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Fenton, Missouri – MaKayla Waldner may only be a sophomore at Dexter Senior High School, but she has accomplished more in two years than most do their entire high school athletic career. She once again will be headed to the Class 3 State Championship Track Meet on May 30th and 31st to compete in not just one event, but two events.

MaKayla finished first in the 300-meter hurdles setting another school record with a time of 45.55. At last year's sectionals she set a school record beating an earlier record she held with a recorded time of 46.71. Prior to that record her sister Sammy, a Dexter graduate, held the 300-meter hurdles record.

Waldner also finished second in the 100-meter hurdles with a recorded time of 15.66. The top four finishers in each event qualify for the state tournament.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of my results, but there are still a few things I need to work on to be where I want to be at the state meet," commented Waldner.

She also competed in the long jump placing 5th and the high jump placing 7th at sectionals.

In 2013 Waldner finished 3rd place in the 100-meter hurdles and 8th place in the 300-meter hurdles at the state level.

She will compete Friday and Saturday at Dwight T. Reed Stadium on the campus of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Several other athletes from Dexter competed in the sectional, but were unable to qualify for state.

Taylor Ivy finished 7th place in triple jump with a personal best for her at 32.5 ¼.

The 4x800 team consisting of Melanie McKuin, Julia Hahn, Hailey Anderson and Kelsey Wood finished 6th with a recorded time of 10:34.19.

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