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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - About 400 students received their certificates of completion during the annual “celebrations” held last week at the Poplar Bluff Kindergarten Center.

Kindergartners demonstrated to their families what they have learned including the alphabet, numbers to 100 and colors in a musical performance led by teacher Fawn Luecke. This year’s theme was: “Through the looking glass into... first grade.”

Shown in the photo are students in the classes of Rebecca Burgin, Tonya Hill and Jannette Walk sing the “Goodbye Song” by The Learning Station.

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Seniors Earn Scholarships Through Montgomery Family Foundation

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Five hard-working seniors recently earned scholarships through The Montgomery Family Foundation, which awards college funds to Poplar Bluff Senior High students annually among over 30 other secondary schools and universities across several states.

The mission of the Montgomery Foundation is to: “provide scholarship funds to ‘B’ students who possess the demonstrated talent, desire and promise for a college education” but could not pursue their higher education without extra financial help, according to the nonprofit. This year’s recipients, determined by a selection committee, include:

- Cynder Potter, who received a \$3,000 renewable scholarship to study to be a veterinarian at Southeast Missouri State University
- Clayton Rone, who received a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to study aerospace engineering at the University of Missouri
- Taylor Barker, who received a \$500 renewable scholarship to study nursing at Three Rivers College
- Hannah Russell, who received a \$500 one-time scholarship to study pharmacology at St. Louis College

- Angelica Esquivel, who received a \$500 one-time scholarship to study Spanish at Three Rivers

Pictured (from left) are Taylor Barker, Angelica Esquivel, Poplar Bluff Public School Foundation vice president Emily Hogg, Cynder Potter and Clayton Rone. Not present for the photo was Hannah Russell.

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Missouri Good Sports Awards

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Missouri Good Sports Awards

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Four Poplar Bluff student athletes have received the prestigious Missouri Good Sport honor for their exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.

Katie Huskey and Steven Haley of Senior High, and Kiley Bess and Trenton Davis of Junior High were given the awards of excellence by Athletic Director Kent Keith on Wednesday, May 4, in the PBJHS FEMA building. The selections were determined by a vote of the coaching staff.

The state award is intended to recognize students that have had a positive impact on the student body through their participation in extra-curricular activities, according to Jason West, Missouri State High School Activities Association communications director.

“We at MSHSAA firmly believe that a positive role model such as yourself can positively influence the actions of others in your school—your teammates, younger students, your opponents and even spectators,” West wrote in the award letter. “By taking the responsible steps in displaying positive sportsmanship, you are helping to rekindle the spirit of citizenship and are serving as a positive representative of your school and community.”

Shown in the photo (From left) Trenton Davis, Kiley Bess, Kent Keith, Katie Huskey and Steven Haley.

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O'Neal Math-A-Thon Business Partners Recognized

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O'Neal Math-A-Thon Business Partners Recognized

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - O'Neal raised nearly \$7,000 for St. Jude during the annual Math-A-Thon fundraiser for the children's research hospital, based on early estimates.

Business Night sponsors—Godfather's Pizza, Skate City, Simply Swirled and McDonalds—were recognized on Wednesday, March 2, at the elementary school for donating a portion of their proceeds to the school fundraiser.

The first Math-A-Thon was held at O'Neal in 1989. Within several years, the fundraiser gained full district support, bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars for St. Jude at this point.

Shown in the photo: Business owners (from left) Mike Cook, Leslie Lewis, Paula Hefner and Steve Sells; students representatives (left to right) Farrah Allen, Lincoln Warren, Macie Robertson, Aiden Cook, Connor Ray, Ava Monaghan, Kaylee Gloyd, Kimber Hicks, Stormy Ward and Ashtyn Reese.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff High School senior Christian Cmehil-Warn won first place in the category of cyber security during the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference held Sunday to Tuesday, April 24-26, in Springfield.

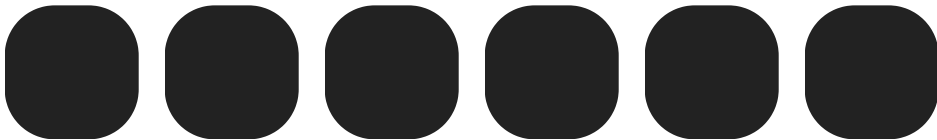
Scoring the highest in Missouri on the test has qualified Cmehil-Warn to participate in the National Leadership Conference June 29-July 2 in Atlanta. He also received an achievement award for completing more than 500 hours of community service.

Shown in the photo: Christian Cmehil-Warn medals during the annual FBLA conference.

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