."

Our DHS Salutatorian is Ryan Joyner with a grade point average of 4.213 and is the son of Stan and Anita Joyner.

His accolades include Dexter Honor Society, Top 10%, Trig Team, United States Navel Academy Summer Seminar, Faculty Science Award, and the Faculty History Award.

Joyner has been very active in the community as well as in sports. He played DHS Football all four years, DHS Basketball three years, DHS Golf three years, Student Council, FCA-President, Dexter Rotary Interact-Vice President, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Senior Class Vice President, 4-H, and he is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Ryan's plans after high school include the United States Naval Academy where he will pursue a career and major in Mechanical Engineering and attend flight training.

When asked about his future career, Joyner said, "It's been the plan my entire life. I am nervous, but excited!"

We congratulate both students and wish them great success in their future endeavors. These two have worked very hard to get to the top of their class and the Dexter community is extremely proud of them.

Congratulations Jessica and Ryan!

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