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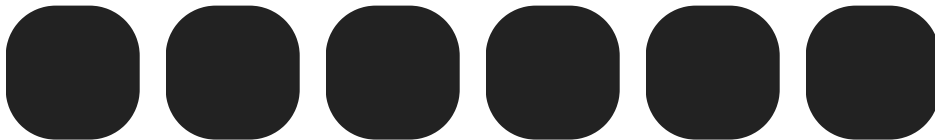
Rebel Cheers!

The cheer squad from Richland High School has been busy this week cheering on its team at the 55th Annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament. The cheer team performed its dance routine on Tuesday afternoon. Team members include (front row, from left to right) Chelsea Freeman, McKenzie Hillis, Lexie Acord; (second row) Mallory Hillis, Shelby Lampkin, Katlynn Roskahr; (third row) Baylee Taylor, Jessica Shidler and Nickol Tilley. The cheer team sponsor is Karen Lane. (Photo by RHS student and SMT Contributing Writer/Photographer Joe Foster. Thanks, Joe!!)

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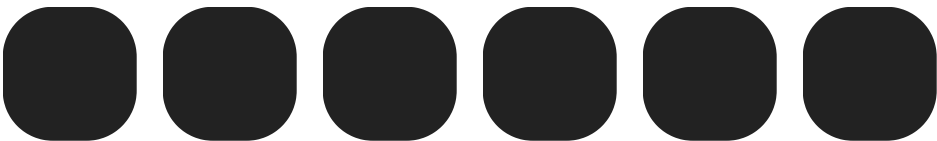
Class Bowls For Reading!!

More than 60 youngsters from Central Elementary School in Dexter really cracked the books and accomplished big things during the second quarter! According to teacher April Aldridge, 65 students met 200 percent or more of their individual Accelerated Reader goal during the second quarter! The students had a chance to have fun one morning at a bowling party and then were treated to a pizza lunch at Pizza Hut! Congratulations to the students, and thanks to Dexter Bowl and Pizza Hut for their part in supporting the young people of the community! (Photo submitted by April Aldridge)

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Class Earns Reading Rewards

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The number 738 was the magic number for the second quarter at Central Elementary. That's the number of points earned by the students in Jennifer Bolin's fifth grade class in the Accelerated Reader program during the second quarter. The 738 points was the highest and earned the class a popcorn party for their outstanding efforts. Congratulations!!!! (Photo submitted by teacher April Aldridge; thanks so much!)

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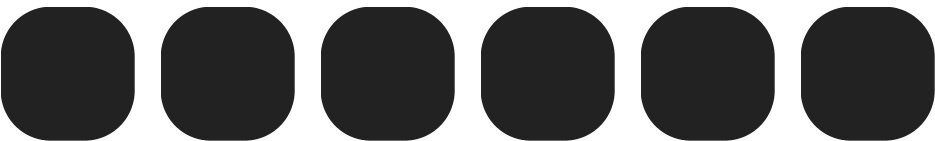
Student Honored For Reaching AR Goal

Jaron Ritter is a lucky guy! Jaron reached 100 percent of his Accelerated Reader goal, at Central Elementary School and had his name entered into a drawing. He won the drawing and received a goody basket full of treats, a book, and McDonald's coupons. Congratulations, Jaron! Keep reading!!! (Photo by April Aldridge, Central School)

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Mizzou, TRC Offer Occupational Therapy

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POPLAR BLUFF, MO – Two Missouri high education institutions are working together to introduce a new health services program in Southeast Missouri.

Three Rivers College is working with the University of Missouri to implement an occupational therapy assistant training program in Poplar Bluff. Students enrolled in the program will take courses from both institutions with the goal of earning earning an associates degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Those interested in studying under the program are encouraged to enroll at Three Rivers now to begin earning the general education courses required for entry.

“The American Association of Occupational Therapy Assistants projects that demand for OTAs will increase 40% by the year 2016,” said Kim Shackleford, Division Chair for Allied Health and Human Services at Three Rivers. “This program is the first opportunity that students in rural Southeast Missouri have had to get this kind of professional training.”

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant (or OTA) prepares students to practice as a certified occupational therapy assistant after meeting certification and state licensure standards.

The OTA option allows students to take general education courses from Three Rivers for the first year, followed by OTA coursework delivered by MU at Three Rivers’ interactive TV-equipped classrooms during the second year. Hands-on work will be completed at centralized learning labs in Union, Moberly, and Sedalia, which students will travel to one day every other week.

The first class of eligible students are scheduled to begin the OTA-intensive coursework in January 2013, leaving two semesters for them to earn required general education requirements.

Based on data from the American Association of Occupational Therapy Assistants, Shackleford estimates that OTAs earn a starting salary between \$40,000 and \$45, 000 a year.

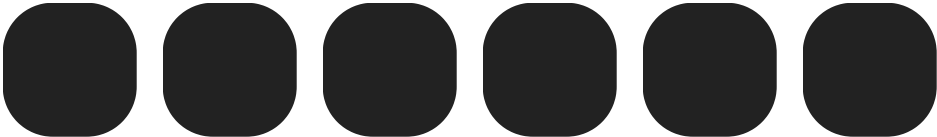
Admission to the OTA program is competitive. Students are required to submit application materials by May 31, 2012. The application packet outlines the submission procedure, and packets are available at the Three Rivers Nursing and Allied Health Center in downtown Poplar Bluff.

Three Rivers College is one of five colleges in the Missouri Health Professions Consortium (MHPC) approved to offer the program coordinated through the University of Missouri, School of Health Professions.

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