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# Dexter 7th Grade Honor Roll Announced

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**Dexter, Missouri** - T.S. Hill Middle School announces 2nd quarter Honor Roll students. Students must maintain a B average to be on the Honor Roll each quarter.

Making the honor roll is not as easy as one might think. Middle School students who are high achievers acquire and develop excellent study habits and skills, especially in time management. To manage time efficiently, students use a student calendar or planner.

Successful, lifelong learners set aside a time and a space every day to do their homework. Student who can manage their daily workload have a better chance of attaining academic success.

Congratulations to every 7th grader who made the honor roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2013 – 2014 school year.

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## Shelter Insurance to Offer Scholarship to DHS Student

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**Dexter, Missouri** – This spring, the Shelter Insurance Foundation will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduate of **Dexter Senior High School**. Shelter Agent Matt Thurmon sponsors and partially funds this scholarship.

A committee of local high school officials and community leaders will select the local recipient. The committee will consider each applicant’s achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation and leadership in school and community activities. The scholarship is given without regard to race, disability, religion, national origin or gender of applicants. The name of the

recipient will be announced at the close of the school year.

The student may apply the scholarship funds toward tuition, fees, or campus housing for any course of study beginning the fall after the recipient's high school graduation and leading to an academic degree at any accredited college or university. The Foundation makes payment directly to the school the recipient selects.

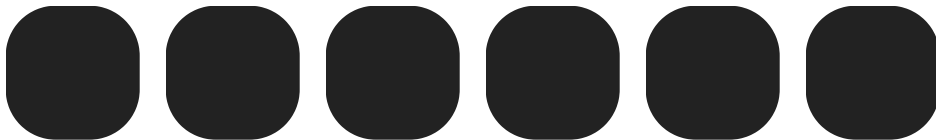
***Applications and additional information about the Shelter Foundation Scholarship will be available in early MARCH 2014 and should be completed and returned to the school official serving on the selection committee by March 31<sup>st</sup>. for more information, interested seniors should contact their high school counselor or principal or Shelter Insurance Agent Matt Thurmon.***

The Shelter Insurance Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation for charitable and educational purposes. It is sponsored by the Shelter Insurance Companies.

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# FAFSA Frenzy Event

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Three Rivers College will host a “FAFSA Frenzy” event for potential college students, from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, to help potential college students fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

The event, co-sponsored by the Missouri Department of Higher Education, is designed to help low-income and first-generation college students complete the FAFSA, the first step for all federal need-based financial aid. Attendees will receive hands-on help from the college’s financial aid advisors in completing the online application, as well as information on the grants, loans, and scholarships available at the federal, state, and college levels.

“The financial aid process can be complicated and confusing, especially for first-time applicants,” said Karen Beers, Student Loan Management Specialist at Three Rivers. “This event allows us to sit down with the students and their parents, go over the forms with them, and answer any questions they might have.”

Students who attend the event will be entered to win a state scholarship, provided they enroll in a Missouri postsecondary program in the fall. Intent to enroll in Three Rivers classes is not required, and the school welcomes all prospective students wanting to participate in “FAFSA Frenzy,” regardless of where they plan to attend college. College information will be available to those considering attending Three Rivers.

Missouri students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as early as possible. April 1 is the priority deadline for both state and federal financial aid. Students

and families do not need to have filed their federal income taxes for 2013 in order to participate in a FAFSA Frenzy event or to complete the FAFSA.

Participants should bring their 2013 W-2 forms, as well as copies of their 2013 tax forms if ready. If students or their parents have not yet filed 2013 returns, they should bring any statements of interest earned in 2013, any 1099 forms, and any other forms required to complete taxes. This will allow completion of the FAFSA during the event, with corrections to be filed after tax returns are complete. Students should also obtain a student PIN and parent PIN online at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) before attending. For more information on the event, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsa\\_completion.php](http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsa_completion.php).

“FAFSA Frenzy” is part of the College Goal Sunday program, a 37-state volunteer initiative that seeks to provide information and assistance to families seeking financial aid for postsecondary studies. Three Rivers recommends that prospective students apply now for Fall financial aid, even if you are uncertain about whether or not you will apply. FAFSA applicants who decide not to enroll are not penalized, and completing the FAFSA will provide information on how much financial aid will be available.

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](http://trcc.edu).

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## DHS Students Earn MO All State Jazz Band Alternates

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Two Dexter Senior High School Students have congratulations in order. After the long and brutal wait for results this Christmas break, these two got a wonderful present- Alternate rankings for the Missouri All State Jazz Band.

These students had to record themselves playing selected pieces and send it in to Columbia, Missouri for judging. On Saturday, January 4, 2014, a mass of selected band directors and music majors met in Columbia to start this tedious process. Afterwards, the results were posted on the Missouri Bandmasters Association website.

The students got the music in May and have been working hard on it ever since. **Jon Durham**, Dexter Senior High School Senior, came after school and worked diligently on his percussion pieces. Jon was a member of the All-District band, which he auditioned for last November. Jon was auditioning for one of the most

elite spots in the All-District Concert Band. Jon also improved his pieces by going to lessons with expert percussionists for advice. Jon was cast as 1st Alternate.

**Lacey Midgett**, Dexter Senior High School Junior and a member of the Dexter Senior High School Marching Bearcats Color Guard, stay after school to practice as well. As a part of the Color Guard, she had to devote at least 30 minutes during practice right after school to playing her instrument and working on audition materials for the prestigious band. Lacey plays an instrument in the lower portion of the clarinet family, called a Contra Clarinet. This clarinet reaches close to the same pitches as a tuba or baritone saxophone. Lacey made 2nd alternate landing her a seat as one of the best Contra Clarinetists in the state. Lacey, like Jon, attended lessons. Lacey met with clarinet instructors to work on her pieces.

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## Students Rewarded With Trip to SEMO Aquatic Center

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**Dexter, Missouri** – T.S. Hill Middle School students in Dexter were treated to a trip to Cape Girardeau to enjoy some fun at the SEMO Aquatic Center.

These 205 students were among the Headed to the Top incentive for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. It was a day of swimming, hanging out with friends, eating pizza and celebrating a great quarter of attendance, behavior, and school work.

“We are very proud of this bunch who, as always, represented T.S. Hill Middle School in a first class manner,” stated Scott Kruse, T.S. Hill Middle School Principal.

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