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Bearcat Nation Supporting Our Downtown

Shown in the photo left - from left to right are Reagan Miller, Second Place; Janie Lindsey, First Place; and Brianna Gourley, Third Place. In back from left are Hedrick, Hayley Chapman, Fourth and Fifth Place; Peyton Holcomb, Sixth Place; Josh Ladd, Sixth Place, Comfort and Ron Matley of Consumers Insurance. Credited with having organized the Window Splash Contest was Tracy Horton. Not available for photo were Symphony Sumner and Kaitlin Eaton.

Dexter, Missouri – A weekend full of Homecoming events showed everyone how strong our BEARCAT Nation truly is and how a community can come together to show our BEARCAT spirit.

Dana Buchanan Adams came up with an idea to paint downtown windows with a BEARCAT theme and with that idea Alan Hedrick and his Countywide Insurance Team took the idea to the Dexter High School Art Department. The response was overwhelming! What a success!

Hedrick, owner of Countywide Insurance coordinated with DHS art teacher, Clinton Twaddell, who took the idea to the students who were commissioned to begin painting. They were excited about the idea of painting the downtown in BEARCAT red and black!

The Dexter High School arts students had an awesome time painting and showing off their talent! Thirteen art students participated and painted twenty-one windows! With such a huge response some businesses had to be put on a waiting list! Next year the art students are going to get started sooner. It was such a great idea and it seemed to put everyone in a Homecoming spirit!

It was a quick adventure taking only about one month to prepare, advertise, and paint. Thanks to Tracy Horton, an agent at Countywide Insurance. Through her efforts and her tireless dedication, she went door-to-door asking for sponsors for the project, collected money, and even got keys so that the students could paint after hours. Without her hard work and dedication this momentous occasion would not have been possible!

Mr. Twaddell coordinated obtaining art supplies and a special thanks goes out to Busy B Lumber and Christian Dowdy. David Vinson and Peggy Barks offered extra windows downtown to show their BEARCAT spirit.

In all several hundred dollars was raised with \$320 in prize money going to DHS Art Students. Special thanks to Todd Richards of KFVS12 and other local celebrities for their participation and judging the artistic endeavors! They did a fantastic job choosing the winners!

First place went to Jessica Lindsey.

Her painting was on the front of York Law Office

and she earned a \$100 grand prize!

[Here are a list of the other winners!](#)

2nd Place: Reagan Miller

- Farm Bureau. \$75 Prize

3rd Place: Briana Gourley & Symphony Sumner

- County Wide Insurance. \$50 Prize

4th Place: Haley Chapman & Kaitlin Eaton

- ShowMe Times. \$30 Prize

5th Place: Haley Chapman & Kaitlin Eaton

- Ben Franklin. \$25 Prize

Tie 6th: Peyton Holcomb & Josh Ladd

- Rainey Mathis. \$20 Prize

Tie 6th: Brianna Gourley

- Montgomery Bank. \$20 Prize

Alan Hedrick, owner of Countywide Insurance and Jason Comfort also presented a check in the amount of \$400 to the Art Department for supplies. Clinton Twaddell was on hand to receive the check.

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