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# PTO Book Fair Raises Money for Southwest Elementary Library

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Each year the annual PTO Book Fair is held in late January to early February and students get an opportunity to shop for books from the Scholastic Book Company.

This year was the biggest yet with a record amount of proceeds going back into Southwest Elementary, Central Elementary and T.S. Hill Middle School Libraries.

PTO parents help at the Book Fairs and assist the students, run the cash registers, and try to make it an educational and enjoyable shopping experience.

Each school library will receive almost \$1,900 to purchase books and supplies for their respective library.

**Shown in the photo is Kristi Booker, President Southwest PTO presenting a check to Camie Richard, Southwest Elementary Librarian.**

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## Positive Office Referrals at Southwest Elementary

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Wyatt Burden, Chloe Richman, Emilyynn LeGrand, and Jonas Shoemaker with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Wyatt Burden is in the first grade classroom of Mrs. Hammons. "Wyatt helped another student who was having trouble getting her coat on. He was very polite and used the 3R's."

Chloe Richman is in the 2nd grade and was referred by Mr. Eldreth. "Chloe is always showing the 3R's and is a fantastic behavior model for her peers!"

Emilynn LeGrand is in the Kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Mason. "Emilynn is kind and helpful to the teacher and other students."

Jonas Shoemaker is in the 2nd grade classroom of Mrs. Keena. "Jonas is always positive!! The first one to tell classmates, "Good job!" Hard worker and always ready to learn!"

**Back row from left to right are Wyatt Burden and Chloe Richman, front row from left to right Emilynn LeGrand and Jonas Shoemaker.**

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## Dexter Elks Lodge Awards Scholarships

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Elks Lodge recently announced the winners of \$500 scholarships awarded to 2016 seniors.

The 15 scholarships went to students and direct relatives of members of the Dexter Elks Lodge.

The Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, by undertaking community projects that address unmet needs, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans.

The recipients of this year's 2016 scholarships are Kendall Adams of Dexter, Kassidy Bollinger of Dexter, Kerigan Brady of Dexter, Shaylee Ficke of Doniphan, River Chism of Dexter, Matney Davis of Dexter, Michael Griffin of Dexter, Kayla Newell of Apex, North Carolina, Tyler Heil of Dexter, Jessica Holder of Dexter, Storm Massey of Dexter, Dakota Monroe of Bloomfield, Seth Mouser of Dexter, Katylyn Pearson of Bloomfield, and Blake Robinett of Dexter.

Shown in the photo are Dexter seniors front row from left to right Kerigan Brady, Jessica Holder, Kendall Adams, and Matney Davis. Back row from left to right are Michael Griffin, River Chism, Tyler Heil, Storm Massey, and Blake Robinett.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary singers have two big events this week. Shown in the photo is the Southwest Elementary Honors Choir.

Second grade choir will perform "We Haz Jazz" on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southwest gym!

"We Haz Jazz" will feature the classes of Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Mick, and Mrs. Nelson. This is FREE and open to the public!

On Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Radio Disney Host Nate and the Disney Band "Before You Exit" will perform. Doors open at the Bearcat Event Center at 6:30 p.m. This event is FREE and open to the public.

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## Three Rivers Closes Capital Campaign with Victory Celebration

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Three Rivers College closed its “Changing Lives, Building Futures” fundraising campaign with a “Victory Celebration” held at the college’s Poplar Bluff campus on April 1. The multi-year campaign was focused on raising donations for the college’s major building projects in Sikeston and Poplar Bluff.

“This isn’t a victory just for one person, but for everyone who has worked hard to support the college and make this campaign a success,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “And while we are closing the capital campaign,

we're going to continue to move the college forward.”

Over the course of the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, Three Rivers raised approx. \$7.5 million through over 400 private donations. The funds raised supported three major capital projects for the college: the construction of a major instructional facility in Sikeston; the Robert W. Plaster Center for Free Enterprise on the Poplar Bluff campus; and the Libla Family Sports Complex, also on the Poplar Bluff campus.

“Because of this campaign, where six years ago there was just a corn field, today there is one of the most modern education facilities in Missouri,” said Scott Matthews, a major donor to the Three Rivers – Sikeston project. “Three Rivers, at all of its locations, embodies the dreams of the area, and is truly changing lives and building futures.”

Construction on Three Rivers – Sikeston completed in 2014, while the Robert W. Plaster Center for Free Enterprise opened for classes in 2015. The final project supported by the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, the Libla Family Sports Complex, began construction in 2016, with an official groundbreaking on April 1 prior to the Victory Celebration.

In addition to financial donations, the campaign also generated numerous donations of property and equipment. Major property contributions included a 68-acre donation of land from the Matthews family, which made possible the Three Rivers – Sikeston building; and a significant land donation from Dr. Richard Camp, which was used to complete the college’s Main Entrance project.

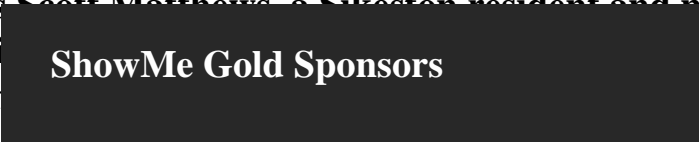
While Three Rivers has completed the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, the college is still seeking donations for multiple initiatives, including one-time and endowed scholarships, the college’s “Excellence Fund,” and continuing support of Three Rivers’ capital projects. For more information on how you can make a difference at Three Rivers, or to make a donation, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077, or **[michellereynolds@trcc.edu](mailto:michellereynolds@trcc.edu)**.

**Three Rivers College** is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming

events, visit [trcc.edu](http://trcc.edu)

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Shown in the photo is Scott Matthews, a Silveston resident and major donor to the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign. Matthews, who is also a trustee of the college, speaks at a Victory Celebration in honor of the completion of that campaign.



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