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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Junior High Cheerleaders won the National Cheerleaders Association High School Open National Championship in the large intermediate division on Sunday, Jan. 18, in St. Charles. This was another first for Poplar Bluff Schools, according to cheer coach Christy Young.

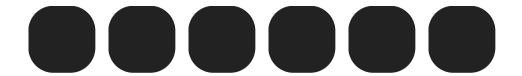
The victory comes on the heels of the Poplar Bluff High School Competition Cheer Squad's back-to-back state championship. The high school athletes will go on to compete at the National High School Cheerleading Championship on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8, at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The Junior High Cheerleaders are: Braelin Aldridge, Destanee Barton, Eva Bedell, Cara Bubanovich, Libby Burdin, Bailey Edmundson, MacKenzie Garrett, Katlynn Hall, Taylor Hicks, Alexis Lady, Courtney McGee, Danni Raymer, Emma Steffan, Rachel Shock, Maddie Mae Shumate, Carly Wiseman and Emily Young.

Photo provided by Tim Krakowiak.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The MFA Oil Foundation, based in Columbia, has awarded a grant to the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, to be applied toward the cost of purchasing and mounting new TVs in an ITV classroom at the Sikeston Academic Building.

The MFA Oil Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where MFA Oil has a significant concentration of members and employees. Since it was established in 1998, the MFA Oil Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in grants.

MFA Oil President and CEO Mark Fenner described the MFA Oil Foundation as "a program that allows our company to give support back to the rural communities that are the foundation of our business. The grants the Foundation awards help support many youth programs and organizations active in addressing and solving community problems and improving the quality of life."

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization that receives and manages donations on behalf of Three Rivers College. The Endowment Trust provides a mutually beneficial means for individuals and businesses to partner with the college. For information on donating to scholarships, building projects, or other college needs, contact Endowment Trust Executive Director Emily Parks at 573-840-9077

Joe Miller, Southeast dispatch manager for MFA Oil Company, presents a check on behalf of the MFA Oil Foundation to Michelle Reynolds, development officer for Three Rivers College. The grant will assist with the upgrade of one of the ITV classrooms at the new Sikeston Academic Building.

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2015 Richland Homecoming Court

Essex, Missouri - The Richland R-1 Schools crowned their 2015 Homecoming Queen on Friday evening before their basketball matchup with the Zalma Bulldogs.

Sophomore Katelyn Pinkley, seated left, was crowned as the new Queen. Along with Pinkley is her court. Standing from left, senior Ashley Carmack, Student Council President junior Skie Pinkley, junior candidate Tracy Partenberry and freshman candidate Sara Tackett. Seated along with Pinkley is Flower Girl Allie Corlew.

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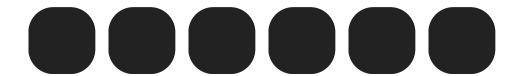
Submitted by Kyle Carter, Business/Computer Teacher

Congratulations ladies!

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Shelter Agent Matt Thurmon to Offer Scholarship

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Shelter Agent Matt Thurmon to Offer Scholarship

Dexter, Missouri – This spring, the Shelter Insurance Foundation will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduate of Dexter 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 scholastic 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 towards 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 and should be completed and returned to the school official serving on the selection committee by March 31st. For more information, interested seniors should contact their high school counselor 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 – offering auto, home, life, farm and business insurance services to customers in 14 states via a network of local insurance agents and headquartered in Columbia, Missouri.

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Local Students at Crowley's Ridge College Make the Dean's List

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Paragould, Arkansas - Four Stoddard county students attending Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould have been named to the Fall Honor List.

Kourtney Brown of Dexter made the Dean's List. **Heather Davis** of Dexter made the Dean's List and Sigma Chi Eta honor society. **Richard Forshee** of Essex made the Dean's List and Sigma Chi Eta honor society, and **Ryan Kleffer** of Essex made the Dean's List.

Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA to be on the Dean's List and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to be in the Sigma Chi Eta honor society.

Congratulations on your achievements and hard work!

"Crowley's Ridge College is a private, four-year, church affiliated but autonomous, coeducational liberal arts college, providing for its students a balanced course of studies appropriate for Bachelor and Associate Degrees. While the College is affiliated with the Churches of Christ, students of all religious backgrounds are welcome at Crowley's Ridge College. The student population comprises both non-traditional and traditional residential and commuter students. The College is committed to a continual emphasis on the integration of scholarship, critical reasoning, and the spiritual dimension of life. Preserving a commitment to a tradition of small class sizes and a philosophy of open enrollment helps the College maintain a focus on the whole student as an individual."

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