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Dexter, Missouri - the T.S. Hill Middle School's Drama Club has been practicing for weeks for their annual spring performance. This year they will be performing Annie Jr. in the High School Auditorium.

Staring as Annie is Myca Sutton. The Play is directed by Melinda Sweeney.

The event will take place, Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Support your local student drama club today by watching these young performers on stage.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Anti-bullying awareness has been raised in schools across the country within the last couple of years due to the many forms of bullying that have been witnessed within the time period. At most public schools, if a person feels they have been targeted or victimized by another person or student, they are able to fill out a "bullying form" and give it to the office or a staff member so that it will be filed or looked into so that the progression of the situation can be stopped before allowing it to get out of hand.

October is the National Anti-Bullying Awareness month, but Poplar Bluff is hosting Anti-Bullying week at their school starting next Monday on March 25th. There will be many assemblies at both the Junior High and High School led by one of the stars of the critically acclaimed documentary "Bully", and a leader of the Stand for the Silent movement taking place at schools across the country.

The "Human Heroes" chapter of the national student-led organization was established at the junior and senior high at the beginning of this school year. Back in February, the Human Heroes chapter participated in Stand for the Silent and their efforts have been greatly recognized and will be seen in the upcoming documentary called "The Bully Effect".

Although it is a short week for the Poplar Bluff School District, they will be participating in many events and assemblies and will be warmly welcoming their guest speaker, Kirk Smalley, and other students from Twin Rivers High School and Junior High, who are excited to join Poplar Bluff and their Anti-Bullying Week.

Next week's guest speaker, Smalley, is from Oklahoma and began speaking to schools and students back in 2010, when his eleven year old son committed suicide because of bullying. Smalley will be speaking to both the Twin Rivers and Poplar Bluff high schools at 7:30 and 9:00am in the high school gymnasium on March 28th. He will also be speaking a second time to the junior high students at 11:30am and 1:00pm in the junior high gymnasium on the same day.

Mayor Ed DeGaris will also be attending the assembly, along with the four hundred total students, and will issue a proclamation on the city's behalf. The proclamation will be presented to the student presidents of the Speak for the Silent chapters at 9:30am on Monday, March 25th.

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Dexter, Missouri - Over 500 TS Hill Middle School students at Dexter need your VOTE! They have entered their "Harlem Shake" video in the Baldwin Harlem Shake Contest!

TS Hill Middle School's principal Scott Kruse organized the entire school to perform the Harlem Shake in the gym last week. The students were excited to participate and they really got into the "Harlem Shake" spirit. Batman was on hand entering the floor along with the students dressed in Bearcat school colors of red and black.

Now the students needs your help! Please vote for their video of the Harlem Shake and help the students win some money for their end of the year celebration. They work very hard studying and preparing for tests throughout the year and it's nice to let them unwind with a little fun!

Finding the video is sometimes a challenge. Under the "VOTE" tab, go to the upper left hand corner of the page and click on "View Gallery". This will open the page that allows you to select from all the different videos that have been submitted. Typically, the video has been on page one and very easy to find. The image above shows what the video looks like on this page, or you can click the large image below to go directly to the T S Hill Middle School Harlem Shake page.

You have to register first, so go to the top of the page and click REGISTER NOW. Fill in the blanks. A confirmation email will be sent to you. This may take a few minutes. YOU MUST CONFIRM before moving forward!

Once you have performed this task, type in your email addy and password at the top of the page.

The students need your support! TS Middle School students are counting on the Dexter community! Let go Bearcat Fans!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School held their annual induction of new students into the Dexter Honor Society on March 7, 2013.

The Dexter High School Honor Society was founded in 2004 and is for Juniors and Seniors who have earned academic achievement and have displayed leadership, character and honor during their high school career.

Mr. Corey Mouser, DHS Principal began the even with a few short words and introduced Ryan Joyner, President of the DHS Honor Society. Ryan spoke and performed the Introduction of the Honor Code along with introducing each Senior who spoke and lit candles as part of the Honors Society Ceremony.

The first student introduced was Sam Ward and spoke of Leadership, followed by Sydney Graves who discussed Academic Achievement before lighting her candle. Katelynn Frazier talked about Character, Jessica Loflin spoke of Honesty and R.J. Phillips discussed Service.

Music prior to the ceremony was provided by Joseph Greer.

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The officers of the Dexter Honor Society were also introduced along with Ryan Joyner, were Vice President Jacob Robinson (junior), Sydney Graves Treasurer and Sam Ward Secretary.

The returning members of the Honor Society who were sitting in the audience and asked to stand and face everyone were Justin Cowart, Derek Felker, Damian Glasener, Joseph Greer, Brittany Harris, Hannah Huls, Darcie Lane, Jordan Myers, Natalie Parrott, Courtney Rasor, Alexis Rauls, Kaitlin Viers, Samuel Ward, Tiffany Watson, Logan Webb, Tyler Wilson and Chase Young.

After each officer lit their candle, the proposed junior class students were asked to stand, come to the stage, and take a candle from the table. While Corey Mouser read each name, Ryan Joyner shook their hand and congratulated each student.

The students formed a giant circle around the auditorium and one by one the students passed the flame from one candle to another until all were lit. The students recited the pledge lead by Ryan Joyner, "I pledge myself to strive toward higher academic achievement, exemplify good character in both school and community, and retain a standard of integrity while exhibiting leadership and service to the school and community."

Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of the students clapped and yelled in support of their child standing before them. They were proud and should be as it is a great accomplishment for these students. Some students work after school and on weekends, some students compete in multiple sports, some have community service projects and

others juggle more than one of these commitments during the school year.

/images/Jessica Honesty.gif The following is a list of new members who will honor the pledge: Wesley Ashley, Kelsey Bailey, Will Baker,

Chelsey Berry, Cora Bradley, Morgan Cliff, Erika Cobb, Reale Cook, Baylee Cooper, Bridgett Dixon, John Durham, Sarah Durham, Shelby Edwards, Selena Flannigan, Jonathan Foels, Hunter Frampton, Kayla Hester, Kelsey Holder, Alison Jarrell, Tyler Jones, Katie Justice, Zach Kester, Randi Lacy, Sophie Lebel, Michaela Lesley, Ashley Long, Emily Long, Brianna Madigan, Tesa Martin, Drew Mason, Nick McCollough, Madison McGowan, Jacob Mier, Jacob Miller, Sarah Mouser, Cody Neldon, Nick Noble, Paige Patterson, Hannah Petty, Rebecca Reeves, Sarah Richardson, Riley Rickman, Brianna Roberts, Jacob Robinson, Zach Sims, Kendra Stevenson, Shanna Stonis, Kasity Twaddell, Kali Watson, Mollie Whitehead, Krysta Winstead and Mackenzie Young.

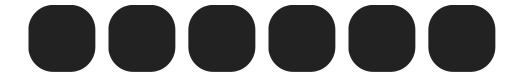
Following the induction, everyone was treated to a very fine dinner cooked by the kitchen staff. You could not have asked for a better catered meal. Thank you ladies for all your hard work.

Congratulations to all of the students on their academic achievements!

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Dexter High School students will be just a few of the hundreds of music students from high schools across Southeast Missouri will come to Poplar Bluff to compete in the annual Three Rivers College District Music Festival on March 21-22 at the college's Poplar Bluff campus.

"We expect to bring over 2,000 music students and their directors to our campus over the two days of the festival," said Buddy White, Instructor of Music at Three Rivers and one of the festival's organizers. "These are the best musicians of the area, and we're always excited to have them all gather at Three Rivers."

Fifteen high school bands and seventeen choirs will be competing for state-level titles on March 21, with dozens of solo and small-group performers vying for district honors on March 22. Those competitors in the district sections who achieve a top rating will qualify to move on to the state competition in April.

The Dexter High School Choir will be performing at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21st and the Dexter Jazz Cats will be performing at 1:00 p.m. Along with their performances are large ensembles throughout the day.

"The college has hosted the festival for 17 years, and across that time, over 30,000 high school students have performed," said White. "It's been an honor to watch all of these talented musicians come across our stage."

On Friday, March 22nd the Band and Choir small ensembles will leave for Three Rivers and begin their performances that morning.

The Missouri State High School Activities Association also sponsors the music festival, and is one of 20 such events hosted in

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the state. Judges for the event are drawn from across the Missouri and Arkansas area, including St. Louis, Little Rock, and Cape Girardeau. Participating schools in the Festival's district include Poplar Bluff, Kennett, Malden, Neelyville, and Twin Rivers. The event is co-managed by Cindy and Buddy White, Instructors of Music at Three Rivers. In addition, Three Rivers students serve as room monitors and judging assistants.

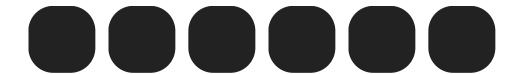
All performances will be held the Tinnin Fine Arts Center at Three Rivers' Poplar Bluff campus and are open to the public. For more information on the event, please call 573-840-9639 or email Buddy White at wwhite@trcc.edu.

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 tree,edu.

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