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Dexter, Missouri – Summer break seemed to pass by rather quickly this year as it is time once again for the school year to begin.

The 2013 – 2014 Dexter School Registration Day will be held on Tuesday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center.

Students and parents can register anytime during the day, no appointment is necessary.

If you are a returning student, a registration packet was mailed to your last known address. Parent and/or guardians are asked to update the information prior to attending Registration Day. Included are transportation information (bus information sheet), lunch applications, photo packet information, and medical information that will be kept confidential.

Clean up, dress up, wear your summertime t-shirt, or your favorite BEARCAT shirt! School pictures will be taken on Registration Day. Don't worry if your photo is not perfect, picture re-take day has already been scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd.

Are there any new students out there? If so, you need to register as well on August 6th. Students will need to show provide their immunization record, birth certificate, as well as a social security card. You will also need some type of proof of residency. Parents may bring a water bill, utility bill, or even your cable bill.

Can't make it to registration, don't despair. Just turn in your child's Registration packet prior to the first day of school. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please contact the Dexter Administration Office at 573-614-1000. School begins Friday, August 16th and students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

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Three Rivers Leases New Facility in Kennett

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Kennett, Missouri - Three Rivers College has announced that it will partner with the city of Kennett to lease a 17,000-square-foot facility to house its Center at Kennett for the next three years. College officials said they expect to start to transition to the new location by October 2013.

"We're extremely happy that our focus on building partnerships within the community has led to this new opportunity in Kennett," said Dr. Devin Stephenson, President of Three Rivers College. "We have been rapidly reaching the limits of our current location in Wilcoxson Center, and this will give us much needed breathing room as we continue to expand our higher education offerings in the Kennett area."

The new facility will replace the 10,000-square-foot building currently housing the Center at Kennett, which currently serves over 300 students. The college plans to use the extra space to expand both its classrooms and skills labs, as well as to consolidate its Practical Nursing programs currently held at outside facilities in Kennett and Hayti. The college is also considering expanding its LPN-to-RN Bridge programs to include one housed at the Kennett facility.

The City of Kennett purchased the building from Affiliated Computer Services, a Xerox affiliate, intending to use it to consolidate city administration offices with the police and fire departments in one building. ACS will continue to lease a small portion of the building for its Kennett offices.

"The city council and myself, we feel like (Three Rivers College leasing the facility) is going to be a much better benefit to the City of Kennett, the citizens of Kennett than using it for a government complex," said Kennett Mayor Jake Crafton.

Registration for Fall 2013 will continue at the current Kennett center location at 901C S. Bypass and fall classes will begin there on August 19. To speak with an advisor about educational opportunities at the Three Rivers Center at Kennett, call 573-888-6381. Information about admission to Three Rivers can also be found at trcc.edu/admissions.

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Dexter, Missouri - Three Rivers College's Poplar Bluff campus and its Centers at Dexter, Kennett, and Malden will be holding open house events in order to showcase themselves to their communities. The Centers will be holding their open houses on *Tuesday, August 6 from 2-6 p.m.*, while the Poplar Bluff open house will be Thursday, August 8 from 2-6 p.m. in the Bess Activity Center.

All open house events will give prospective students the opportunity to apply for admission at Three Rivers, receive help with financial aid applications, and learn about the process of registering for classes at Three Rivers. The events will also give prospective students the ability to meet Three Rivers staff, and to take a closer look at the college's facilities and classrooms. Refreshments will be provided.

"So many people might drive past our locations and not realize everything that's available to them," said Bill Hampton, Director of the Center at Dexter. "We want to give them a chance to meet us in person, to see the kind of opportunities that we can offer them. We want people to visit, even if they're just curious."

The open house at the Poplar Bluff campus will showcase various academic programs and services during their event. Instructors from many of the college's degree programs, such as Education, Fine Arts, and Communication will be available to talk to potential students about courses of study, along with representatives from the ACHIEVE program, the Tutoring and Learning Center, and the college's Veterans support officer, among others. Door prizes will also be awarded.

While not holding an open house event, the Center at Sikeston will be offering registration appointments from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday from July 29 through August 16, with evening appointments available until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those interested should call the Center at Sikeston at 573-472-5223.

Those interested in enrolling at Three Rivers can browse available courses by clicking "Search for Classes" at trcc.edu. Current students can register online through the myTRCC system. To apply for admission to Three Rivers online, visit http://trcc.edu/admissions. Advising sessions are currently open for any current or future students wishing to discuss their college goals. New students must meet with an advisor before registering.

For more information about the open house events, or to learn more about taking classes at Three Rivers, contact the Poplar Bluff campus at 573-840-9605; Center at Sikeston at 573-472-5223; Center at Kennett at 573-888-6381; **Center at Dexter at 573-614-1081**; and the Center at Malden at 573-276-3529.

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Tavin Dillard Comedic Fundraiser at ASU

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Submitted by Beth Farrah, SMT Writer

Jonesboro, Arkansas — Tavin Dillard, fondly known as a trailer park resident who does family friendly clean comedy, will present a show at Arkansas State University, Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Carl R. Reng Center Student Union Auditorium, 101 North Caraway Road. Parking is available and free in the parking garage adjacent to the Reng Center. Proceeds from the show will benefit ASU's Department of Mechanical Engineering scholarship fund and student competition teams.

The Dillard show gets underway at 7 p.m. and general admission tickets are \$15. A VIP tickets is \$35 and includes an autograph session, VIP seating and the ticket holder's choice of a t-shirt or a Tavin Dillard DVD.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Tavin Dillard on our campus to help raise funds for the mechanical engineering program," said Dr. Brad Edgar, director of Mechanical Engineering. "What makes his appearance even more special is that Tavin already has ties with Arkansas State. His grandfather helped to build the A&M arch in the middle of campus."

Dillard is the alter ego for Joel Berry, who has a production company called Sweet Tea Films, where he scripts, shoots and edits video projects. His videos may be viewed online at http://sweetteafilms.com/.

To purchase tickets, order online at http://sweetteafilms.com/.

Tickets may be purchased online at http://www.itickets.com/events/310232/State_University_AR/Tavin_Dillard.html. For additional information, contact Edgar at (870) 219-0596.

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Missouri State University Summer Graduation Scheduled

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Springfield, Missouri - Missouri State University will confer 585 degrees to students at its 2013 summer commencement. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 2 at JQH Arena and will feature an address from Michael Wynn, Missouri State alum and president and CEO of Oklahoma City CrossFirst Bank. All ceremonies will be streamed live.

The Missouri State commencement hub features student stories, social media posts, photos and other multimedia experiences that will updated prior to and during commencement.

A total of 272 bachelor's degrees, 302 master's degrees, nine specialist degrees and two doctorate degrees will be conferred. Beyond the standard expectations, four students will be recognized for their work with a more rigorous curriculum in Missouri State's Honors College. Scholastic honors will be given to four students who will graduate summa cum laude (with a grade point average of 3.9-4.0 on a

4.0 scale), 10 who will graduate magna cum laude (with a GPA of 3.75-3.89) and 20 who will graduate cum laude (with a GPA of 3.5-3.74).

Wynn has been in the banking industry for more than 30 years with experience in commercial and consumer lending, retail, private banking, operations and overall bank management. He began his banking career in Springfield after graduating from Missouri State University with a degree in business administration. Wynn is active in the community and has served on several community boards and committees in Central Oklahoma, such as the United Way of Norman. Wynn is currently the vice chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and will serve as chairman in 2014, as well as a member of the Government Relations Committee representing the state of Oklahoma for the American Bankers Association.

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