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Dexter, Missouri - Mrs. Heather Ryan's first grade classroom earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for March.

School Wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month. The students are also awarded "superhero" capes to wear and parade around the gym before returning to class.

Front row: Drew Martinez, Wyatt Hockersmith, Gwyn Burleson, Marissa Bradley, Cadence Buenaventura, Makalie Mekan, Rilee Hayes, Daniel Twomey, Olivia McCollum

Back row: Tara Pullum, Brailyn Evans, Charlene Bess, Austin Lasater, Emma Sadler, Luke Fichtel, Ashur Allen, Cheyenne Austin, Stryker Muzny

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Essex, Missouri - Four Richland R-1 School students were recognized last week with awards on the national level for their skill in photography.

Eighth grader Emily Blunt, junior Skie Pinkley, sophomore Katie Pinkley, and junior Parker Miller received photography awards.

Emily Blunt and Skie Pinkley both won national photography awards from Jostens, the high school yearbook publisher for Richland R-1 School.

Blunt's photo "Fire Flowers" placed third in the nation in the Middle School/Junior High division.

Skie Pinkley's photo, "One Last Selfie" won second place in the Graduation category of Josten's national photo contest.

There were more than 5,000 photos submitted for the Jostens Photography Contest and Richland came away with two of the very coveted forty-six national awards. 

Katie Pinkley and Parker Miller both received gold keys for placing in the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists' 2015 International Writing and Photo Contest.

Miller won the over-all Sweepstakes in the Sports Photography division - meaning Miller's sports photo entitled, "Re-Reb-Rebound" was voted as the number one photo in the entire contest with both U.S. and international entries.

Katie Pinkley won the National Award for Sports Photography for the state of Missouri. Her photo entitled "Grayson for Two," was selected as the best sports in the state of Missouri.

No other school in Missouri placed in the Sports Photography Division of the Quill and Scroll contest, meaning Miller and Pinkley swept the state and the national-international voting.

Blunt and Skie Pinkley will receive camera gear as their prizes and their photos will be published in the upcoming 2015 Jostens Lookbook along with being on display last week at the Journalism Education Associations National Convention in Denver.



With their awards, Katie Pinkley and Parker Miller both receive the opportunity in their senior year to apply for for the Quill and Scroll scholarship that can be up to \$1,500 for the college of their choice. This is the second win of the year for Miller, as in the fall he won first place in Student Life Photography at J-Day hosted at Southeast Missouri State University in September.

"I'm very proud of all of four of these students," said Kyle Carter, yearbook advisor for Richland. "We have a very special yearbook staff and all of them enjoy honing their skills and competing on the biggest stages. I have been blessed to have great support from both my school board and my administration and well as some wonderful students to work with."

Photo by Parker Miller / Richland School. - This photo entitled "Re-Reb-Rebound" was

taken by Richland R-1 School junior Parker Miller shows Rebel senior Skyler Grayson, left, going up for a rebound against the Advance Hornets during their Stoddard County basketball game on January 16, 2015, in Advance, Missouri. The photo was taken with a mounted backboard camera that Miller remotely fired during the game using a wireless Pocket Wizard. He used a Canon 1Dx camera with a 16-35mm lens and it was shot at: 1/400 sec; f/5.6/ ISO 4000. Miller won the Sweepstakes Award, which is the grand prize award, for the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists' 2015 International Writing and Photo Contest in the Sports Photography division for this award.

Photo by Katie Pinkley / Richland School - This photo entitled "Grayson for Two" was taken by sophomore Katie Pinkley and depicts Rebel senior Marcus Grayson putting up a shot over Zalma's Christopher Lombeida during the second half of their game on January 23, 2015 at Richland R-1 School. The game was Richland's Homecoming game, before which Katie Pinkley won the crown of Homecoming Queen. After taking the first half to greet all the fans, Pinkley in her red cocktail dress, high heels and tiara, picked up her camera and shot the second of the game - during which she captured this photo of Grayson. She used a Canon 1Dx camera with a 70-200mm lens and it was shot at 1/400 sec; f/3.2; ISO 3200. Pinkley won the National Award for the state of Missouri in the Sports Photography division - which is the title for the top photo in each division for each state for the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists' 2015 International Writing and Photo Contest.

Photo by Skie Pinkley / Richland School - This photo entitled "The Last Selfie" was taken by Richland R-1, then sophomore, now junior Skie Pinkley and it depicts 2014 Richland graduates Ashley Lane, left, McKenzie Hillis and MacKenzie Williams taking a selfie in front of the school before their graduation on May 16, 2014 outside Essex, Missouri. The three seniors attended Richland R-1 School together from Kindergarten through their senior year. Pinkley used a Canon Rebel T3i for the photo with a 17-40mm lens and shot it at 1/64 sec; f/5.6; ISO 100. Pinkley received second place in the nation for this photo in the Jostens 2015 Photo Contest. This photo, along with her name, her advisor's name and the school's name will be included in the 2015 Jostens Lookbook that will be out later this year. Also, this photo was displayed last week at the National Journalism Education Association Conference in Denver, Colorado.

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Photo by Emily Blunt / Richland School - This photo entitled "Fire Flower" was taken by Richland R-1 School eighth grader Emily Blunt and it depicts a craftsman using a torch to shape metal in the form of a tree leaf on October 28, 2014. While taking a photography

class, Blunt's assignment was to take an interesting photo of welders working with their craft. Blunt took this photo of the working end of a torch that is held by a lady in her 80s that makes these leaves as gifts for her friends and family. The variation of colors in the photo are created by the heating of the electrons to a higher quantum level, and the atoms emit characteristic colors (photons with energies corresponding to the visible spectrum) as they return to lower energy levels. Blunt used a Canon 70D with a 24-105mm lens and shot it at 1/16 sec; f/14; ISO 800. Blunt received third place in the nation in the Middle School/Junior High category of the Jostens 2015 Photo Contest. This photo, along with her name, her advisor's name and the school's name will be included in the 2015 Jostens Lookbook that will be out later this year. Also, this photo was displayed last week at the National Journalism Education Association Conference in Denver, Colorado.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Talented musicians gathered during the last weekend of March at the District Music Festival on the Three Rivers Campus in Poplar Bluff.

The Bloomfield High School Band earned their first District 1 rating in 14 years!!

They played Concert Variations by Claude T. Smith & Encanto by Robert W. Smith.

The Band has grown from just 8 member in 2009 to 34 highly skilled and active members in 2015.

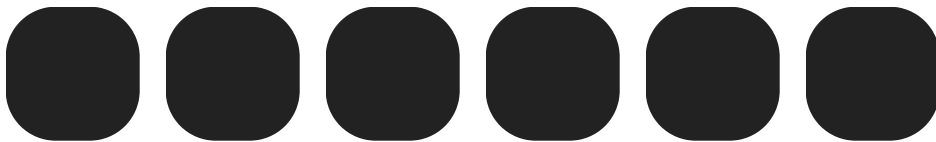
"This is my 6th year at Bloomfield," stated Audry Thompson, Bloomfield Band Director. She earned her B.A. in Music from Missouri Baptist University in 2005 and her B.M.E. Music Ed. from University of MO-St. Louis in 2009.

Congratulations Bloomfield High School Band!!

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Dexter, Missouri - DON'T PANIC! Hopefully you will never seen an accident like this one. On Thursday, April 16th at 1:00 p.m. emergency personnel will be on hand at Dexter High School to demonstrate a **MOCK ACCIDENT**.

The MOCK ACCIDENT will be staged Thursday, April 16, at 1 p.m. behind Dexter High School on Brown Pilot Lane for the purpose of stressing safe driving practices to both middle school and high school students.

The area will be closed to the public, and it will appear as if a "real" accident has occurred involving teenage drivers.

Local police and other law enforcement entities will be on the scene, along with Stoddard County EMS teams and other first responders.

The setup will involve multiple student injuries and perhaps fatalities. Pollock stressed that the public should be made aware that although the staged scene will appear as realistic, it is a mock accident and not to be concerned with the emergency vehicles rushing to the school area on Thursday.

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March Students of the Month at Bernie Schools

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Bernie, Missouri - March Students of the Month at Bernie Schools were named recently and include from left, 7th Grade Kaylie Holt, 10th Grade Madissen Corbin, 12th Grade Caleb Ellenburg, 8th Grade Seth Ingle, 11th Grade Cybil Voss, and 9th Grade Raleigh Hanner.

Students of the Month at Bernie Schools are selected based upon academic achievement as well as good citizenship, attendance, and positive influence among the student body.

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