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# Richland's 2013 Autumn Queen

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**Essex, Missouri** – Richland High School’s annual Family Fun Night event took place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The school hallways were filled with painted faces painted by the high school students, balloon animals made by JoJo the clown, Autumn Queen candidates, and avid bingo players.

Family Fun Night is one of the biggest fundraising nights of the year for the high school classes, clubs, and organizations. The senior class recently went out to gather donations from local companies and businesses for their silent auction and bingo night. The class of 2014 received a lot of support from the community that helped their biggest fundraisers become a success. Thank you to all who participated in the silent auction and bingo or had the heart to donate!

The school also rented huge bouncy houses and an eighteen foot slide, which was placed in the gym for elementary students to enjoy. It was a child’s paradise with face paintings, balloon animals, a bouncy house, and bingo prizes.

The FCCLA club (led by Judy Ackman) once again created the Rebel Café in the cafeteria. The students waited on and served their customers dinner for a majority of the night while the guests enjoyed multiple games of bingo. The club was very busy back in the kitchen making barbeque sandwiches, Frito pies, chili, and hotdogs. They are currently preparing for their regional meeting that will take place on Wednesday,

November 13<sup>th</sup> in Dexter at the Bearcat Center. Richland currently has two regional officers in their club and the club recently travelled to Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach to attend a leadership conference and the members are very excited to participate in the regional meeting as well.

The cost of Family Fun Night this year was different from all the other years Richland has hosted this event. The Richland Schools are currently having their canned food drive for their Backpack Program, so they asked that each person wishing to participate in Family Fun Night would help them reach their goal and provide food for less fortunate children in their community throughout this holiday season.

Although there were fun and games out in the hallways, the main event of the night was the Autumn Queen Pageant. There were a total of eight contestants, each representing a class or club that nominated them to participate. Sophomore Mariah McLard, freshman Gerlynn Grossius, freshman Aleena Robbins, junior Aimee Whitney, junior Hailey Laws, junior Whitney Teeters, junior Alexis Accord, and junior Madison Passley all participated in the pageant.

The pageant is judged by three guests that are not associated with the school. The contestants are judged on their attire and the answer to the question they are asked. The Autumn Queen was crowned by Student Council President Kayla Uhles, who was also crowned as the Autumn Queen in 2011, since the reigning 2012 Autumn Queen could not attend the pageant.

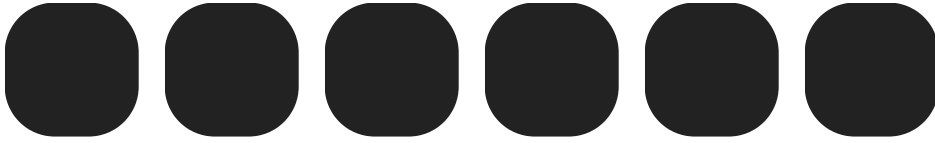
Freshman Aleena Robbins received second runner up, freshman Gerlynn Grossius received first runner up, and junior Aimee Whitney received the title of Autumn Queen. Whitney's question was "What is the biggest challenge you've faced and how did you overcome it?" Whitney answered thoroughly, explaining how she lost her grandmother to cancer and the importance to keeping a positive attitude during tough times while never taking any moment for granted.

The 2013 Autumn Queen received a bundle of fall flowers and a crown. Since she is a junior this year, she will be crowning the 2014 Autumn Queen next fall. The junior class was proud to be represented by Whitney and Student Council thanks all of the contestants that participated in the pageant.

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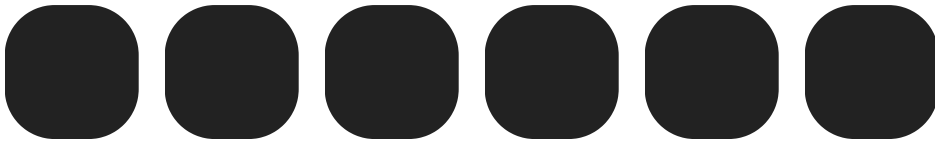
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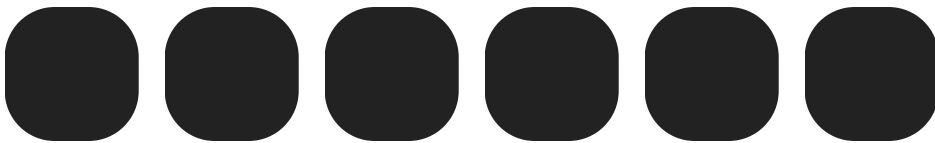
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# Allen Christian Donates Money to FFA

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Allen Christian teamed up with the Dexter High School Future

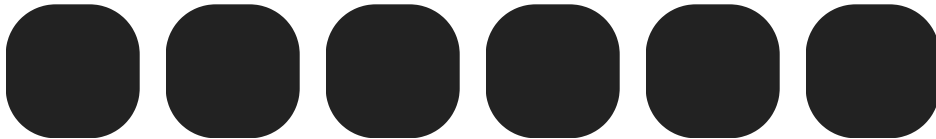
Farmers of America at the 2013 Bearcat Fall Community Homecoming Event. They held a 'Strut Your Stuff' Car, Truck, and Tractor Show on Saturday morning.

Proceeds from the event were donated to the FFA group to help their club with other events including a Parent Night on Friday evening. A check in the amount of \$250 was given to the Trevor Link, Chaplain, Future Farmers of America and Gary Wyman, Agriculture Education Teacher and Chapter Sponsor.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Students traveled to Jackson, Missouri to perform individual musical arrangements to earn a spot in the All-District Band on Tuesday evening.

"Dexter High School had the second highest amount of students in the All District Band, and the highest number of students in the All District Jazz Band," stated Scott Rybolt, DHS Band Director.

Students will now travel to Cape Girardeau to perform in the Southeast Missouri All-District Band Concert to be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Cape Central High School.

Mr. Gary Gackstatter of St. Louis Community College – Meramec will be the clinician.

Concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. Parents and the community are encouraged to attend.

Shown in the photo are: Front row from left: ***Alexis Christian - 14th chair Clarinet, Erin Lauters - 12th Chair Clarinet and Jazz Lead Tenor, Chandler Crowley - 8th chair Clarinet and Jazz Alternate Bass Guitar, Tyler Jones -***



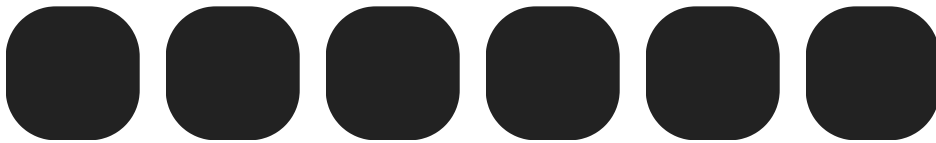
**Jazz 1st Alternate Alto, Kerrigan Brady - 6th chair Flute, Abby Mangum - Jazz Piano and Alternate oboe, Emily Johns 7th chair French Horn.**

**Second row from left: Lacy Midgett - 1st chair Contra Alto Clarinet, Courtney Scholl - 16th chair Clarinet, Toni Curran - 7th Chair Alto Saxophone, Sarah Durham - Jazz 1st Alternate Baritone Sax, Brooks Propst - 2nd chair Trombone and Jazz Alternate Trombone, John Durham - 2nd chair Percussion and 1st Jazz Drummer, Addison Moore - 2nd Jazz Drummer, and Alyssa Teets - Jazz 1st Alternate Alto. Absent for the photo was Gina Magarian - 2nd chair Trumpet and Jazz Lead Trumpet.**

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