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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School celebrated Fall Sports Senior Night on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Charles Bland Stadium. There were 42 seniors featured on the field prior to the start of the Dexter Bearcats/Malden Green Wave football game.

Gabe Jackson is a member of the Dexter Bearcat Football team.

He is the son of Dale and Kim Jackson.

He has been a member of the football team all four years of high school and basketball all four years.

Gabe is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, Choir, and Sr. Beta Club.

His future plans are to attend college and major in Psychology.

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Dexter Cross Country Team Finishes Ninth at District Meet

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter high school cross country team wrapped up its season Saturday at the Class 3 District 1 meet held at Charles Bland Stadium.

The Bearcats placed ninth out of eleven teams with a score of 248.

Defending state champion Festus finished first with 31 points, followed by Herculaneum (50), Potosi (80), Notre Dame (80), Ste. Genevieve (140), Desoto (190), Perryville (219), Kennett (228), North County (256), and Windsor (291).

Two Lady Cats are headed to State in individual competition on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Jefferson City.

Emily Ladd and Margo Nea qualified to attend the state meet. Emily finished in the top 10 in eleven races so far this year. She has three second place wins and has won three races. She broke a school record that had stood since 2009 and then turned around and broke that record at the District Meet.

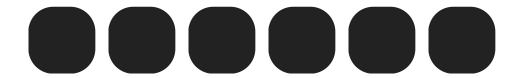
"As a team, this group has won 56 medals, 29 PRs (personal records), 13 season bests, and 34 course bests in the 2017 season," commented head cross country coach Leonard Morse.

"This team has grown into a family this year," continued Morse. "The members of the team care about each other and are there to encourage each other whenever needed. They can be found on the course after their own race cheering for their teammates."

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School held their annual Fall Sports Recognition Banquet on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the high school auditorium.

Athletes competing in football, cross country, volleyball, girls tennis and football cheer were recognized at the event. Awards, certificates, first time letter winners and the ultimate Charles Bland Award were given to athletes throughout the evening.

Volleyball

Kill and Block Award went to Hannah Thurmon

Setting Award went to Bailee Williams

Defense Award went to Megan Trout

Heart and Hustle Award went to Addie Kruse

Football

Most Valuable Lineman Award - Luke Boyer

Most Valuable Back Award - Caleb Hoggard

Most Valuable Defensive Award - Bo McMullin

Most Valuable Player Award - Gabe Jackson

Charles Bland Award - Ben Sindle

Cross Country

Outstanding Female Runner - Emily Ladd

Outstanding Male Runner - Dawson Kasting

Girls Tennis

Bearcat Award - Malia Cook

Bearcat Award - Riley Thornton

Most Improved Player - Hannah Bollinger

Sportsmanship Award - Morgan Aldridge

Pictured front row from left to right: Hannah Thurmon, Bailee Williams, Ben Sindle, Megan Trout, and Addie Kruse.

Middle row from left to right: Luke Boyer, Caleb Hoggard, Bo McMullin, and Gabe Jackson.

Back row from left to right: Emily Ladd, Dawson Kasting, Malia Cook, Hannah Bollinger, and Morgan Aldridge.

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Dexter, Missouri - Athletes earned their first time letters during the annual Fall Sports Recognition program. The Bearcat Booster Club purchases the letter "D" for all first time letter winners.

Mr. Chris Brannan, Booster Club President presented the letters while DHS Athletic Director called the athletes to the stage.

Football Cheer - Alexa Noles, Kyla Propst, Tristin Pullum, Mattilyn Williams, and Alyssa Davis.

Girls Tennis - Abby Dorton, Malia Cook, and Hannah Bollinger.

Football - Shawn Chambers, Austin Guy, Jeremy Stearns, and Marcus Woodson.

Cross Country - Jacob Chamness, Shelby Haynes, Hailee Mayfield, Grace Milam, Carter Dorton, Andrew Ellinghouse, Madelyn Haynes, and Wyatt Parker.

Pictured front row left to right: Kyla Propst, Tristin Pullum, Mattilyn Williams, Alyssa Davis, Abby Dorton, Malia Cook, and Hannah Bollinger.

Middle row from left to right: Shawn Chambers, Austin Guy, Jacob Chamness, Shelby Haynes, and Grace Milam.

Back row from left to right: Carter Dorton, Andrew Ellinghouse, Madelyn Haynes, and Wyatt Parker.

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Dexter, Missouri - There is one award given to a Football Bearcat each year that has become a tradition at Dexter High School, the Charles Bland Award! It is a bronze trophy and was originally awarded in 1994. This is the 23rd year that a group of football enthusiasts have honored a Bearcat and the 2017 recipient is senior Ben Sindle.

Ben is the son of Darrell Sindle and Holly and Chris Bowman.

He has been a member of the Dexter Bearcat Football Team all four years of high school. He has also played basketball and Track & Field all four years.

He is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sr. Beta Club.

He holds the Dexter High School record for most 3-pointers in basketball.

His future plans are to attend Murray State University and major in Physical Education.

Congratulations Ben Sindle.

History of the Bland Award

The Bland Award originated from a group of former Bearcat football players and fans who had an interest in honoring the most outstanding student-athlete from the Bearcat Football team.

The selected Bearcat must meet very strict criteria in many areas of the scholar-athlete life, including: Scholastic Ability, School Participation & Attendance, Community Involvement, Leadership Qualities, Personal & Team Attitude, and Athletic Performance.

A Bland Award recipient should reflect the qualities that interscholastic sports programs have to offer. In no way should this award be seen as a trophy strictly for athleticism; rather, it is to celebrate the most outstanding, well-rounded student-athlete from the senior class.

The late Charles 'Seed' Bland - the man that the stadium these athletes battled in during their high school careers - was a very active supporter of the Dexter School System for many years. The most amazing gift 'Seed' gave was his pride in the Bearcats, as well as the young people of Dexter High School.

Known only to a few, the late Ruth Bland was the 'athlete of the family' and was a standout for both the DHS basketball and track teams. It has been written that she was 'the best female athlete in Southeast Missouri' during her time.

Together, the Bland family has been there to support Dexter Schools and Bearcat Athletics for over 60 years.

Pictured from left to right are Chris Bowman, Holly Bowman, Ben Sindle, and Darrell Sindle.

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