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# Dexter Elks March Students of the Month

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### Dexter Elks March Students of the Month

**Advance, Missouri** - Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member presented certificates and a \$50 check for Savings Bonds to two Advance seniors, Cade Long and Megan Lee.

Cade Long is the son of Angela Long-Cato and Michael Long.

Megan Lee is the daughter of Robert and Lisa Lee.

Cade and Megan are competing with honorees from other Stoddard County schools for the Dexter elks Students of the Year.

Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Kim Backfisch, 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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## Spanish Classes Sample Tropical Fruit

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### Spanish Classes Sample Tropical Fruit

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Approximately 400 Poplar Bluff High School students learned about tropical fruit common in Spanish speaking countries on Wednesday, Feb. 22, with over \$600 from a state grant.

R-I Health Coordinator Sheryl Talkington secured the prevention and management of chronic conditions in schools funding—which focuses on physical activity, nutrition, asthma and chronic illnesses—from the Missouri Department of Health in cooperation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Chartwells School Dining Services procured the fruit—papaya, mango, pineapple and kiwi—and Chef Angie Barnett helped prepare and serve.

“We are excited to be able to share what is probably unknown to many students,” said teacher Charley Harper, noting that he was fortunate to have three mango trees growing up. “These are fruit common to many of the countries we teach about in Spanish class.”

Instructor Maria Acevedo shared that in her home country of Puerto Rico, vehicles can stop along the side of the road and pick mangos from surrounding trees “for free,” she exclaimed.

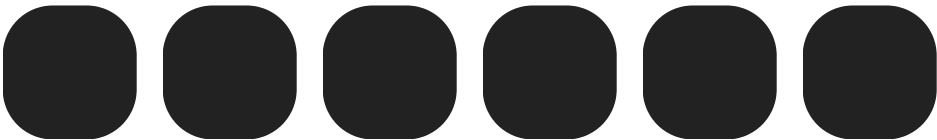
Shown in the submitted photo: Chartwells Chef Angie Barnett holds up a pineapple while teacher Charley Harper slices papaya for high school students to taste.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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# A Thousand Cranes

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - The Imaginary Theatre Company finished its play series Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Poplar Bluff Schools with a performance of “A Thousand Cranes” for fifth graders in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center, underwritten by the Bank of Missouri.

Imaginary, the professional touring ensemble of The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, previously performed “My Father’s Dragon” for Eugene Field and “A Gnome for Christmas” for Oak Grove. Last year they put on plays at the Kindergarten Center, Lake Road and Junior High. Tinnin Director Tim Thompson and R-I Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson will continue planning the rotation next year.

“A Thousand Cranes” by Kathryn Schultz is about a Japanese girl who was diagnosed with Leukemia a decade after being exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb in Hiroshima during World War II. According to an Eastern legend, if a person folds 1,000 paper cranes, s/he will be cured of disease. The girl – Sadako Sasaki, made it to No. 644, and now has a monument built in her honor at Seattle Peace Park.

The plays were brought to the district as part of Three Rivers College’s Patrons of the Arts series. Beginning in the 2015/16 school year, the community college opted to deliver the plays directly to the schools within its service area, free of cost.

Shown in the photo: Actors (standing from left) Jeanitta Perkins, Aaron Orion Baker, Charlie Barron and Catherine Regan (seated) of the Imaginary Theatre Company pose after holding a Q&A with students about the play, “A Thousand Cranes.”

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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## Dexter Elks February Students of the Month

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### Dexter Elks February Students of the Month

**Puxico, Missouri** - Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member, presented certificates and \$50 checks for Savings Bonds to two Puxico senior, Emma Parsley and Bradley Clark.

Emma Parsley is the daughter of Jay and Marcy Parsley.

Bradley Clark is the son of Allen and Shelly Clark.

Emma and Bradley are competing with honorees from the other county schools for the Dexter Elks Students of the Year.

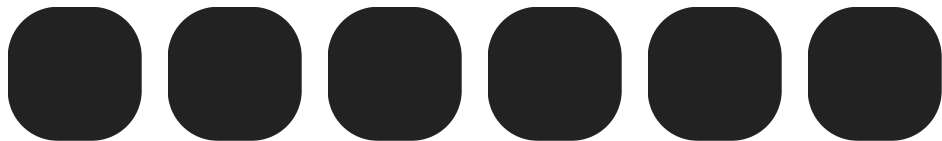
Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Lori Allen, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later this spring.

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

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# There's A Wocket in My Pocket!

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Dexter, Missouri - It's Dr. Seuss Week at Southwest Elementary in Dexter. "There's a Wocket in My Pocket!"

Lucas Woods a first grade student in Mrs. Earnheart's room models his Dr. Seuss themed attire.

Photo by Camie Richard, Southwest Elementary Librarian.

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