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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Bloomfield Middle School Band was well represented at the Southeast Missouri Educators Association's Junior and Senior High All-District Band. The concert was held on Saturday, November 16th at Cape Central High School.

Eighth grade students who earned a spot on the Junior High All-district Band were: Lauren Tippen (4th chair Flute), Riley, Burns (15th chair Clarinet), Kaitlyn Fincher (24th chair Clarinet), Gabriel Waters (2nd chair Bass Clarinet), Michael Angel (4th chair Trumpet), Clayton Moser (8th chair Trombone), and Noah Hester (3rd chair Euphonium).

Allison Statler, also an eighth grade student at Bloomfield Middle School, played 4th chair Flute in the Senior High All-District Band.

Ms. Linda Huck, Band Director from the Farmington R-7 School District in Farmington, Missouri, directed the Junior High All-District Band.

Mr. Gary Gackstatter, a composer, conductor, performer, and teacher at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, Missouri directed the Senior High All-District Band.

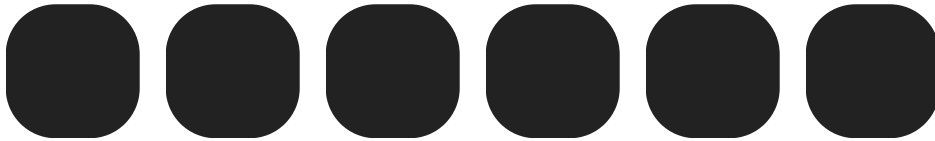
Bloomfield Bands are under the direction of Ms. Audry Thompson.

Congratulations Bloomfield Band Students! We are very proud of you

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Dexter high school students will be participating in the 10th Annual Industrial Arts Bridge Competition in Cape Girardeau. Gage Murphy, Wesley Hardman, Josh Cobb, Tyler Sturgeon, Jacob Miller, Timmy

Spence, Ty Harmon, Ryan Hurley, Andrew Morgan, Jake Hindman, Daniel Brinson, and Damon Allstun.

After weeks of work to build the most efficient model bridges, Southeast Missouri high school students are now gearing-up to put their bridges to the test. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will test bridges entered into its 10th Annual Bridge Building Competition on Thursday, Nov. 21 at Cape West 14 Cine, located at 247 Siemers Drive in Cape Girardeau.

Doors will open at 8 a.m., with the competition beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at approximately 2 p.m.

The competition challenges high school juniors and seniors to design and construct the most efficient model bridge using limited materials: 15 pieces of balsa wood, thread and glue.

“We are very pleased to have over 40 area schools participating in this year competition” said Senior Highway Designer Anita Clark. “In addition to giving students a great opportunity to learn about engineering, participating schools can also win prizes.

Prizes donated by area businesses and organizations will be awarded to the top-five bridge building winners, as well as for the most aesthetic bridge and the electronic bridge building contest. Similar to previous years, cash prizes donated by the Chapter 10 Transportation Employees Association of Missouri will be given to the top three schools with the best overall performance.

Prize donations and supply sponsorships have been made possible by the following businesses and organizations: Chapter 10 Transportation Employees Association of Missouri, Cape West 14 Cine, Three Rivers College, Cape Area Engineers Club, Southeast Physics & Engineering Club, Southeast Chapter of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, Kirlin’s Hallmark of Cape Girardeau, Rhodes Convenience Stores, CiCi’s Pizza, Coca Cola, Sam’s Club and the Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety.

MoDOT also partnered with Arkansas State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) and Southern Illinois University of Carbondale, to offer seniors interested in civil engineering up to \$10,000 in scholarships.

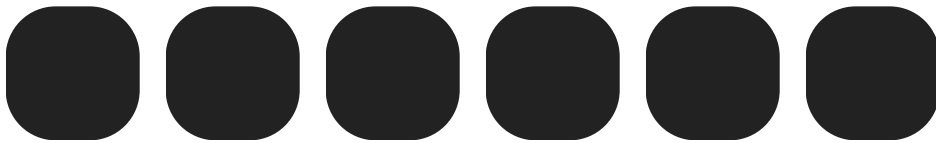
The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Southeast Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety will be on hand during the competition to discuss the importance of buckling-up with the Seat Belt Convincer, which simulates how it feels to be in a traffic crash.

For more information, please contact Clark at (573) 472-5292, Senior Highway Designer Gretchen Hanks at (573) 472-5294 or MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636). Additional information, including videos and photos from previous competitions, is also available at <http://www.modot.org/southeast/programs/BridgeCompetition.htm>.

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Three Rivers Registration Begins

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Dexter, Missouri - Registration has begun for Three Rivers College's Winter Session, and will continue through December 13. Winter Session, which begins December 16, is an all-online, four-week session offered between the Fall and Spring semesters for students looking to complete their coursework more quickly.

"Because the courses are all online, it allows students to work at their own pace, from home," said Dr. Wesley Payne, Vice President for Learning at Three Rivers. "It's a great opportunity to catch up or get ahead, whether you're staying close to home at Three Rivers or back on winter break from Mizzou."

Winter Session classes are open to both Three Rivers students and those attending other colleges and universities. Students from other colleges and university students should check with their school before enrolling. A visiting student form can be downloaded at www.trcc.edu/admissions/

Registration is also underway for Spring classes, with registration ending on January 13. For a list of courses available in Winter Session and Spring semester, visit trcc.edu, click on myTRCC, then click Search for Classes. For more information on Winter Session or on registering for classes at Three Rivers, call 573-840-9605.

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 trcc.edu.

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Richland Project Prom Fundraisers

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Essex, Missouri – The junior class at Richland High School are working hard to make their first prom and the senior class’s last prom a memorable one. Since the beginning of this year, the junior class and the members of the Prom Committee have developed plans, fundraisers, and a theme for their favorite high school event in May. Project Prom was started at Richland many years ago so that the kids had a safe and fun place to enjoy time with their friends and dates after the dance.

Last night (Monday, November 18th), the junior class and the Project Prom Committee (junior and senior class parents and supporters) worked at Sikeston’s Pizza Inn from four to ten o’clock and received all of the tips and 10% of the sales that will go towards their Project Prom.

The Project Prom Committee is also currently creating wreaths to help raise funds. These handcrafted wreaths are fabricated out of geo-mesh and ribbon. The holiday wreaths will contain festive ornaments. If you would like to order a wreath, the money must be turned in when the order form is turned in. You can place your order at either the elementary or high school office (make all checks payable to “Project Prom”).

Medium and large wreaths are available to purchase. The medium wreath will be \$35 while the large will be \$40. There are multiple different style options to choose from including: Rebel (Red, white, and gray) with a wooden “R” in the center of the wreath (chevron or polka-dots), Peppermint Christmas (red and white), and Blue Christmas (blue and silver). The deadline to order a wreath is tomorrow, Wednesday, November 20th. The wreaths will be distributed on Tuesday, November 26th.

Aside from the wreaths, the juniors and the Project Prom Committee parents are also selling Tutus. The Tutus will be perfect for the upcoming high school varsity basketball season and other junior high sports. The small, medium, and large tutus will be \$12 and the extra large will cost \$15. The deadline to order these will be on this Friday, November 22nd. Order forms are available in both the high school and elementary office (make checks payable to Project Prom).

The color schemes for the tutus include: Rebel (red and gray), Christmas (Red and green), Breast Cancer Awareness (hot and light pink). If there are any questions about the tutus, please contact junior Aimee Whitney at 573-421-4614 or Project Prom Committee Member Candy Harper at 573-380-6288.

Thank you for supporting the junior class!

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Essex, Missouri – After nearly four months of waiting, the Richland Elementary students finally got to celebrate the opening of their new playground. After Richland received a USDA grant in August to rebuild their playground, there was a lot of waiting, planning and anticipation from the faculty and students. After a rainy delivery a few weeks ago in the end of October and a lot of hard work put in from Richland's Superintendent Frank Killian, handyman Calvin Edwards, board member Terry Blair, and other volunteers, both playgrounds were finally completed last Friday.

Both of the new playgrounds were designed to show our school spirit, being colored in red and gray. There is a playground for both the younger students and the older students. The brand new playground includes a brand new tall, swirly slide, swings, and multiple climbing structures, including a rock climbing wall and crawl-through tunnels. Along with the students' new playgrounds, the construction workers and Calvin Edwards have finished building an awning that is perfect for outdoor lunches and other outdoor activities during the summer and spring weather.

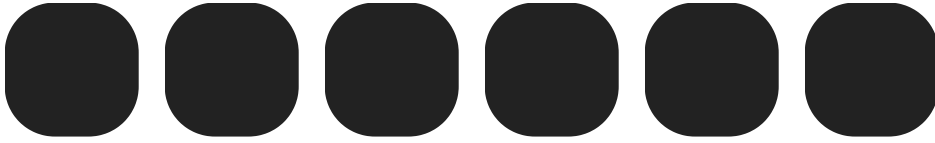
On account of their half day and the celebration to the end of National Young Readers Week, the young Rebels were rewarded with a day of play on their new playground last Friday and enjoyed every second of it. The Rebel students and staff want to give a big thank you to everyone who helped their dreams of a new playground become a reality!

Picture above taken by Yearbook Staff member of *The Rebel*

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