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Cape Girardeau, Missouri – T.S. Hill Middle science students stole the show at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau at this year's annual Southeast Missouri Regional Science Fair.

The Regional Science Fair is a highly anticipated event held in March featuring almost 500 students from 32 area high schools and junior high schools. This year there were 285 entries in the Junior Division and 46 in the Senior Division.

Dr. Chris McGowan, dean of the College of Science, Technology and Agriculture served as the director of the event.

Sophie Freeman, 8th grade student at T. S. Hill Middle School took first place with her exhibit "Luminol Glow".

"It was the first time a Dexter student won the entire Science Fair," stated middle school principal Scott Kruse. "Science teacher, Mrs. Ramsey, did an excellent job and I am proud to say we won the top overall awards at both the Junior and Senior High levels.

In the Senior Division, Jon Rodgers, a junior won the Senior Division with his science fair project, "Using *Aliivibrio Fischeri* to Detect Water Toxins".

Rodgers received the following awards: ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives, GENIUS Olympiad, I-SWEEP (Awarded to the top high school projects selected in categories of Energy, Engineering, or Environment who display outstanding work in the them of environmental sustainability and innovation), Office of Naval Research, Southeast Missouri Dental Society, Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Biology category-First Place, and the ISEF Winners (the top two senior division exhibits will receive paid travel and lodging to Pittsburgh, PA on May 10th – 15th to compete in the 66th International Science and Engineering Fair.

Eighth grader Sophie Freeman's project tested whether changing water temperature affects how long Luminol glows. She is the daughter of Kristy Steward and will be attending the international competition in Pittsburgh this summer.

Freeman's awards included the Broadcom Masters (a national science competition for U.S. middle school students), Chemistry-First Place, Best Experiment, Top 8th Grade Observer, Best Overall Junior Physical Science, Intell International science and Engineering Fair Finalist.

Participating schools in the Senior Division were Delta R-V High School, Dexter High School, Jackson Junior High, Malden High School, Oak Ridge High School, Richland High School, Risco R-II High School, Saxony Lutheran High School, and South Pemiscot High School.

Participating schools in the Junior Division were Advance, Delta Junior High, Immaculate

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Conception-Jackson, Jackson Junior High, Leopold R-3, Malden R-1, Neelyville R-IV, Nell Holcomb R-IV-Cape Girardeau, North Pemiscot, Oak Ridge R-VI Junior High, Richland R-1 Junior High, Scott City Middle School, South Pemiscot Junior High, St. Ambrose School-Chaffee, St. Denis-Benton, St. Joseph School-Scott City, St. Vincent de Paul-Cape Girardeau, St. Vincent-Perryville, Ste. Genevieve Middle School, T.S. Hill Middle School-Dexter, Trinity Lutheran- Cape Girardeau, Twin Rivers-Fisk, and Twin Rivers-Qulin.

Anna Bishop won Broadcom Masters, First Place – Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Best Experiment.

Emily Grobe and Emily Smith earned Broadcom Masters and First Place Physics.

Brooke Hessling and Maycie Martin won Surgeon General's Special Award for Outstanding Research and Third Place Medicine and Health.

Makenna Wilson earned First Place Earth and Space Sciences, Best Experiment, NOAA's 2015 Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award, Broadcom Masters, and Association for Women Geosciences.

MaKayla Pyle won Second Place Behavioral and Social Science.

Erica Parris and Coby Powers earned the Broadcom Masters, First Place Chemistry, Best Observation, and Best Group.

"I also want to express how well all of our students competed and represented our school and community during the event," continued Kruse. "It truly is a

reflection on all of the teachers here at Dexter Middle School and, as both a parent and colleague, I sincerely appreciate all each of you do for our students on daily basis.”

“Also a special thank you to all of the teachers who allowed the participants to leave class and finish making corrections on their projects. The snow days put us behind schedule and without your cooperation and support our students would not have been able to get their projects ready for competition.”

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Dexter, Missouri - Robert Shell brought a load of "free gifts" to the T.S. Hill Middle School Jr. Beta Club. He also addressed the club explaining FORD's Drive for Your School opportunity.

On Saturday, April 11th, Bud Shell Ford in Dexter will have select automobiles at T.S. Hill Middle School for test driving opportunities. Every person 18 and over who fill out a form will earn the Jr. Beta Club \$20. The offer is limited to 300 participants and will earn the T.S. Hill Jr. Beta Club \$6,000.

This money will be used to travel to the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on June 25, 2015.

There will also be other events on Saturday, April 11th. They will host a carwash (donation only), yard sale (donation only), and a Diaper Derby.

Support like this is greatly appreciated and the students left the gym motivated and in high spirits.

Shown in the photo are Jr. Beta Club members and Robert Shell.

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Meet Matt Worley, Dexter School Board Candidate

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Dexter, Missouri - Matt Worley is a Dexter School Board Candidate. The Dexter CTA made available at Monday evening's School Board Candidate Forum a little background information on each candidate to share with the public.

Family Members: Amy (wife), Jack (9th grade), and Cooper (2nd grade)

Personal Education History: Graduate of Dexter High School Class of 1989, Southeast Missouri State University with Bachelor of Science in General Studies.

Occupation: Owner and President of Specialty Products & Services, Inc.

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Mental Health Regional Advisory Council.

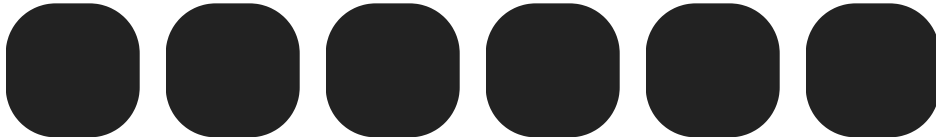
Why do you want to serve as a school board member? "I have two children in school, and I want them to receive the best education possible. As a member of the school board, I hope to affect Dexter's schools in order to give my children this opportunity, and by those same efforts give the same opportunity to all the children of the district."

What is your philosophy of education? "I believe education starts at home with the parents. The school has the responsibility to give them the structured education they deserve, and need, to be successful. School should have an environment that is conducive to learning, and have opportunities for extracurricular activities that enhance the education experience. I believe the way to do this is by developing a strong administration, and supporting that administration while it performs its duties."

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Family Members: Kim, Cale, and Carson Williams, Sarah, Josh, Eli, and Delaney Hunt.

Personal Education History: Graduate of Dexter High School, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri, Columbia School of Law.

Occupation: Chief Executive Officer of Williams Moving Company.

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: 27 years on the Dexter R-XI Board of Education; Board President in 1993, 1994, 2003, 2004, 2010; Board Vice President 2000,

2001, 2002, 2014; past president of Lions Club; First Baptist Church Board of Directors and various committees; Board of Directors for Missouri Movers Association and the Missouri Movers Risk Management Trust; Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Bar Association; Mizzou Alumni Association; Board of Directors and President of the SEMO Football Officials Association.

Why do you want to serve as a school board member? "I would like to continue to offer the experience and knowledge gained in the business and education setting to further advance the school system that is looked upon in the areas as being of the highest quality."

What is your philosophy of education? "I believe that the purpose of education is not to train students to regurgitate facts, but to train them to think and how to understand. The goal of education should be to create intelligence and character."

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Family Members: Tania (wife), Thomas, Sam, and Jonah (sons), Katie Reiker and Abby Copenbarger (daughters), granddaughter Libby Grace.

Personal Education History: Graduate of Cape Central High School in 1977, Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Class of 1981.

Occupation: Senior Vice President of Finance

Community Service Activities/Affiliations: Radio Broadcaster for Lady Bearcat Basketball, First Baptist Church - Deacon, assistant treasurer, and Media Team, Bearcat Booster Club member.

Why do you want to serve as a school board member? "To be a part of ensuring quality education for all children in the Dexter R-XI district. Additionally, I want to ensure that all faculty and staff are motivated and respected."

What is your philosophy of education? "The role of a school is to educate each child in such a way that they reach their maximum potential."

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