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TRC Patrons of Arts Prepare for Season

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POPLAR BLUFF - The Patrons of the Arts Society at Three Rivers College is still accepting new members for its 2011-2012 season.

New members can join for as little as \$100, and the cost is tax-deductible, according to the Three Rivers news bureau. All members receive mention of their name or company name in show programs, and an invitation to the private wine and cheese reception held at the end of each season. Those giving at the Patron's level (\$1,000 or above) receive two season tickets, in addition to the regular benefits.

The different membership levels are:

- Member: \$100 or more
- Supporter: \$500 or more
- Patron: \$1,000 or more
- Sponsor: \$3,500 or more
- Benefactor: \$5,000 or more
- Distinguished Benefactor: \$10,000 or more
- Lifetime Distinguished Benefactor: \$100,000 or more

Members of the society contribute significantly to bringing special music, art, drama, dance, literature, lecture and film to the community through Three Rivers College.

For more information about joining the Patrons of the Arts Society, call 573-840-9527.

Members of the Patrons of the Arts membership committee met at The Bread Company on Wednesday. Pictured from the left are: Dr. Amber Richardson, Cindy Boyers, Nancy Mayer, Dr. Wes Payne, Tim Thompson, Judy Anderson, Laura Dowd, Kathy Sanders and Mary Libla.

Photo Above: Members of the Patrons of the Arts membership committee met at The Bread Company recently. Attending were (from left) Dr. Amber Richardson, Cindy Boyers, Nancy Mayer, Dr. Wes Payne, Tim Thompson, Judy Anderson, Laura Dowd, Kathy Sanders and Mary Libla.

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Bearcat Fans Enjoy First Victory of Season

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Bearcat Fans Enjoy First Victory of Season

It was an almost perfect night to be a Bearcat football fan!

Not too hot, not too cold. It was the first game of the season. The band marched and played with pride. The cheerleaders encouraged and helped keep school spirit high. The fans were ready for some F-O-O-T-B-A-L-L!

Friday evening there was a special sense of excitement as the football Bearcats took to the field at Charles Bland Stadium, ran through the columns of the Marching Bearcat Band, and smashed through the banner held by the cheerleaders. It was going to be a great night for Bearcat fans!

And, indeed, it was a great night. The Bearcats delivered a great season opener, defeating the Dragons from Ste. Genevieve 28-6. The band had a great halftime show, featuring the music of the group Chicago, and the students showed their pride and enthusiasm in the stands.

Following the Bearcat's victory, the DHS students had the annual Back to School Dance in the high school cafeteria.

(The only thing to mar an almost perfect night ... the pesky mosquitoes!)

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Bearcats Ready To Kickoff Season

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Bearcats Ready To Kickoff Season

The excitement is building this week at Dexter High School as preparations are finalized for the first football game of the season.

The Bearcats take on the Dragons from Ste. Genevieve this Friday with kick-off for the game at 7 p.m. in Charles Bland Stadium.

The DHS Marching Bearcat Band has been busy preparing for the halftime show. A crew of volunteer moms has been on hand after school each day this week to help new band members get their uniforms all in order. Band members have been busy throughout the week in preparation for the first field show.

The Bearcats go into the 2011 football season ranked in the top ten in the state in pre-season polls.

The Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters pre-season poll pegged the Bearcats in 9th place in Class 3 in its annual pre-season poll, receiving 27 first-place votes.

Ste. Genevieve, also in Class 3, did not place in the top 10, but did garner five first-place votes in the poll.

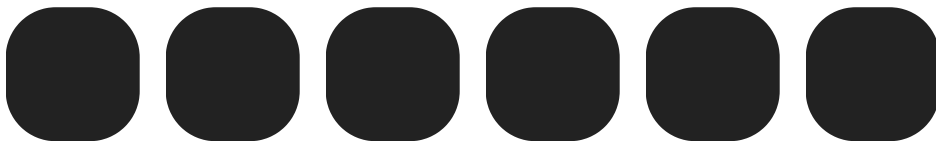
"Band mom" Janet Johns helps freshman Bearcat Marching Band member Brooks

Propst get his band uniform. Band members are busy preparing for the first home football game of the season this Friday night. (SMT photo by Annabeth Miller)

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**University Announces
Speaker Series Guests**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Aug. 15, 2011 – Southeast Missouri State University will host several prominent speakers to share their experiences and stories during the 2011-2012 University Speaker Series.

Kicking off the series will be acclaimed “Oprah Winfrey Show” and National Geographic journalist Lisa Ling, who will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Show Me Center. The event is titled “Open Heart, Open Mind.” Ling will share her experiences as a reporter, war correspondent and TV host, using her role as a journalist to focus on positive social change. She will discuss her own career path in her explanation of how journalism plays an important role in the world around us, and how, as times continue to change, it can be a force for propelling the world forward in new and positive ways.

Other programs in the series include:

- Michael J. Fox, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 26 at the Show NMe Center
- Karla Bakersmith, 12 noon, Nov. 14 in the Glenn Auditorium of Robert A. Dempster Hall
- Clifton Taulbert, 12 noon, Nov. 15 n the Glenn Auditorium of Robert A. Dempster Hall
- L. Douglas Wilder, 6 p.m., Jan. 18 at the Dr. Martin Luterh King Jr., Celebration Dinner in the Show Me Center
- Kurt Warner, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 29 at the Show Me Center
- Bill Nye, 7:30 p.m., April 3 at the Show Me Center.

Tickets are required for entry to the Ling, Fox, Warner and Nye events. Tickets for the Ling and Fox events will be available at 10 a.m. Aug. 22. Tickets for the Warner and Nye events will go on sale at a later date. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster outlets and the Show Me Center Box Office. All events are free for current Southeast faculty, staff and students with a valid Redhawks ID. Tickets can be picked up in the University Center Room 202, Center for Student Involvement or the Show Me Center Box Office.

**William Woods Announces
Preliminary Enrollment Figures**

FULTON, MO –Preliminary enrollment figures indicate that approximately 960 students will attend classes on the Fulton campus of William Woods University this fall. Classes began Aug. 22.

“I’m particularly proud and pleased with our strong freshman class in light of the economy and the A+ program the state provides to the community colleges,” Dr.

Jahnae H. Barnett, WWU president, said. "In addition, our strong retention numbers indicate students are happy with their college decision."

This year William Woods welcomed approximately 310 new students from 28 states and seven countries (Brazil, Canada, China, England, Ireland, Israel and Taiwan). Overall, 42 states are represented in the campus enrollment, with Missouri, Illinois, California, Texas and Colorado being the top five.

The overall enrollment has more than quintupled in the 21 years Barnett has been president. In 1990, before WWU added undergraduate and graduate programs for working adults, 713 students attended William Woods. Overall, WWU now enrolls 3,600 undergraduate and graduate students who take their classes in locations throughout Missouri and at sites in Arkansas.

**Bach To The Future
Returns to TRC**

POPLAR BLUFF, MO – Classical music group "Bach to the Future" will return to Poplar Bluff next month, and tickets for the performance are on sale now.

Bach to the Future will kick off the Patrons of the Arts 2011-2012 season with a concert at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the Three Rivers College campus, beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 3. Tickets are \$10, and can be purchased online at trcc.edu/tinnin.

Bach to the Future is known for its fresh, new takes on classical music. The four musicians infuse their performances of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart with modern jazz, African drums, Latin rhythms and more through the use of modern, often custom-created instruments.

[Printed tickets can be purchased at the Three Rivers College Business/Financial Services Office in the Westover Administration building, at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, or at the door the night of the performance as they are available. Bach to the Future is underwritten by a generous donation from Emily Kender Wolpers and Kathy Wolpers Sanders.

For more information on Bach to the Future and other shows coming to the Tinnin Center in 2011, please visit trcc.edu/tinnin.

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Middle School Holds Open House

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Parents of students at T.S. Hill Middle School just jumped right into the school year by following their students' schedules, meeting teachers and learning more about the upcoming academic year at the annual Open House.

It was also an opportunity to learn more about the Middle School PTO, its programs and to unveil the new Concession Stand in the school's lobby.

The Middle School PTO paid for the construction of a new concession stand at the school, and the result is a great addition to the building. Local contractor Keith Bruce built the

concession stand, which follows the Bearcat red and black motif, with black beadboard, black granite counter top, and red Bearcat lettering.

“The concession stand will be available at all the home volleyball, basketball and PTO events, “ said Middle School PTO President Amy Worley.

Also on hand at the Open House was PTO City Council President Suzanne Collier, who helped sell the 2011-2012 PTO t-shirts to families on hand for the event.

The Middle School PTO is also sponsoring a drawing for a new laptop computer. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets will be available for purchase during students’ lunch break until Aug. 31, and the winner will be announced on Sept. 1 at the first school pep rally.

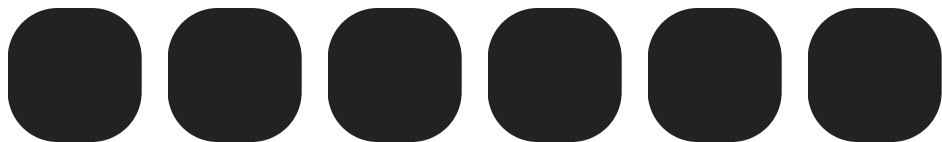
Worleysaid the PTO will also be selling “glow wear” to the students at the Back to School Dance, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 25.

The 2011-2011 officers of the Middle School PTO include Amy Worley, president; Malisa Mayo, vice president; Candy Miller, secretary; Janet Johns, treasurer; Jamie Huffman, sixth grade delegate; Nancy Langley, seventh grade delegate; and Connie Smith, eighth grade delegate.

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