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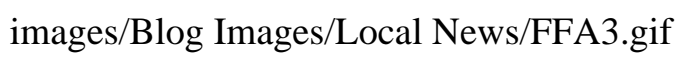
FFA Students Excel At Competition

*Submitted by Ronnie Shipman,
FFA Advisor*

Members of the Dexter FFA competed at Area 16 contests held at Twin Rivers on March 2. The DHS Chapter had several members competing in different events.

In Extemporaneous Speaking, Lauren Powers placed first. Extemporaneous Speaking is for any high school FFA member. They pick three topics out of a hat and then have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech.

In Division One Public Speaking, Chelsey Massey placed first. Division One public speaking is for 9th grade students and they must write and present a 3-4 minute speech. The FFA Knowledge team from Dexter placed 4th. The team members are Dustin Bates, Shelby Edwards, Brianna Madigan and Nick McCollough.

These students have all qualified to compete  at district FFA contests held in Cape Girardeau on March 26.

Other competitors were, Shelby Edwards in Creed Speaking who placed seventh. Christin Sitzes and Chelsey Massey's record books who both placed second. Caleb Johns' completed record book that placed third and the Dexter FFA Chapter Scrapbook that placed second.

[i]Photos above: Top Photo:Lauren Powers, who placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking
Middle Photo: Chelsey Massy who placed first in Division One public Speaking.
Bottom Photo: The Dexter FFA Knowledge team that placed 4 at contest on Tuesday include (from right to left) Brianna Madigan, Nick McCollough, Dustin Bates and Shelby Edwards.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

By Annabeth Miller, ShowMe Times Editor

On March, 1904, a baby named Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, Mass. But today, 107 years after he was born, he's better known around the world simply as "Dr.

Seuss."

His father and grandfather were brewmasters, and his mother used to "chant" rhymes to her children at bedtimes. Geisel later is reported as crediting his mother with both his ability and desire to create rhymes that were the centerpiece of his stories.

Geisel combined his love of language with a talent as a cartoonist. Through the years he wrote more than 40 books - the most famous being *The Cat in the Hat*.

Other books include *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, and *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

To celebrate Geisel's birthday, the youngsters at Southeast Elementary School in Dexter had a day full of Seussical fun - starting off with green eggs and ham served in the cafeteria for breakfast.

Shannon Putnum's first grade students had time for Horton (from *Horton Hears a Who*), and had special hats (just like the cat's) to wear during the afternoon, as well as read some favorites from Dr. Seuss.

So here's a tip of the red and white hat
To the fella who gave us that mischievous cat!

***"Today is your day
You're off the Great Places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."***

-from "Oh The Places You'll GO"

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Middle School Drama Group To Perform

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Practice Makes Perfect Performance!

Members of the T.S. Hill Middle School Drama Club have been busy for several weeks preparing for its annual spring play. The production will be presented to the public at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1 at the Dexter High School Auditorium. Drama Club members paused for a photo during a rehearsal this week. Members include (front row, from left) Delfina Flores, Haley Chapman, Andrew Morgan, Brooks Probst, Savannah Deal, Nicole Battles, Erika McCoy, Natalie Midgett; (middle row, from left) Jordan Dodson, Ryan Hulsof, Jackson Hubbard, Colton Averett, Zach Midkiff, Rebecca Singh, Oliver Warren, Dawson Reynolds, Keasha Hubbert, Shayna Bess; (back row, from left) Jessica Ladd, Jake Hundman, Katie Dewitt, Shelby Creado, Cheyenne Courter, Shelby Gathings, Michelle Hale, Austin Aldridge, Alexa Ash. Not present for the photo were Lacey Midgett, Jordan Rose, Rachel Putnam, Honey Patel and Jesse Eads. The production is directed by Melinda Sweeney and Tina Cox. (*ShowMe Times photo by Annabeth Miller*)

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DHS Jazz Students Perform In All-District Group

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POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. – Dexter’s Jazz ‘Cats dominated the stage Saturday evening as the Southeast Missouri All-District Jazz Band performed during the 20th annual Jazz Fest at Three Rivers College.

The All-District Jazz Band, an auditioned performance ensemble of students throughout the region, performed under the direction of guest clinician Dan Schunks. Out of 26 high school students selected for the All-District Jazz Band, 19 were members of the DHS jazz group.

DHS Students participating include:

Alto Sax: Brandon Moore, Shelby Lintz and Blake Kimbrough;
Tenor Sax: Brandon Moore, Steven Harrellson, Tyler Jones;
Baritone Sax: Lauren Dudlen;
Trumpet: Hannah Huls, Lnda Love, Alex Allstun, Chris Littleton;
Trombone: Alex Rybolt, Luke Dahs, Kendra Stevenson; Chuy Lara;
Piano: Joseph Greer;
Vibes: Samantha Long;
Drums: Brandon Propst;
Bass: Blake Kimbrough, Nathan Elliot .

At Saturday evening's concert the All-District Jaz Band performed "Senator Sam," by Ernie Wilkins; "Fly Me To The Moon" by Bart Howard and arranged by Sammy Nestico; "The Way I Feel About You" by Carl Severinsen and Tommy Newsom; "Village Dance" by Tom Kubis; and "Hit the Ground Running" by Count Basie and arranged by Mark Taylor.

Dan Schunks was the guest clinician for the jazz ensemble. Schunks has garnered a reputation as one of Missouri's top band directors. He retired recently after over 30 years in public education in Missouri, having taught at North County (Bonne Terre) for 22 years; West County (Leadwood) for 10 and in the Bell City school district. He is an adjunct faculty member at Mineral Area College in Park Hills and conducts the Community Band, the Mineral Area Kicks Band and teaches private low brass and steel drum class.

Schunks' bands through the years received consistently high ratings at state contests and in jazz and marching competitions throughout Missouri. He lives in Farminton with his wife Ellen, and sons Nathan and Philip.

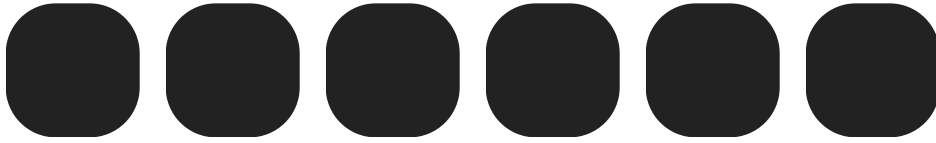
The Three Rivers Jazz Fest was held the week of Feb. 16 – 19 and is supported by the Three Rivers Patrons of the Arts. Three Rivers College instrumental music instructor Buddy White is the director of the jazz festival.

Photo above:

A number of Dexter High School Jazz Band students participated in the Southeast Missouri All-District Jazz Band as a part of the 20th Annual Three Rivers College Jazz Festival. The DHS Jazz 'Cats students who were members of the All-District band gathered for a photo in the lobby of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the campus of Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff. *Reader-submitted photo by Kay Stevenson.*

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Area Students To Participate in Spelling Bee

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POPLAR BLUFF, Mo – One Southeast Missouri student will win the chance on Feb.26, to compete in the National Spelling Bee by winning the Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee at Three Rivers College.

This year’s competition marks the second year that Three Rivers College will host a regional Scripps Spelling Bee for area elementary and junior high school students. The winner immediately is qualified for the national spelling bee.

“Three Rivers is one of only a few higher education institutions to sponsor the national spelling bee,” said Mark Sanders, English instructor and coordinator of the Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee at Three Rivers.

Sanders reports the 2010 Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee was won by Summer

Johnston, a student from Advance.

“We invite public, private, parochial and home-schooled students from 17 southeast Missouri counties to take part in this event.”

The E.W. Scripps Publishing Company has sponsored and hosted the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., since 1941.

According to Sanders, 45 spellers are registered for the competition at Three Rivers. The winner of this bee will be qualified to advance to the National Spelling Bee this summer. Last year's national champion received over \$40,000 in savings bonds, prize money, and books.

“Until Three Rivers began hosting this last year, kids in our area did not have any opportunity to compete against other spellers from throughout the country,” said Steve Lewis, Division Chair for Humanities and Social Sciences at Three Rivers. “Now they do. The spelling bee fosters excellence in academic achievement among the students in southeast Missouri. The event also provides an opportunity for the students and their family members to set foot on our campus, become more acquainted with our facilities and personnel, and realize that Three Rivers is an excellent choice for higher education.”

“As an institution of higher learning, it’s important for us to support educational experiences at all levels of learning,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, Vice President for Learning at Three Rivers. Events like this give us the opportunity to be good community citizens by supporting the efforts of elementary and middle-school learners.”

The 2nd Annual Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee at Three Rivers will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb.26, in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center auditorium. The event is presented by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust and open to the public; admission will not be charged. Sponsors include Boycom Cablevision; Insta-Print; First Midwest Bank; Poplar Bluff Rotary Club; Sikeston Rotary Club; River Radio; East Side Discount Pharmacy; First Missouri State Bank; Kennedy, Kennedy, Robbins & Yarbrow; Mayas Restaurant; Poplar Bluff Federal Credit Union; Poplar Bluff Kiwanis; Southern Bank; Sterling Bank and Walmart. For more information, please contact Mark Sanders at (573) 840-9122.

Photo above

The 2010 winner of the Southeast Missouri Spelling Bee. Summer Johnston of Advance, participated in several events as a part of the 2010 National Spelling Bee in Washington,

D.C. She is pictured above with the 2009 National Spelling Bee winner, Kavya Shivashankar, who won the spelling bee in Lafayette, Ind. Sponsored by the Journal and Courier. Her winning word in the 2009 National Spelling Bee was “laodicean” (which means a person who is lukewarm or indifferent, especially a person who is lukewarm or indifferent, especially in religion).

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