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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Aaron Hovis, a 2015 graduate of the Forestry program at Three Rivers College, has secured his position as a top collegiate timbersports competitor in the nation with a third-place finish in the Stihl Timbersports 2015 U.S. Championship in Central Park in New York City.

“It was just an amazing experience, such a great feeling to be competing in a place like Central Park,” said Hovis. “I feel like I gave it my all, especially given that I was up against the best in the nation. It’s been an accomplishment, and I’m very proud of it.”

At the June 20 event, Hovis placed third out of six competitors with 15 points, recording third-place finishes in the single buck, standing block, and underhand chop events, and a fifth place finish in the stock saw event. Cody Labahn of Oregon State University took second with 18 points overall, and Ben Kniceley of Haywood Community College in Clyde, N.C., took the championship with 22 points.

“We’re extremely proud of Aaron and his accomplishments—it’s a big deal for a Marquand boy to end up there on the national stage in New York City,” said Scott Williamson, Director for Three Rivers at the South Central Education Consortium in Willow Springs. Williamson has worked closely with Hovis to help promote the Consortium’s new Timber Harvesting courses. “His dedication and his passion for the sport are just unreal. I think he has a bright future, no matter what he decides to do next.”

In addition to competing nationally and completing his coursework at Three Rivers, Hovis also served as captain of the college's Triple Creek Cutters timbersports team. The 20-year-old Marquand native says he plans to start his own logging company now that he's graduated from Three Rivers. As for his future as a timbersports competitor?

"I haven't decided yet. I've had the opportunity to train with some great professionals, but it's a big commitment," said Hovis. "I guess we'll see."

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Shown in the photo: Aaron Hovis shows off his timbersports skill in a demonstration competition held earlier this year in the Willow Springs area.

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Joe Foster Heartland's Best Respresenting Richland High

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Bernie, Missouri - KFVS12 honored dozens of the Heartland's Best on Saturday, May 30th at a banquet ceremony for high school valedictorians.

Among those honored was Joe Foster representing Richland High School.

The 30th Annual Heartland's Best ceremony was held in the University Ballroom on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

All Heartland valedictorians and their parents were invited to attend the ceremony. Students who attended recorded greetings that have been featured in special announcements airing throughout the summer on KFVS12's Heartland News. Kathy Sweeney and Crystal Britt, anchors for Heartland News, introduced each valedictorian with a summary of their honors and achievements.

Joe is the son of Donnie and Tish Foster. He received the Essex Area Development Youth Service Award and was named to All-District Choir and received a #1 rating at the State Music competition. Joseph will attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Photo provided by Kyle Carter, Richland School District.

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Drama Camp at Three Rivers

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The 23rd annual Children's Theatre Drama Camp will be held July 27-31 on Three Rivers College's Poplar Bluff Campus, in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. This will be the first year that the drama camp is spearheaded by the Three Rivers College Theatre Department.

“We’re excited to be hosting this camp again and to be able to help continue this great tradition of fine arts education,” said Tim Thompson, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center and one of the camp’s instructors. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for kids to have fun, develop their creative side, and participate in the excitement that is the world of theatre.”

Campers will participate in activities teaching acting, improvisation, dance, theatre games, stage makeup, creative dramatics, musical theatre and readers theatre. The camp will culminate in a performance at 11 a.m. Friday, August 8, at Poplar Bluff High School.

Students entering grades 2-8 are eligible to participate. Tim Thompson of Three Rivers College, and Jo Nell Seifert, Director Emeritus at Poplar Bluff High School, will conduct the camp. The cost is \$60, which includes a T-shirt, refreshments, and scripts.

Deadline to register is July 17. Registration forms are available by visiting the Tinnin Center office. To have a registration form emailed to you, email tthompson@trcc.edu.

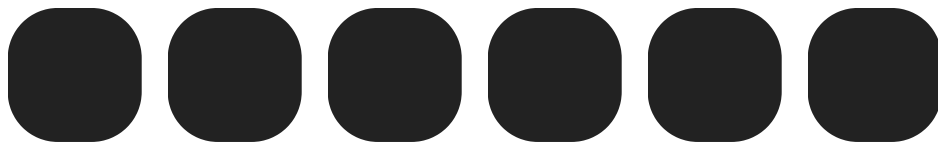
Checks should be made payable to Three Rivers College. For more information, call Tim Thompson at 573-840-9648.

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Dexter Bearcat Booster Club Annual Membership Drive

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Dexter, Missouri - As the 2015-2016 school year approaches, members of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club are busy making plans for an exciting year for our beloved Bearcat Nation!

It's time for their annual Membership Drive. All who join on or before August 4, 2015 will be entered for a chance to win a **Bearcat Stadium Chair!**

The Booster Club will also be available at the Bearcat Event Center on August 4th during school registration.

If you would like to get an early start you can download the **Dexter Bearcat Booster Club Membership Application by clicking [HERE](#)** and mail your application to Dexter Bearcat Booster Club, P.O. Box 684, Dexter, MO 63841.

The Dexter Bearcat Booster Club is a student activity Booster Club supporting all student activities at Dexter Senior High School and T.S. Hill Middle School.

During the 2014-2015 school year they were able to help the high school and middle school with the purchase of the following: DMS weight room equipment, football goal post covers, a bassoon for the DMS band, DHS Hud'l Program, DHS Laptop for the basketball program, DHS Scholar Bowl Team Questions for Competitions, DHS Indoor pitching mound for the baseball team, and DHS Cheer Flags. They have also supported the Goodwill Games and Project Prom as well as provide two scholarships each year in the amount of \$500 each.

Memberships are available for recent Alumni between the ages of 18 and 25 for just \$15.00. Individual Membership is \$25.00. Family Membership is \$50.00 and includes two Athletic Passes.

If you would like to purchase a Sponsor Membership it's just \$250 and it includes two Athletic Passes and a Dexter Bearcat Booster Club yard sign. A Corporate Membership is \$500 and includes one All-Sport Pass and a Dexter Bearcat Booster Club yard sign.

“The purpose of this organization's existence is to lend support to the total student activities program at the Dexter High School and Middle School recognizing and respecting the school administration's responsibility to determine what that program shall include and the policies that shall be followed.

Additionally, the organization will encourage school spirit, citizenship, and physical growth through keen competition.”

Current 2015-2016 Dexter Bearcat Booster Club Board Members are Travis Miller, President, Jim Murdock, Vice President, Stacy Blocker, Secretary, Dana Adams, Treasurer, Jimmy Aldridge, Kristi Boles, Tracy Hedrick, Kristi Whitehead, Chris Brannon, Bonnie Howard, Dale Jackson, and Hank Trout.

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Dexter, Missouri - Central Methodist University will host an Open House on Wednesday, July 22nd to provide more information to area residents. They are now offering a bachelor's degree program in the Three Rivers College facility in Dexter.

There is no cost; however residents are encouraged to attend the open house. You may drop in at anytime between 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to find out more about the CMU programs.

Refreshments will be available and Karen Lovette of CMU will be on hand to answer questions.

Central Methodist University will offer coursework leading to a bachelor's degree in accounting and psychology in the fall.

Classes will begin Monday, August 24th at the Dexter location and at the Three Rivers campus in Poplar Bluff.

For more information please contact Karen Lovette at (573) 840-9010 or email her at klovette@centralmethodist.edu.

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