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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Bloomfield High School held their graduation ceremony on Sunday afternoon and announced their Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating class of 2014.

This year's Valedictorian is Tim Fox. He is the son of Bill and Kim Fox of Bloomfield. Tim accumulated a 3.97 GPA. His activities included baseball, Student Council, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, basketball, and Fellowship of Christian Students.

Tim recently signed to play baseball with Mineral Area College where he will major in Business Management in banking and finance.

Bloomfield's Salutatorian is Morgan Wilkinson. She is the daughter of Bill and Krista Wilkinson of Bloomfield. Morgan accumulated a 3.88 GPA. Her activities included Beta Club, Marching Band, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Speech, Science Club and softball.

Morgan plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and major in Biology.

Congratulations to both Tim and Morgan! Job well done!

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Dexter, Missouri - Matt Thurmon of Shelter Insurance presented a scholarship to Zach Kester of Dexter Senior High School.

Zach is the son of Terry and Rosetta Kester.

He plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and will obtain a degree in Mathematics Education.

The scholarship was valued at \$2,000 and is partially funded by the Shelter Insurance Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation for charitable and educational purposes and Shelter Agent Matt Thurmon.

A committee of local high school officials and community leaders selected Zach. They considered each applicant's achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Congratulations Zach!

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Dexter, Missouri – In less than 24 hours, the DHS Class of 2014 will walk across the stage and graduate. No longer high school students they will begin a new chapter in their life. Some will go to college, some will serve our country in the military, and others will join the workforce. No matter what life holds in front of them, they have already been successful by earning a high school diploma.

Today around 4 p.m. Mr. Dan Pollock, DHS Principal, confirmed the names of the top two students in academics. Mr. Jacob Robinson will serve as valedictorian and Miss Kelsey Holder will serve as salutatorian of the Dexter Senior High School Class of 2014.

Jacob is the son of Mark and Rhonda Robinson, has consistently been a top 10% student all four years of high school. He has served as Dexter Honor Society president, attended Summer Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis, and a Secondary Summer School Program at Harvard University.

He has also served as Student Council and Class President, a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and District President of FBLA. He is a member of the Foreign Language Club, Robotics Club, and Stoddard County Teenage Republicans. He even co-founded a charitable organization locally, End Poverty in Stoddard County.

Jacob Robinson will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall, where he will major in Chemical and Biological Engineering. He will then attend medical school to become a physician.

Kelsey Holder is the daughter of Tim and Kaye Holder. She has also been consistently in the top 10% of her class. She has been an active member of FCCLA for the past three years, Future Business Leaders of America for three years, Future Teachers of America for two years, and is a Dexter Honor Society

member. She has also been involved in the Speech and Debate Club and the Dexter High School Pep Club.

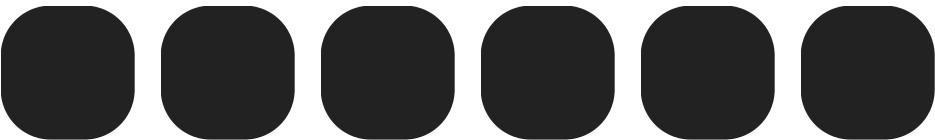
Kelsey plans to attend Saint Louis College of Pharmacy in the fall, where she will attain her Doctorate in Pharmacy in an eight-year program there.

Congratulations to Jacob and Kelsey! Graduation will take place in the Bearcat Event Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014.

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Valley View Jazz Festival

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Valley View Jazz Festival

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Jazz Cats traveled to Jonesboro, Arkansas, for some new advice.

Departing early Saturday morning on April 26, The Jazz Cats embarked on an adventure of a lifetime, meeting Ron Carter and his son Bryan Carter.

Ron Carter is a jazz professor, and saxophonist, who has helped the Duke Ellington program and many other programs like it. His son, Bryan, was a drummer in the Grammy Award's band.

These clinicians called the group 'young swingers' because of the swing style of jazz. The band played "Afro Blue", "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey", "After You've Gone", and "Honk". This being the first time the Dexter Cats traveled to Valley View High School for this music festival, some would say the clinicians were impressed.

The Middle School Jazz Cats then took the stage and played "Misty", "Take Five", "A Night In Tunisia", and "Salt Peanuts". Landon Stites, Lead Alto and eighth grader took a solo on "Misty". Lead Trumpeter and eighth grader Layla Brown and Lead Tenor Shelby Smith had a solo on "A Night In Tunisia", and Travis Propst, a seventh grade trumpet player took a solo on "Salt Peanuts."

After a break for lunch, the clinicians spoke about subdivision of the beat and the feel or style of music. They soon afterwards had another break and came back for a concert. The Valley View Junior High School Jazz Band performed first followed by the Valley View High School Jazz Band. The night closed out with a performance by the ASU, Arkansas State University, 11 O'clock Band.

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DAR Award Scholarships

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Campbell, Missouri - The Chalk Bluff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors of Dexter High School.

Regent of Chalk Bluff Chapter, Ann Polsgrove was available to honor these individuals. Congratulations to Ashley Long, Kendra Stevenson, and Emily Long on your achievement.

The Chalk Bluff Chapter was organized on October 10, 1986 with a mission to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Their motto is "God, Home and Country."

The DAR Chapter is dedicated to perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence and to develop and enlighten public opinion and to foster true patriotism and love of country.

If you would like more information about the DAR please send an email to moboothelroots@yahoo.com or browse their website by clicking **HERE**.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Ashley Long, Kendra Stevenson, Ann Polsgrove, and Emily Long.

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