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Stoddard County, Missouri - Retired employees of Stoddard county's public schools are invited to attend the PSREA (Public School Retired Employees Association of Stoddard County) meeting at Hickory Log on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

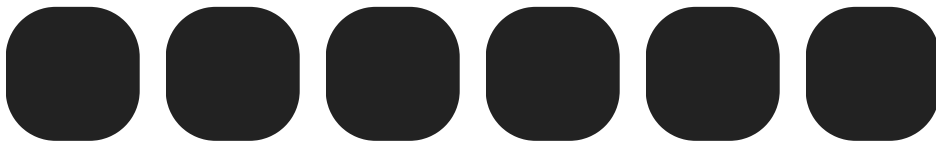
A lunch buffet will be served at a cost of \$10 per person. A brief business meeting will also take place, followed by a program by guest speaker Dr. Chris Reiger, Director of Faulkner Studies at Southeast Missouri State University - Cape Girardeau.

All retired school employees, both certified and non-certified are encouraged to attend.

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## Central Elementary Students Plant Trees

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Tree Board provided trees for third grade students at Central Elementary in Dexter. The students planted them in a belated Arbor Day event. It was raining and too wet to plant the trees so the date had to be postponed.

Herman Morse, a member of the local Tree Board, distributed red bud tree seedlings and explained the significance of trees to the students. Students then planted the trees in designated areas to continue the long time tradition at Central Elementary.

The Tree Board began the program in 1992. Students planted nearly 400 pine trees that year. Though the program has been significantly scaled back, planting of trees each year is a great way to get close to nature and help our environment.

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Honored were Loretta Morrow, Regina Mick, Elizabeth Spratt, Rhonda Lane, Michelle Kirkley, Linda Hill, Jennifer Miller, Derek Urhahn, Judy Patterson, Tracy Elfink and Melanie Stoelting.

Mrs. Tracy Elfink graduated from McKendree College in 1980 with a degree in Elementary Education.

She began her career with the Dexter Public Schools in 1994, as an Early Childhood Aide.

She is retiring with all 23 career years of teaching at Southwest Elementary, providing a quality education to all of her students.

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Mrs. Hill graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1992 with a B.S. in Education.

She began her teaching career, in 1993, at BONCL R-X (Buffalo, Oakland, Norton, Calumet, Lick Valley K-8th grade) in Louisiana, MO.

Her career has taken her to Southern Reynolds, New Madrid, Van Buren & Arcadia Valley teaching Math.

She was hired to teach High School Math at Dexter in 2008.

She came to the Dexter Public Schools with 15 quality years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Hill is retiring from the Dexter Schools, with 24 career years in education.

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Mrs. Michelle Kirkley graduated from the University of Missouri in 1989 with a B.S. in Education.

She began her teaching career in 1990 teaching Algebra I and serving as a cheer coach at Sikeston Middle School.

In 1999, she was hired to teach Algebra I at Dexter High School.

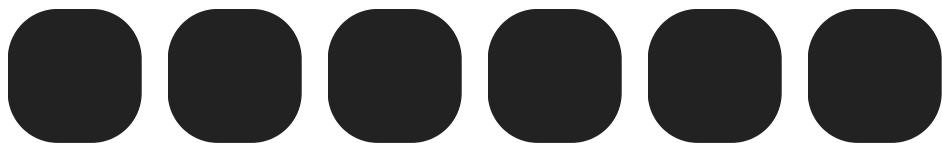
She is retiring with 27 career years in education, with 18 of those years at DHS.

During Mrs. Kirkley's tenure, she also served as a cheerleader coach.

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