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Three Rivers College Moves Forward on Sports Complex

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Board of Trustees for Three Rivers College has approved the college's proposal for the Libla Family Sports Complex, a new 3,000 seat, 60,000 square foot gymnasium on Three Rivers' Poplar Bluff Campus. The new facility, which was approved at the January Board of Trustees meeting, will replace the Bess Activity Center as the new home of the college's Raiders and Lady Raiders basketball teams.

"This is something we've been waiting on for a long time, and I feel very blessed that we're receiving this upgrade to our facilities," said Gene Bess, coach of the Three Rivers Raiders basketball team. "It's a great moment for our community to have such a fine sports venue for our teams."

The Libla Family Sports Complex will become the new home of Gene Bess Court, and will also be convertible into a three-court facility suitable for holding practices and regional high school basketball tournaments. The Sports Complex will also incorporate training and locker room facilities for the Raiders and Lady Raiders, office space, and a Three Rivers Athletics Hall of Fame.

"Everyone's very excited about this new facility, and I think it's going to be a beautiful place to play basketball in," said Jeff Walk, coach for the Lady Raiders women's basketball team. "It just goes to show you the kind of support that Three Rivers, and the entire community here, puts forward for these teams, and our athletes."

The Sports Complex will cost an estimated \$10.5 million. Over \$5.5 million in private funds will be used towards the construction of the new facility, including a significant seven-figure donation from the Libla family. The project is anticipated to go to bid within 30 days of its approval, with Huffman Construction serving as the construction management firm for the project. The college plans to start work on the building as soon as possible after the bid process is completed.

“We’re so proud of our athletics teams at Three Rivers, especially the long list of achievements that Coach Bess has given to us during his decades here as coach of the Raiders,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “As we approach our institution’s 50th anniversary, it’s our turn to give back to our coaches and athletes, and provide them a home that will last for the next 50 years of Raiders athletics.”

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.

Three Rivers College has approved a proposal for the Libla Family Sports Complex, a 60,000 square-foot, 3,000 seat gymnasium that will serve as the new home for the college’s basketball and women’s basketball teams.

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Bernie, Missouri - Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member, presented certificates and \$50 checks for Savings Bonds to Bernie seniors Brock Beacham and Cybil Voss for December.

Brock Beacham is the son of Barry and Michelle Beacham.

Cybil Voss is the daughter of Zackie and Cassandra Voss.

Brock and Cybil are competing with honorees from the other Stoddard County schools for the Dexter Elks Students of the Year.

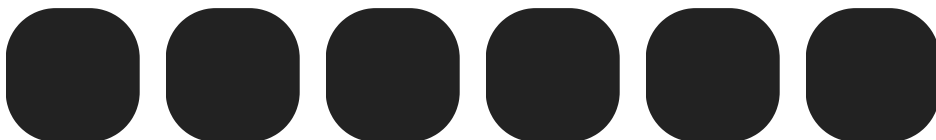
Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Mindy Jackson, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later this spring.

The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at the spring banquet.

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Ozark Border Discusses Electricity with Students

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Ozark Border Electric Cooperative officials recently visited the Poplar Bluff Middle School to help wrap up with fifth graders a science unit on electricity.

The presenters, Josh Vishe and Charles Hefner, demonstrated how electricity is produced, how Poplar Bluff generates its power and the dangers of getting electrocuted, according to science teacher Melissa Lovette.

Josh Vishe (standing) and Charles Hefner (seated) use models to illustrate how electricity is conducted, including cooking a hotdog with a fork in an outlet to warn about shock hazards.

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Second Grade Students Earn 3R's Flag for December

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Second Grade Students Earn 3R's Flag at Southwest Elementary

Dexter, Missouri - Mrs. Keena's second grade classroom earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for December.

School Wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month. The students are also awarded "superhero" capes to wear and parade around the gym before returning to class.

Shown in the photo (front row from left to right) Makalie Mekan, Allyson Hawkins, Hannah Maclin, Jonas Showemaker, Micah Rivera, and Jack Carey. (middle row from left to right) Logan Fritch, Drew Martinez, Stryker Muzny, Merideth Benton, Alexis Ezell, Savanah Lucas, and Nikoi Jarrett. (back row from left to right) Mrs. Keena, Preston Rose, Austin Lasater, Luke Fichtel, Cheyanne Williams, Sera Churchill, and Carter Lacy.

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T.S. Hill Middle School 8th Grade Honor Roll

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T.S. Hill Middle School 8th Grade Honor Roll - ShowMe Times

Dexter, Missouri -T.S. Hill Middle School announced their 2nd Quarter Honor Roll students. Students must maintain a B average to be on the Honor Roll each quarter.

Making the honor roll is not as easy as one might think. Middle School students who are high achievers acquire and develop excellent study habits and skills, especially in time management. To manage time efficiently, students use a student calendar or planner.

Successful, lifelong learners set aside a time and a space every day to do their homework. Student who can manage their daily workload have a better chance of attaining academic success.

Congratulations to every 8th grader who made the honor roll for the 2nd quarter of the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Below is the list of students in alphabetical order:8thGrade Honor Roll

Matthew Agey, Eric Allen, Ashley Arneson, Jillian Avery, Madeline Ayers, Shea Baker, Jade Baran, Cole Barker, Lucas Becker, Carson Bell, Kirsten Bess, Gracie Bess, Hayley Bridges, Alexis Burns, Kelsey Carrier, Jaden Cato, Colby Christian, Faith Cochran, Clair Comfort, Cutter Cornett,

Hennessy Cuevas, Evelyn Eschenweck, Alex Fitzpatrick, Ryder Foster, Katelyn Frields, Addyson Green, Austin Guy, Madilyn Hampton, Samantha Hartline, Shelby Haynes, Garrett Henson, Haden Hillis, Breanna Hobson, Zachary Hopkins, Nicolas Horn, Irene Huang, Mya Jackson, Emily Jarrell, Trey Johnson, Mason Keena, AnnMarie Long, Madyson Lowman, Audrey Lutmer, Allisyn May, Hailee Mayfield, Makayla Maze, Abigail McCormick, Grace Milam, Lillian Montgomery, Brice Moore, Daisy Moore, Kolby Musgrave, Margo Nea, Faith Owens, Madeline Parker, Wyatt Parker, Nidhi Patel, Josiah Payne, Bryston Pemberton, Brodie Pollock, Emily Pyle, Maci Rauls, Elijah Rittgers, Blair Rogers, Catalina Romero, Jack Scruggs, AnnMarie Slaton, Madison Slaton, Celina Smith, Andrew Soule, Nathaniel Steed, Dawson Tilley, Rebecca Traw, Parker Vanslyke, Travis Waldner, Spencer Warren, Alexa Werneck, Luke Whitaker, Andrew Williams, Alexis Williamson, and Logan Wyman.

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