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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Choir under the direction of Choral Director Jamie Sepulvado will host a "Rockin' Out for Riley" Pop Concert on May 10th. The event will be in the DHS auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Riley Rickman is a senior at Dexter HIgh School and was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. She has been undergoing treatment at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ten finalists in the Pop Concert will be vying for a prize this year, with monetary donations accompanying each vote. All money received will be donated to help defray the cost of treatment and travel expenses for Riley and her family.

The performer who receives the most money for Riley earns the first place prize. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Children five and under are free.

"We hope everyone comes out and supports the awesome talent at our high school," stated

Sepulvado.

"We're In This Together!" Support Rally for Riley!

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TRC Opens Registration for Fall Semester

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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. Fall registration will continue through Aug. 15 at the Poplar Bluff campus and the centers in Sikeston, Dexter, Kennett, Malden, Willow Springs and Cape Girardeau. The Fall semester starts on Aug. 18.

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 16, with classes beginning May 19. Augmester registration ends July 24 with classes starting on July 28.

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 30, with classes beginning on June 2. B Session courses begin on June 30, with registration ending on June 26.

"This year is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to begin or continue their educational journey," said Dr. Wesley Payne, Vice President for Learning at Three Rivers College. "Our new transitional courses are in full swing, and we're always working to create more efficient, cost-effective ways to get your degree."

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, visit trcc.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, however both current and new students must meet with an advisor prior to registering. 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; the South Central Education Consortium in Willow Springs at 417-469-3000; and the Cape Girardeau Partnership for Higher Education at 573-332-0516.

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Richland's 2014 Talent Show

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Essex, Missouri - Last Friday was the third annual Talent Show for the Richland School District after many years without having one. The Talent Show was a yearly tradition that ended a decade ago and was recently brought back by the music and band director, Amber Duley. Duley used to attend Richland and participated in the Talent Show when she was young, so in 2011, she brought back the tradition and it looks like it is here to stay again.

The Talent Show was ran by the music department with help from the band students who helped set up the stage, stayed late after school to practice, and helped direct traffic backstage while the show was going on. The show had a professional sound and lighting

system with managers helping everything run smoothly. The show was held in the gymnasium and was practically sold out by the time seven o'clock hit.

There were a total of twenty-one performances, including singing, dancing, group talent, comedy, and a few videos here and there. Students of all ages participated, from elementary to high school. The third graders performed "Oh Won't You Sit Down?" as a class after learning the song and routine in their music class. The Kindergarten through third grade cheerleaders did their routine to "I Want Candy" and the fourth through sixth grade cheerleaders danced to "Roar". Both cheerleading groups learned the routines earlier in the year and performed them at the high school games.

As usual, there were many singing acts, including: fifth grader Shelby Mayabb who sang "Free to Be Me", eighth grader Riley Thornton "Where Have You Been", third grader Logan Holman "You Ain't Woman Enough to Steal My Man", third grader Rylee Taylor "Roar", seventh grader Kate Wyman played piano while singing "Stay", eighth grader Megan Cullum sang "Emotional Girl", and Jamie Smith and Alicia Meeker played guitar and piano while singing "Iris".

There were also many dancing acts that followed along with the singing. A group of fifth grade girls showed off their dance moves with the "Flo-cabulary Parts of Speech" and siblings Alexia Kemp and Hunter Sanders showcased their hilarious and adorable dance routine to "Wop". The Rebel Swag Dance Crew, made up of the elementary's best dancers, took the stage again and performed to a mash up of hip-hop songs from the 1990s. Lily Morrison, a fifth grader, was in more than five acts and also danced to a solo called "Step Up".

Though there were songs and dances, just like at every talent show, Richland decided to twist things up with their various videos throughout the night. The first video to play was the Richland Beta Club's "Happy" video, which they filmed earlier this year in just one day as they prepared to head to Branson in early March for State Convention. Since Richland is home to a State Beta Officer, the club created a video that would introduce Kannon Qualls at the convention, so they chose the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams and reenacted the music video. Another video was produced by Duley, Adam Lane, Tyler Maddox, Kannon Qualls, and Preston Tilley called "Celebrity Jeopardy". The parody was a crowd pleaser and was definitely one of the funniest acts.

The grand finale was "Mrs. Bruno Mars" herself (Duley), Adam Touchette, and the junior high band performing "Treasure". The junior high band members learned "Treasure" a few weeks prior to the Talent Show and were excited to perform with dance moves and all. Duley is a proud believer in grand finales and in previous years she has done

"Thriller" and "A Dance Through the Ages", but this final act was probably the greatest performance yet.

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Malden, Missouri - Three Rivers College will hold a Career Expo from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Malden Community Center, 607 N. Douglas in Malden. The Expo will offer area residents the opportunity to talk with representatives of Three Rivers' career education programs about the benefits

and career opportunities offered at Three Rivers.

"We had such great success at the Career Expo in Dexter that we wanted to bring that opportunity to Malden, as well," said Connie Hampton, Director of the Center at Malden. "It's a perfect chance to come see what sort of career opportunities are available for you, both in the area and with Three Rivers' help."

Representatives from local employers, as well as from Three Rivers academic and career programs will be on hand to talk about the opportunities available to area residents. Among those Three Rivers programs represented will be Nursing and Allied Health, Business, Teacher Education, Fire Science, Green Diesel, and more. College staff will also be available to talk about support programs for new students, financial aid, registration, and more.

Registration is now open for Maymester, Summer, Augmester, and Fall Semester classes at Three Rivers. For information on how to apply to become a student at Three Rivers, visit trcc.edu/admissions or call 573-840-9605. For more information on the Career Expo, call the Center at Malden at 573-276-3529.

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Bernie March Students of the Month

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Bernie, **Missouri** - Each month Bernie Junior High and High School students are selected as Students of the Month. March students have been selected.

Congratulations to all the students on your accomplishments!

Front row: Lari Spitzer, 11th grade; Alexis McGowan, 12th grade. Back row: Josh Ellenburg 7th grade; Riley Griffin, 8th grade; Christina Dowdy, 9th grade; Cody King, 10th grade.

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