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The Homecoming candidates for Richland High School had a close call for the Homecoming King and Queen last night during the Homecoming Basketball Game against the Zalma Bulldogs. The high school students casted their votes on Thursday morning during third period and the King and Queen of Richland's 53rd Homecoming was announced last night in between the junior varsity and varsity basketball game in Richland's gym. There were eight contestants in this year's Homecoming Court, which made it a tough decision for the students at Richland to decide who to vote for.

The 2013 King and Queen titles were given to juniors Dustin Robbins and Katlynn Rofkahr. Both students were surprised and ecstatic as they were crowned by the 2012 retiring King and Queen, juniors Tyler Maddox and Mckenzie Hillis. Although it was a close call, the juniors officially took the crowns. The other nominees were also recognized and congratulated.

The freshman nominee for </images/Beth's Pictures/baylee homecoming.jpg> Homecoming Queen was Skie Pinkley, who was escorted by DJ Kimbrel. Pinkley and Kimbrel are both members to many clubs and organizations that are offered at the high school. Pinkley was recently nominated as the Student of the Month for December for the freshman class and she recently competed in the Fall Festival Pageant. Kimbrel was a Miss RHS escort earlier in the school year.

The two were very anxious for their first Homecoming at Richland but enjoyed the competitions, games, and pep rallies that came along with it.

The sophomore candidates included Nickol Tilley and Marcus Grayson. Tilley is involved in many clubs, including FBLA, Beta, Yearbook Staff member, Student Council, Quiz Bowl Team member, FCCLA, FCA, and FFA. Grayson is a varsity basketball player and is often the top scorer and is also involved in various clubs. Tilley has competed for Miss RHS and Fall Festival Queen in previous years. This year was the first year that they competed for Homecoming Court but were excited to see the turnout.

The junior class elected Katlynn Rofkahr and Dustin Robbins as their Homecoming candidates. Aside from being the newly crowned Homecoming Queen, Rofkahr is a varsity volleyball player, retired Miss RHS, and is a highly active member of FCCLA, FBLA, FFA, FCA, Pep Club, Prom Committee, and Beta. Homecoming King, Dustin Robbins, is also a very active member in many clubs and has been a nominee for Homecoming King in previous years.

The senior nominees were Baylee Taylor and Logan Rodgers. Both Rodgers and Taylor have had their fair share of experience with pageants and competitions similar to Homecoming during the past four years. The duo competed side by side for Miss RHS in 2011. Taylor is a varsity volleyball player, the FFA President for Richland's chapter, and is also a member to Beta, Student Council, FCA, FCCLA, FBLA, and Pep Club. Rodgers is a former basketball player and a member of FFA and Pep Club. The two were very excited about the competition and greatly enjoyed their last Homecoming Week at Richland High School.

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With Homecoming Week officially coming to an end, the students and fans are finally settling down after hearing the results. The participants and contestants for Homecoming Court were excited to be a part of such an important and meaningful week to the alumni and graduates that returned to watch the game on the home court tonight.

We would like to congratulate all the contestants and participants that competed for King and Queen tonight and all of the Richland basketball players that played in the Homecoming Game. We would also like to thank the Student Council members and their sponsor for allowing Homecoming Week to run smoothly and efficiently. Overall, the night was a great success in the eyes of many.

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Essex, Missouri- Richland High School is having a great time during their Homecoming Week (January 14th through 18th). This year's theme is Under the Sea and their competitor for the Friday night basketball game is the Zalma Bulldogs. There are many games, competitions, and dress up days that the students grades seven through twelfth will be participating in throughout the week. The winners of these activities will earn their class extra points, which gives each grade level a chance to be the overall victors of Homecoming Week.

Monday was kicked off with pajama day. The students and teachers had a great time during the lunch hour where they participated in the wheelbarrow race. The faculty also rewarded the kids with hot chocolate and homemade cookies in between classes.

Each high school class was responsible for creating a bulletin board that went along with the Under the Sea Homecoming Dance theme. Students from each grade level put a lot of work and effort into their boards, hoping to win the overall competition. The winner of the competition will be announced on Friday during the Pep Rally.

“Twin Day Tuesday” was a favorite dress up day among the kids, where the students dressed up with the same hairstyle, pants, shirts, and shoes. Richland’s PTO also rewarded the kids with free sodas during the lunch hour, where the High School StuCo also scheduled the Oreo eating contest, which is a *Minute to Win It* game that requires each contestant to wiggle and squirm to get an Oreo cookie from their forehead to their mouth without touching it with their hands.

“80’s Wednesday” was also a scheduled dress up day that has currently been rescheduled for the Monday following Homecoming Week due to the snow day. On Monday, students are encouraged to pull out their leg warmers and tease their hair to create the 80’s-like theme. The musical chairs competition that was supposed to take place during the lunch hour will now take place during the Pep Rally later on this week.

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Thursday is Nerd Day, which means that the students will be wearing suspenders, glasses, and pocket protectors. Nerd Day has been a fairly popular day and has been included in nearly every Homecoming Week throughout the past four or five years. Thursday’s game during the lunch hour was the annual Rock Paper Scissors Tournament, which was won by the junior class.

Friday is Rebel Day, all students participate by wearing red, gray, or other Richland Rebel attire. A Pep Rally will be held in the afternoon where the Pep Club (The Rebel Rousers) will perform a skit from the Adam Sandler movie *The Water Boy*.

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One of the competitions during the pep rally will be the Cheese Ball Toss. One student from each grade level will cover their face in shaving cream while a second student will stand a few feet away and see how many cheese balls they can stick to the shaving cream beard. This game has been voted as a favorite by students that have participated in other Homecoming Week activities in prior years. The limbo, musical chairs, and a scavenger hunt will also be played that afternoon. The famous game of Tug-of-War will also be played in the gym.

Once the pep rally has been completed, the results of Homecoming Week will be calculated and the overall winners will be announced. As of now, the senior class is in

first place, followed by the junior class, and in third place is the seventh grade class. The pep rally could drastically change these results and the other classes that follow the top three have a great chance at winning.

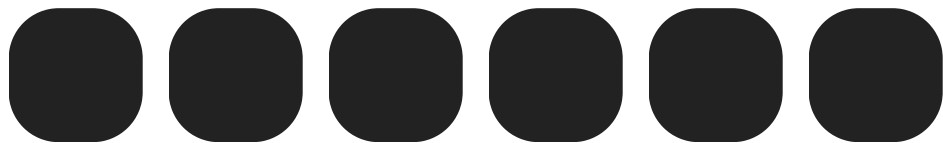
The Rebel students have had a great time this week and are excited for the other upcoming events that will take place throughout the day on Friday and the game and pageant that follows at 6:00pm. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned in between the junior varsity game and the varsity game. The Homecoming Dance (produced by Student Council) will take place right after the Homecoming game and will end at 10:00pm.

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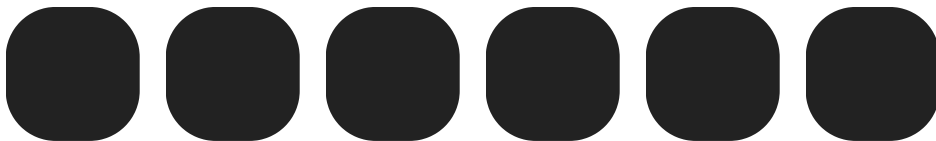
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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College is transitioning the way it serves students who need to strengthen the skills necessary to be successful in college-level courses.

“Three Rivers has been using a \$2 million Strengthening Institutions grant to redesign the traditional classroom model of developmental classes. We have developed a Transitional model that uses computer modules and individualized instruction to help students master higher level skills more quickly and effectively,” said Three Rivers Math Instructor Kevin Wheeler. Wheeler is helping lead the team of college instructors and staff members using the federal Department of Education grant to develop innovative approaches to better prepare students for success.

Using ACT scores or computerized placement assessments, Three Rivers evaluates the math, reading, and writing skills of all new students. The Transitional courses will replace developmental courses for students whose scores indicate they need to boost their math, reading, and/or writing skills in order to be successful in college level courses, Wheeler said.

The Transitional courses provide a more individualized way of learning than the traditional classroom developmental model in which an instructor lectures and all students do the same homework problems, he said.

“The most important advantage is that the Transitional model helps students progress through developmental classes more quickly and can save students

money,” Wheeler said.

He gave the example of a pre-nursing student who completed all three math classes in one semester. Because of the Transitional program, she was able to apply for the nursing program a year earlier than would have been possible with the traditional model.

The writing and reading Transitional classes are set up in a similar way to take advantage of computer modules. With writing, students work through grammar skills modules with writing skills taught using the traditional classroom model.

“Studies show that the more quickly students can progress through developmental courses, the more likely they are to persist to get a degree. This is part of our effort to help students reach their education goals,” Wheeler said.

The Transitional courses were offered in a pilot program at the Poplar Bluff campus during the Fall 2012 semester, with more being offered during Spring 2013, he said. The program will expand to Three Rivers centers and other off-campus locations in Fall 2013.

Three Rivers College offers quality, affordable college and career courses on campus, off-campus and online. For more information about the wide variety of programs offered, about enrolling and about financial aid, call (573) 840-9665 or visit trcc.edu.

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