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## 2021 Missouri Good Sports Named

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A male and female multi-sport athlete from both Junior and Senior High were chosen by the Poplar Bluff coaching staff to be named the 2021 Missouri Good Sports through the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Winning the awards of excellence on Tuesday, May 18, for an outstanding display of sportsmanship, positive role modeling and good behavior were: Audrey Rahlmann and Gavyn Hays of the High School, and Ireland Gowen and Brendan Durden of Junior High.

“Since few things bring schools and communities together like high school activities, the actions you display in competitions go a long way to influence others’ perceptions,” states MSHSAA Communications Director Jason West in the award letter. “By taking the responsible steps in displaying positive sportsmanship, you are helping to rekindle the spirit of citizenship and are serving as a positive representative of your school and community.”

Pictured: (From left) Ireland Gowen, Brendan Durden, Athletic Director Kent Keith, Audrey Rahlmann and Gavyn Hays.

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## 2021 Rib City Shootouts will be Largest Ever

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[2021 Rib City Shootouts will be Largest Ever](#)

Are you ready for summer basketball and volleyball? The Rib City Shootout boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball will be even greater this year than past years.

The shootouts began officially in Poplar Bluff over the Memorial Day weekend. This Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th the Shootout will feature boys basketball at the Bearcat Event Center, Dexter High School and T.S. Hill Middle School.

"We have 46 teams participating in the two day event this weekend," commented Rib City Shootout creator and Dexter boys basketball coach Chad Allen.

The big weekend of the summer will June 16-17th with the girls shootout to be held at the Libla Family Sports Complex in Poplar Bluff and the boys shootout on June 17th and 18th at Dexter. It is estimated that a record 152 teams are to participate.

"Some of the best teams in our area and across six other states are coming to participate in the Shootout," Allen said.

Here are just a few of the teams coming to Dexter on June 17th and 18th:

- Vashon who were the Missouri Class 4 state champions
- Westminster Christian runner-up for Missouri Class 4 state
- Arkansas Class 5A state champion Jonesboro; Arkansas
- two-time Rib City Shootout tournament champion Center Hill of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
- Jackson (Tennessee) South Side squad that finished 26-3 last season;
- Missouri Class 4 quarterfinalist New Madrid County Central;
- Fayette-Ware High School of Somerville, Tenn.;
- Marion High School, Illinois;
- Murray High School, Kentucky
- St. Mary's of St. Louis.

The winners of the main varsity boys and girls brackets that weekend will win new uniforms, courtesy of BSN Sports.

There will be a Rib City 3v3 Clinic and Tournament on June 25th and 26th at the Libla Family Sports Complex.

The camp will be run by DigDeep Basketball owner and trainer Stephon Martinez and Kennett stand-out Fred Garmon.

Martinez trains NBA players and top college prospects.

“The event will include an hour and a half 3v3 skill-based clinic provided by myself and assisted by Fred Garmon,” Martinez said in a Facebook post on the Rib City Shootout’s page. “Shortly after the clinic concludes the 3v3 tourney will begin! Each team will have a three-game guarantee and a single-elimination tourney! You are able to bring your own team or join another!”

The session for 5th - 8th grade boys and girls will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 25th, and high schools boys and girls' session will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 26th.

The cost is \$40 per player and registration is underway. Register at [DigDeepBBall.com](http://DigDeepBBall.com) or call 573-747-9074.

For sports fans the cost to attend a Rib City Shootout is \$5 per person per day. This will get you into all the buildings on that particular day.

Here is the schedule for shootouts at Dexter.

- June 4-5, boys basketball
- June 9-10, girls basketball
- June 10-11, volleyball
- June 17-18, boys basketball
- June 24-25, girls basketball
- July 7-8, volleyball
- July 8-9, boys basketball
- July 9-10, girls basketball
- July 19-20, girls basketball
- July 19-20, boys basketball

In addition, Rib City will hold additional shootouts at Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff and Murray, Kentucky this summer. Visit the Rib City Shootout Facebook page for the complete schedule, photos, and scores!

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## Several DHS Track & Field Athletes Qualify for the MSHSAA State Championship

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### Several DHS Track & Field Athletes Qualify for the MSHSAA State Championship

Several Dexter High School Track and Field athletes have qualified for the MSHSAA Class 3 State Championships to be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Adkins Stadium in Jefferson City.

Twelve athletes qualified in eight events. Also Josh Alday, Gabby Brown and the boys 4x800 relay team broke school records on Saturday, May 22nd at the sectional meet in Park Hills Central.

Alday broke his own record with a first-place finish of 50.97 meters in the javelin throw.

Brown broke records in the 800- meter and 1600 meter runs. She won the 1600 in 5:28.43 and was second in the 800 in 2:24.07.

Clayton Bell, Christopher Stone, Carter Dorton and Gavin Cartwright with a third-place finish in the 4x800 in 8:30.64.

Cartwright teamed with RJ Farmer, Aniston Kyle and Carter Dorton to place third in the 4x400 in 3:35.56, and he placed fourth in the high jump (1.78 meters).

Brown teamed with Avery Neely, Allison Turnbo and Dulcie Pullen to place fourth in the girls 4x800 (4:23.02).

Aniston Kyle qualified in a second event, finishing fourth in the 400 with a time of 52.42.

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## DHS 2021 Spring First Time Letter Recipients

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Twenty-six athletes were named first-time letter winners at the Dexter High School spring sports recognition program May 6 at the high school auditorium. Names are organized by sport. BASEBALL: Andrew Dodson, Reece Justice, Josh Kaufman, Clay Prance, Adam

Saylors, Seth Teel and Brock Wyman. BOYS GOLF: Matt Hardin, Alyssa Warren and Ethan Zabelin. BOYS TENNIS: Peyton Boles, Drew Chamberlain, Drake Channell and Logan Jones. SOFTBALL: Kinleigh Chappell, Kaylee Hazel, Alexis Ingram, Amelia Jenkins and Tatyana Little-Whiteman. TRACK AND FIELD: Tristan Bryant, Levi Dement, Chase Farmer, RJ Farmer, Marie Fees, Maddie Glaus and Anistin Kyle.

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## DHS 2021 Spring Recognition Program

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Dexter High School held its spring sports recognition program May 6 at the high school auditorium.

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Hannah Pyles, Amelia Jenkins and Logan Jones. BACK ROW: Ryan Collier, Riley Slusher, Ryder Boles, Peyton Boles and Peyton Driskill.

## BASEBALL

Riley Slusher won the batting average award. Peyton Driskill was voted the team's MVP.

## TRACK AND FIELD

Gabby Brown was named the female athlete of the year. The top male athlete will be announced following the season.

## BOYS TENNIS

Ryder Boles was the team's top singles player, and Ryder and Peyton Boles won the team's doubles award.

Logan Jones was named most improved player.

## BOYS GOLF

Ryan Collier won the team's lone award as season medalist, averaging 38.9 strokes on a nine-hole course.

## SOFTBALL

Kennedy Bess posted the team's top batting average, hitting .531 with a team-high 26 RBIs.

Hannah Pyles received the dedication award. She finished with four triples and two doubles.

Amelia Jenkins was named MVP, after setting a school record for strikeouts in a season (147 over 91 2/3 innings).

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