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# Meet Sarah Blackler, Dexter School Board Candidate

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Sarah (Kati) Blackler is a Dexter School Board Candidate. The Dexter CTA made available at Monday evening's School Board Candidate Forum a little background information to share with the public.

**Family Members:** Robert Blackler, Brandi (Blackler) Schwarz, Nicholas Marines, Vicki (Blackler) Craft, Brad Craft.

**Personal Education History:** Graduate of Turner High School in Kansas City, KS in 1975; Graduate of DeVry in Kansas City, Missouri in 1984.

**Occupation:** Former Customer Service Representative; Disabled.

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Keys for Networking & Families Together in Kansas City; NAMI Child Advocate in Kansas City; Parent Support Specialist; Instructor for "Visions for Tomorrow" with NAMI.

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?** "I have a grandson attending Dexter Schools; his is in kindergarten. I want him to be successful by having the best education we can offer. I want to remove Common Core from our schools; our children are not lab rats."

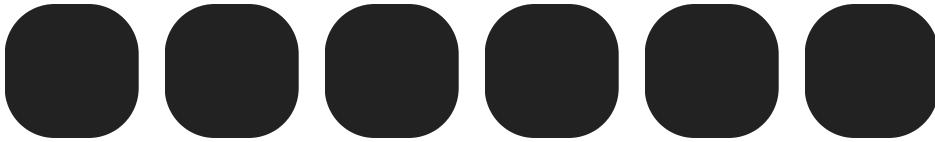
**What is your philosophy of education?** "Education is our gateway into a brighter future. With right education, we can accomplish anything and everything."

School Board Election is Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in Dexter.

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## SEMO to Shut Down Power to Campus

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Power to the Southeast Missouri State University campus will be shut down for approximately six hours on Friday, April 3. Please see full details below:

Due to some preventive maintenance repairs needed to the main power transformer in the Boiler Plant switch-yard, Facilities Management staff along with KT Power will be shutting down power to the main campus only for approximately six hours on April 3.

Facilities Management crews will start shutting down equipment (air handling systems, chiller systems, etc.) between 7-8 a.m. in the educational facilities, with power being shut off to campus at 8 a.m. Power should be completely restored to campus by 2 p.m., and Facilities Management crews will be here until all systems return to normal operation.

During the outage, the following facilities on emergency generators (Show Me Center, LaFerla Hall, Johnson Hall, Rhodes Hall, Dempster Hall, Towers Complex, Scully Building, Art Building, Brandt Hall, Crisp Hall, Cheney, Carnahan Hall, GS-1, GS2, Memorial Hall, Serena Building, Vandiver Hall and Merick Hall) will have emergency power available, and personnel will be here to monitor them.

Heating and cooling will not be available during this time except for KRCU and the IT Rooms (Serena Building, Johnson Hall and Memorial Hall) that are on emergency systems.

Facilities Management apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and will have the power restored to campus as soon as possible. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Facilities Management at ext. 2214.

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# St. Francis Healthcare Scholarship Now Available

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Applications for the 2015 Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program funded by the Saint Francis Foundation and Auxiliary are now available. The program awards 23 scholarships of up to \$2,000 annually to students pursuing a healthcare-related career.

Applicants must have successfully completed one year of an accredited healthcare program and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. They must also reside within Saint Francis Medical Center's service area, as defined in the application. Applicants must submit all required documentation and a completed application to the Foundation by 5 pm on Monday, June 29. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship a maximum of two years.

Since it was created in 1980, the scholarship program has provided more than \$533,000 in education scholarships to college students in an effort to encourage participation in professional healthcare careers.

All applicants are considered regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, age, handicap or veteran status. Applications are available at [foundation.sfmc.net/scholarship](http://foundation.sfmc.net/scholarship). For more information, please contact the Foundation at 573-331-5790.

Saint Francis Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that supports Saint Francis Medical Center by strengthening the institution overall and reaffirming its mission of supporting the community and the people it serves. Formally organized in 1976, its mission reflects the Medical Center's priorities through fundraising efforts that support the community.

The Foundation sponsors several annual events, including golf tournaments, and philanthropic activities such as annual appeals, memorials, endowment funds, planned giving, grants and major gifts.

Through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers, the Foundation accepts contributions each year to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, provide patient and employee assistance, create new programs that help patients in the region, and improve facilities at the Medical Center. Saint Francis Medical Center is proud to be the only employer in Missouri ranked on *Modern Healthcare* magazine's prestigious Best Places to Work in Healthcare list for six consecutive years (2008-2013).

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## Hayli Petty Honored by MO Association of Student Councils

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Hayli Petty of Dexter High School was awarded the Distinguished Student Leader Award by the Missouri Association of Student Councils.

"This is the most prestigious award given by the association," Jennifer Miller, student council representative for DHS said of the award to Petty, "and is based on the student's leadership and involvement in school and community activities throughout their four years of high school."

"Receiving this award feels like such an honor because of all the amazing people in Student Council," commented Petty. "I have been to the District Convention four times, the State Convention twice and the people never cease to amaze me. It has been the single, most significant experience of my life!"

Hayli is the 18-year-old daughter of Tryna Mitchell and Scott Mitchell and is a senior at Dexter.

Her activities include Student Council, Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and the Art Club.

She also participates in Rotary Interact and was in Showstoppers of SEMO for two years.

Hayli is a big art enthusiast, loves photography, and enjoys reading and writing. She also plays billiards when she gets the opportunity.

Her future plans are to attend Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Missouri and then transfer to Missouri State University. She's not 100% sure of her degree, but might like to major in Graphic Design.

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## Bernie Students Represent Stoddard County in Regional Spelling Bee

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - There were 56 contestants who qualified for the Regional Spelling Bee, representing 20 schools in Southeast Missouri.

Contestants by county and schools represented were:

Butler County: Neelyville Elementary School: Madison Parish, Alyssa Wilson, Azhia Campbell; Poplar Bluff 5&6 Grade Center: JaDarius Pigg, Emma Sutton, Gavin Vaughn; Poplar Bluff Junior High: Megan Kirby; Ross Dare, Brianna Hatley; Sacred Heart School, Poplar Bluff: Lily Soeter, Gabriela Rivetti, Nayeli Cerda; Westwood Baptist Academy, Poplar Bluff: Mekynna Hays, Adeeti Mishra, Auna Tayloe.

Cape Girardeau County: Altenburg Elementary School, Cape Girardeau: Mattie Bowyer, Analeigh Cairns, Madison Mueller; Delta Elementary School: Lauren Crutsinger, Zachary Graham, Emily Landewee; Immaculate Conception School, Jackson: Andrea DeYong, Allison Appleman, Aaron Deken; Nell Holcomb Elementary School: Mara Murphy, Phillip Babers, Denetria Collier; Trinity Lutheran School, Cape Girardeau: Justin Ray Samanta.

Carter County: East Carter Middle School, Ellsinore: Betsy Scott, Brett O'Dell, Libby Scott.

Iron County: Pineywoods Christian Academy, Annapolis: River Blount.

Perry County: St. Vincent De Paul Junior High, Perryville: Isaac Layton, Kaede Nishida, Chance Neumann.

Ripley County: Doniphan 5th & 6th Grade: Hailey Morano, Kristina Perren, Madison Sisco.

Doniphan 7th & 8th Grade: Cadey Eatherton, Alyssa Roberts, Macy Baugh.

St. Francois County: St. Joseph Catholic School, Farmington: Jamie O'Hara, Kassandra Ramos, Brayden Armes.

Scott County: The Christian Academy, Sikeston: Lonnie Lejeune, Claire Whitehead, Grace Hester.

**Stoddard County: Bernie Junior High: Emma Dawson, Devin Barnes, Nia Walker.**

Wayne County: Greenville Elementary School: William Wyatt Friley, Victoria Holman, Harlie Rainwater; Williamsville Elementary School: Clay Steward, Kaytlinn Estes, Abbigail Hillis.

The fourth time was the charm for River Blount, a home schooled sixth-grader from Annapolis who won the sixth annual Three Rivers College Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee held Feb. 28.

Blount correctly spelled "adjudicate" in the 12th round of the regional event to earn a trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which will be held in Washington, D.C., May 24-29.

"I studied really hard the last few weeks, just practicing and practicing," Blount said. "I'm really excited about winning and about going to Washington."

Three Rivers began holding the Regional Spelling Bee in 2009 to provide area students with an official qualifying event for the national competition. Students in grades 1-8 travel from across Southeast Missouri to represent their schools and compete for the right to move on to the nationals. The College raises funds to pay for the winner and a family member to go to the national contest.

"We're always proud to host these amazing spellers from across our region," said Mark Sanders, chair of the Languages Department at Three Rivers and the coordinator for the regional spelling bee. "The spelling bee is a unique way that we reach out to our extended



Southeast Missouri community.

Other top winners at the Regional Spelling Bee were Justin Ray Samanta of Trinity Lutheran School in Cape Girardeau, second place; and Andrea DeYong of Immaculate Conception School in Jackson, third place.

To learn more about the Scripps National Spelling Bee, visit [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) for competitor bios, television broadcast schedules, the rules and regulations of the competition, and more. For more information on the Southeast Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, contact Mark Sanders at 573-840-9618, or [msanders@trcc.edu](mailto:msanders@trcc.edu). For updates on River Blount's progress at the national spelling bee, visit the Three Rivers College Facebook Page at [facebook.com/threeriverscollege](https://facebook.com/threeriverscollege).

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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