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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Prospective students may now register for Fall semester classes at Three Rivers College. Registration is also open for Maymester, Summer, and Augmester classes. Registration will continue through Aug. 16 at the Poplar Bluff campus and the centers in Sikeston, Dexter, Kennett, Malden, and Cape Girardeau. The Fall semester starts on Aug. 19.

Three Rivers also offers two-week, intensive Maymester and Augmester classes between the Spring/Summer and Summer/Fall semesters, respectively. Registration for Maymester ends May 17, with classes beginning May 20. Augmester registration ends July 25 with classes starting on July 29.

Full-semester summer classes, along with four-week “A Session” and “B Session” courses are open for registration, as well. Full and A Session courses end registration on May 31, with classes beginning on June 3. B Session courses begin on July 1, with registration ending on June 27.

“We’re excited about the courses that are available this fall,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, Vice President for Learning. “There are options for students just getting out of high school and wanting to get their general education credits finished before transferring to a four-year institution, for students wanting to get their associate degree, and for people wanting workforce training or job skills.”

Payne advises new students who need financial aid to begin the application process as soon as possible in order to receive priority for federal grants and loans. For more

information on how to apply for financial assistance at Three Rivers, visitttrcc.edu/financialaid.

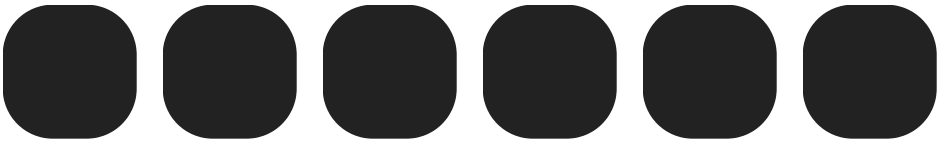
Those interested in enrolling can browse available courses by clicking “Search for Classes” at trcc.edu. Current students can register online through the myTRCC system. Advisement offices are also open now for any current or future students wishing to discuss their college goals. New students must meet with an advisor. For registration assistance or for an advisement appointment, contact the Poplar Bluff campus at 573-840-9605; Center at Sikeston at 573-4725223; Center at Kennett at 573-888-6381; Center at Dexter at 573-614-1081; Center at Malden at 573-276-3529; and the Center at Cape Girardeau at 573-332-0516.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Civil War history buffs and lovers of well-told tales will get a treat this month, as Oracle Award-winning storyteller and musician Beth Horner brings her show “The Silver Spurs” to the Tinnin Center at Three Rivers College, on Thursday, April 11 at 1 p.m. The performance will be free to the public.

A “remarkable tale of tender courage,” Horner’s act is based on the Civil War-era diary of Colonel Wesley P. Winans, Horner’s great-great-grandfather, and his exploits in Missouri and beyond. “The Silver Spurs” blends music, humor, and storytelling into an experience that is, by turns, both raucously funny and a quiet reflection on courage in a turbulent time.

“We’ve worked hard to get Ms. Horner and her unique storytelling style here to Poplar Bluff,” said Sherry McDonald, an Outreach Specialist for the Educational Talent Search program at Three Rivers. “It’s a great honor to have a nationally known storyteller like her perform for us, and we’re sure it’ll be a fun time for all ages.”

Horner has traveled nationwide as a storyteller and teaching artist since 1983, and is a recipient of the National Storytelling Network Circle of Excellence Oracle Award. She has performed multiple times at the National Storytelling Festival, on Live From National Geographic, at Miami’s International Art of Storytelling Festival, and most recently served as narrative consultant for NASA/Johnson Space Center’s Story Mining project for which she collected the stories of the scientists behind the Apollo Space Missions.

Horner says that her goal as a storyteller is to entertain and to encourage her listeners to dip into the wealth of their own imaginations.

“When you watch a story on television or in a movie theater, you see one person’s (the film maker’s) depiction of an image – of a monster, a prince, or an enraged tiger eating a buffalo chip! When you hear a story, you create that image yourself. When I’m telling stories to 50 different people, there are 50 different movies going on in the minds of listeners. Nothing is as powerful or vivid as your own imagination.”

“The Silver Spurs” is a performance appropriate for all ages. For more information on Beth Horner and her storytelling, visitbethhorner.com. For more information on “The Silver Spurs” at the Tinnin Center, call 573-840-9554.

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TRCC Music and Band District Competition

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TRCC Music and Band District Competition

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The annual Three Rivers College District Music Festival took place on Thursday and Friday (March 21st-22nd) and nearly two thousand students competed in several different categories including: choir, piano, percussion ensemble, sight reading, brass, woodwinds, band, vocals, and solos. Seventeen different choirs competed along with fifteen high school bands. High schools from all over Missouri traveled to compete for a chance to get to the State Competition if they received a superior rating (1).

The students that arrived on Friday morning were from all over Southeast Missouri and so were the judges. The judges that were chosen for this event were drawn from Missouri and Arkansas in places such as Little Rock, St. Louis, and even Cape Girardeau. The event is sponsored by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and to allow the competition to run smoothly, many college students at Three Rivers stepped up and helped manage the stage, help the judges, and guide people and groups towards the next competition.

Due to the many students and competitors, there were multiple rooms and competitions going on at once. Each floor of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center was occupied by a different category of competitions. Although it was an all day event, the day seemed to run quickly and efficiently and each performer or group of performers had their chance to compete due to the very organized scheduling done by the college and judges.

Richland High School was among the many performers, including: Twin Rivers, Neelyville, Malden, New Madrid, Dexter, Bloomfield, Poplar Bluff, and Kennett. Richland, lead by Music and Band Director, Amber Duley, entered in multiple competitions such as vocal, piano, two percussion ensembles, two brass solos, and one woodwind solo. The first ensemble to perform included five students, where they performed the song “*Scamper*” and received an excellent rating (2). The second ensemble also received an excellent rating (2) after seven students performed the song “*Flat Baroque*”. Freshman Jamie Smith competed in a woodwind solo and junior Tristan Wamble competed in a brass solo, where they both received a 3 rating.

Dexter High School also traveled and performed at Poplar Bluff and made an incredible impression in all different areas, including both choir and band performances. The high school band, lead by Scott Rybolt, recently competed in the Jazz SIU Festival in Carbondale and won the “Best Section Award” in all of the categories, including: saxes, trombones, trumpets, and rhythm. One of the choir groups received an excellent rating (2) but did not qualify for state. Few students that participated in the competition as a whole will be sent further to the state competition and even a smaller amount will be sent on to nationals.

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners!

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Fifty singers, musicians, dancers, and uniquely talented individuals will battle for a shot at \$1,000 cash on Saturday, April 6, as the first live shows for Show Me Whatcha Got kick off at 12 p.m. The talent competition will host three live performances in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center in Poplar Bluff, to determine which contestants get a chance at the Challenge Round and a chance to be in the Final 12, and who gets to go home to practice for next year's show. All three live shows will be free to the public.

All 50 competitors have passed through the first round of auditions, submitted via video or recorded live by the Show Me Whatcha Got crew. Now the contestants get to test their skills in front of a live audience, as well as the full panel of judges. While many of the hopefuls are musicians, competitors include dancers, a stage magician, a stand-up comedian, and a praise leader. While the judges are excited about the diversity in acts, they also say that they're not going to pull any punches in their critiques because an act is non-traditional.

"It's great that we've got a wide and eclectic range of performers, it was definitely one of the things we were looking for when we started Season Two—something more than the usual song-and-guitar band," said Mitch Davis, the show's creator and a member of the judging panel. "But at the same time, we've got some really great musicians this year. Everyone's got to step up and show us their best stuff, because I'm going to call it like I see it."

Contestants who get a majority of "yes" votes from the judging panel will move on to the closed-door Challenge Round, where the remaining acts will get pared down to the Final 12. Those who survive the culling will be assured a shot at the \$1,000 grand prize—but will have to impress not only the judges, but the live audience, whose votes control who wins, and who leaves the stage empty-handed.

"We got a lot of great feedback from our audience last year, and they really loved having a part in deciding the grand prize winner," said Abby Eaker, the show's executive producer. "So this year, the audience vote will be 100% what determines the winner. The judges will get to comment on performances, but in the end, it's up to Southeast Missouri to decide who the most talented person in their region is."

New to the show are Leeza Edmundson and Adam Davis, replacing two members of last year's judging panel. Show creator Mitch Davis is returning his unique brand of critique

to the audition process, alongside Poplar Bluff native Tabitha Pierce, also a veteran of last year’s show. Also returning is host Zach McAnulty.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing the performers in action. We’ve got so many acts this year! I can’t believe it,” said Pierce. “It’s going to be a lot of hard work—they have us preparing for the shows the full two weeks before they start—but it’s going to be great once we get behind the desk and see these contestants.”

The live shows on April 6 are free to the general public, and will be held at noon, 3, and 6 p.m. at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center in Poplar Bluff. Tickets to the June 1 finale show will go on sale the same day, and will be \$7 per person. Only 200 of 520 tickets will go on sale that day. The remaining tickets will go on sale the night of the finale, and be \$10 per person. For more information on Show Me Whatcha Got, visit facebook.com/showmewhatchagot, email smwgtalent@gmail.com, or call 573-300-1412.

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Dexter Kindergarten Mandatory Screening

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Dexter Kindergarten Mandatory Screening

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Dexter, Missouri – It's that time of the year when most children are thinking about the end of another school year and summer is just around the corner. For those children who are entering the education portion of their lives, Kindergarten is just the beginning.

There is a mandatory screening for all children turning 5 years of age before August 1, 2013 prior to entering Kindergarten.

Dexter Kindergarten Screening will be held at Southwest Elementary School gym on April 25th and 26th by **appointment only**. The appointments will begin at 8 am and the last one will be at 2 pm. The screening takes about 45 minutes to an hour so plan accordingly.

When you call to make your appointment, please have the child's **social security number** available.

At the time of your appointment, please bring with you:

Child's birth certificate

Child's immunization record

Proof of Residency (This can be a cable bill, utility bill, rent recent, mortgage statement, something with your address.)

To make an appointment, call 573-614-1015 as soon as possible.

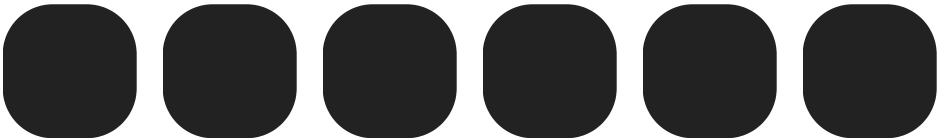
Don't delay, your child's education is important and getting a good start will help them succeed!

Southwest Elementary is located at 915 Grant St. Dexter. Just look for the big crayons!

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