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Richland FAFSA Night

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Richland FAFSA Night

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Essex, Missouri - As the deadline for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) approaches on March 1st, the Richland R-1 School District will be holding a free FAFSA night workshop for all seniors and parents who wish to attend. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27th, at 6pm in the High School Computer Lab. Please be sure to bring your Federal 2013 or 2012 tax returns! A college representative will be at the FAFSA night to help guide the parents and students through filling out the FAFSA.

Be sure to mark your calendars if you plan to attend. Parents and students will need to attend together. If there are any questions, please contact the Richland High School Counselor, Mrs. Hampton. If students are set up on the Remind Me Texting App, there are multiple reminders being sent out, as well as pin number information for the event. You can setup the pin number online at <http://pin.ed.gov> and just follow the instructions on the website. If there is any trouble using the link that was sent through the message, please see Mrs. Hampton in her office sometime this week.

On top of the upcoming FAFSA night, there are also multiple scholarships that have quickly approaching deadlines. If a senior has already been accepted by a college, the college should have many endowment scholarships that they could be rewarded. So don't miss out! Southeast Missouri State University, Arkansas State University, and Missouri State University Endowment Scholarships have a deadline of March 1st. The Three Rivers College Endowment Scholarship is on April 1st. Students that have been accepted to these

colleges are eligible to apply for these scholarships online.

Here are more scholarship deadlines (all scholarship forms are placed in senior mailboxes):

Southeast Missouri State Superintedents Association Scholarship Application is due March 1st.

Essex Area Development Scholarship will be awarded to two students for \$500, which is due March 1st.

Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship must be postmarked by March 14th.

Peter Pasula Study Habits Scholarship has a deadline of April 1st and can be found online at www.mortgagebrokersburnaby.com

Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County Auxiliary Scholarship (Dexter, MO) must be postmarked by April 4th.

National Defense Transportation Association (Academic Scholarship Program A, B, C) can be obtained online at www.ndtahq.com with a dealine of April 16th.

Maple Leaf Dentistry Schoarship has a deadline to apply on May 30th and all applications can be found online at www.peterboroughdentists.com.

There are many more scholarships to come! So please be sure to keep checking the senior mailboxes. There will be more information on the FAFSA night throughout the week, so mark your calendars!

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Jason Smith Visits Dexter High School FFA

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Jason Smith Visits Dexter High School FFA

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Dexter, Missouri - Missouri Representative Jason Smith (R-8) visited the Dexter Senior High School on Tuesday. He was greeted by Superintendent Dr. Thomas Sharp and high school principal Dan Pollock and was then given a guided tour of the school.

His final destination and reason for visiting the high school was to meet with the Future Farmers of America group and spend time in the Ag classroom. Mr. Gary Wymna, FFA sponsor treated Jason Smith to a brief lecture on the history of FFA and took a few questions from the first group of students he met with.

The second group of students were given the entire hour to listen to Smith talk about agriculture and how it affects everyone and how congress deals with agricultural issues. Students were given the rest of the class to ask questions. This particular class of students were quite inquisitive about Smith's career in government and agriculture. Even Mr. Wyman asked a few questions of the Congressman.

Congressman Smith was also presented with a FFA club T-shirt. Shown in the photo below are Erika McCoy, Haylee Arthur, and Brianna Madigan. The photo above is Garrett Kyle, FFA officer with Representative Jason Smith.

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Bernie FBLA Students Earn Recognition at District

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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie FBLA attended the District 16 Leadership Conference in Malden on Friday, February 14th.

The students who attended competed in various events that involved taking an online test or preparing a speech or presentation. A few had interactive events that allowed a set amount of time to prepare for various situations to see how students can respond without much preparation time.

Students were informed about banking and financial decisions by Dave Green,

and also viewed a short video composed of pictures submitted by some of the District 16 schools.

Bernie High School junior, **Austin Ward** served as District Reporter and helped with the award ceremony and the video.

Lacey Johnson, freshman, was elected to District Vice-President Membership for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. She has also completed her “Future” and “Business” level awards and will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference.

The Bernie adviser is Mrs. Sharon Guy.

Students advancing to State had to place 1st in an event of skill, performance or presentation. The top 5 places for Online tests will also advance to state.

The State Leadership Conference is in Columbia, Missouri from April 13-15, 2014.

Winners included:

Teresa Poe – Accounting II – 1st place

Ashlyn Stevens – Client Service – 2nd

Seth Dowdy and **Austin Ward** - Sports & Entertainment Management – 2nd

Lane Mayberry – Intro to Business Communications – 3rd place

Zack Tanner – Ag Business AND Business Math 4th place

Selena Poe and **Amber Miller** – Desktop Publishing– 4th place

Lacey Johnson - Computer Applications – 4th place

Kelci Yates – Health Care Administration – 4th place

Seth Dowdy – Personal Finance – 4th place

Morgan Baker – Public Speaking – 5th

Selena Poe – Spreadsheet – 5th place

Katie Blanchette, Alexis McGowan and Sierra Eberle – Business Presentation
–5th place

Congratulations Bernie FBLA!

Shown in the photo are students advancing to the State level competition. They are front row from left to right: Alexis McGowan, Sierra Eberle, Morgan Baker, and Ashlyn Stevens. Middle Row from left to right: Teresa Poe, Katie Blanchette, Amber Miller, Lacey Johnson, and Zach Tanner. Back row from left to right: Selena Poe Kelci Yates, Seth Dowdy, Lane Mayberry, and Austin Ward.

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DHS Students of the Month

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DHS Students of the Month

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Dexter, Missouri - Each month, faculty from each academic department will select a student for STUDENT OF THE MONTH. Dexter Senior High School "Students of the Month" for both November and December 2013 are shown in the photo.

Front Row: Jodie Cantrell, Paula Hagy, Kayla Costin, Tori Barr, Kirsten Durrow, Myca Sutton

Back Row: Jake Hindman, Brooks Propst, Jacob Robinson, Jonathan Foels.

Not pictured: Faith Anderson, Rebecca Gordon, Timmy Spence, Zach Brasfield, Kyle Smith, Laceann Sumner, Ashley Long

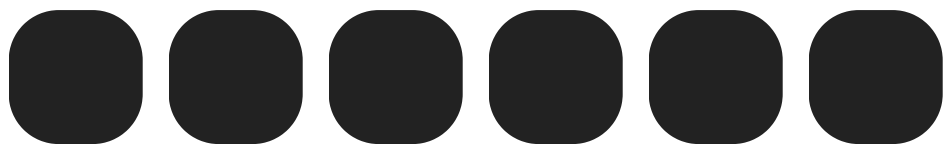
Photo provided by Laura Stone, DHS English Teacher

Congratulations!

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Jazz Cats Perform at the SEMO Jazz Festival

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Jazz Cats Perform at the SEMO Jazz Festival

Written by

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Jazz Cats traveled to their first public performance. The Jazz Cats attended the annual SEMO Jazz Festival sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity.

The group got together on February 9, 2014 to pack up their things to head up to Cape Girardeau. The group played in front of three clinicians.

The guest clinician was Frank Pizzano. He is a visiting, well-known tenor saxophone player. The second clinician, from Mineral Area College of Missouri, was Mr. Mike Goldsmith. Goldsmith, also a saxophonist, had a few comments for this remarkable jazz group. The third and final clinician, also from Mineral Area College of Missouri as well as a member of the Kicks Band, was Mr. Dan Shunks.

The three clinicians listen to the songs played by the jazz band on stage and took a vocal recording of advice to send to director Scott Rybolt for areas of improvement. After all was said and done, the clinicians came on stage and gave tips for specific areas if specific songs. These three men mentioned how fantastic the group blended and told them to keep up the good work.

The songs played were swing chart "Groovin' Hard", Latin "Malagueña", Ballad "I Remember Clifford", and fast swing "St. Louis Blues". Soloists include: Junior and Lead Alto Toni Curran on "Malagueña", Senior and Lead Tenor player Tyler Jones on "Malagueña", Sophomore and Lead Trumpet player Gina Magarian on "I Remember Clifford", and Senior and Lead Tenor Tyler Jones again on "St. Louis Blues".

The group was accompanied by student teacher from SEMO Mr. Cody Jenkerson, student teacher also from SEMO Miss Shubaugh, and director Scott Rybolt. The group was dressed in black slacks, a white button up, and a color-coded tie for each section of the band. The saxophone section had a pink tie, trumpet section had a burnt orange tie, trombones wore a stylish royal blue tie, and the rhythm section wore a lavender purple tie.

The band got a superior rating by the judges. The band consists of: Rhythm: Senior Jon Durham playing drums, Senior Chandler Crowley playing bass, Sophomore Addison Moore playing drums, and Abby Magnum playing piano. Trombones: First Trombone Junior Brooks Propst, Second Trombone Eighth Grader Aaron Wells, Third Trombone Seventh Grader Noah Rushing, and Bass Trombone Sophomore Brandon Parks. Trumpets: Lead Trumpet Sophomore Gina Magarian, Second Trumpet Sophomore Adam Webb, Third Trumpet Eighth Grader Layla Brown, and Fourth Trumpets Freshman Emily Johns and Seventh Grader Travis Propst. Last but not least, Saxophones: Senior Baritone Saxophone Player Sarah Durham, Senior Lead Tenor Saxophone Player Tyler Jones, Junior Lead Alto Player Toni Curran, Sophomore Second Tenor Player Erin Lauters, and Freshman Second Alto Player Alyssa Teets.

Provided by Julie Rybolt.

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