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Dexter, Missouri - Each year the Dexter High School Student Council has a Trunk or Treat contest. They vote for the best presentation and costume at their annual Trunk or Treat event which allows children to have a safe and fun time getting lots of candy and showing off their fabulous and sometimes scary costumes!

There is also a candy war between all the classes at Southwest Elementary and Central Elementary. The classroom who bring in the most "ounces" of candy wins a pizza party.

The 2017 winners are Mrs. Garrison's classroom at Southwest Elementary who brought in 466 ounces of candy and Mrs. Pixley's classroom at Central Elementary. They brought in a grand total of 2,000 ounces of candy. Each classroom earned a pizza party!.

Thank you to all the students who brought in candy. The Student Council really appreciated all the donations and giving it back out to the community.

The 2017 winners of the Trunk or Treat contest are. First Place Unicorn Wonderland. Second Place: President Trump and family along with a secret service member and in third place was Decked Out: Suite of Cards.

Trump

Trump and Family and Secret Service Man

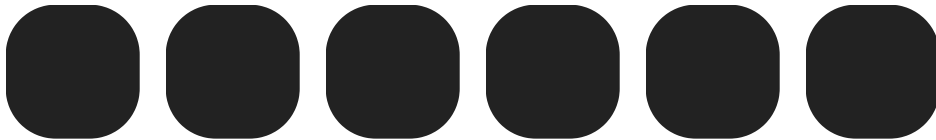
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Decked Out: Suite of Cards

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JR Beta Club Induction Held at T.S. Hill Middle School

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Dexter, Missouri - One hundred thirty-two students were inducted into the 2017 Jr. Beta Club during a special ceremony held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the T.S.

Hill Middle School in Dexter.

Middle school principal, Scott Kruse, welcomed parents and special guests and then asked Tucker Kyle, 8th grade Jr. Beta member to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gerica Harris lead everyone in a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem.

Jr. Beta State Secretary, Abby DeMent, spoke to the audience as well with a an entertaining explanation of what Jr. Beta does in the community and how learned to become a leader through Jr. Beta. Keep an eye on this gal over the next few years. She is going to make an impact on our school and community.

Mr. Kruse introduced Christopher Stone, the school's 2018 Jr. Beta State Presidential Candidate. He will be running for office at the state convention in March at Poplar Bluff.

"In only our 6th year of Jr. Beta at the middle school, it is obvious to our students, teachers, parents, and this community that Beta Club makes a powerful positive impact on our school and student body," state Kruse. "It is exciting to be able to say this positive impact can now continue into the Dexter Senior High School for these students with the implementation of a Sr. Beta Club locally."

"Our Jr. Beta Club has proven to serve a valuable purpose and fill several needs here at Middle School," continued Kruse.

Jr. Beta students work hard throughout the academic year. They sponsor canned food drives, an Old School Chili Supper (slated for November 20th), host a formal Winter Dance for the entire school, and have worked on several service projects in the community providing a Christmas for six area families.

Last year at the state convention in Poplar Bluff students competed against other Missouri Jr. Beta members in categories such as artwork, photography, speech, essay, group talent, poetry, recycled art, quilting, wreaths, banners, web design, handmade jewelry, t-shirt design, living literature, quiz bowl, academics and more.

Thirty-nine students and eleven sponsors traveled to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida this past summer. They competed in numerous categories including Tower of Power, Spotlight on Your Club, Fiber Arts, Sculpture, Pen and Ink, and their skit.

The skit placed 2nd, Fiber Arts placed 4th, Sculpture placed 3rd, Spotlight on Your Club placed 2nd, and Tower of Power placed 6th. Quite the accomplishment for these students at the national level.

"Students being inducted today are invited to join this club, not based on a specific skill or talent. They are not selected because of superior athletic ability or other gifts," commented Kruse. "It is not a popularity contest. We have a club that emphasizes and recognizes students who understand the importance of things like Achievement, Character, Leadership, and Service."

The Beta motto is: Let us lead by serving others. These students exemplify the meaning of the Beta motto at the middle school. They are the best of the best and will be future leaders in our community and will continue to make a positive impact wherever they live and work.

Nancy Langley, Assistant Principal, inducted the members with the Jr. Beta Pledge. Each student was asked to raise their right hand and recite the pledge.

After the closing parents and family were asked to enjoy punch and cookies and take photos of their students.

Inducted in the 2017 Jr. Beta Club were in alphabetical order:

Collin Anthony, Brendan Ballance, Cheyanne Bayless, Alexis Bennett, Brooklynn Bennett, Allexis Brown, Gabrielle Brown, Kayden Burns, Leneya Callaway, Audrey Calvert, Tyson Carmode, Katarrah Churchill, Cierra Clark, Richard Coons, Aysia Corbin, Rylee Corlew, Demarkus Daniels, Mya Darnell, Jaylynn Davis, Jon-Kieya Davis, Levi Dement, Conner Doan, Emerson Dorton, Shelby Driskill, Holden Duer, Alexis Durham, Ashton Dvorak, Anna Ellinghouse, Raleigh Evans, Chase Farmer, Jonathan Farmer, RJ Farmer, and Marie Fees.

Preston Fitzpatrick, Ayden Fleming, Lane Franklin, Piper Freeman, Kenneth Frost, Luke Gentry, Sofia Gibson, Dylan Greene, Alexis Grindstaff, Gracen Hampton, Nathan Harris, Hunter Hayes, Kaylee Hazel, Emily Hester, Maliki Hinson-Flores, Amelia Holden, Matthew Honeycutt, Nicole Hua, Brooklyn Huggins, Gabrielle Ingram, Hayden Jarrell, Landon Jarrell, Peyton Jarrell, Logan Jelinek, Amelia Jenkins, Daniel Jones, Harley Keene, Tristan King, Anistin Kyle, Juan Lara, Brooke Lasater, Richard Lin, and Brooklyn Link.

Abbie Lloyd, Ashton Long, Javier Lugo, Gage Malone, Grace Marvel, Shane Matthews, Ellieannah McBroom, Kennedy McCormick, Brianna McRoy, Kaylee McVey, Adaline Medley, Alden Medlin, Elijah Montgomery, Andrew Morgan, Leon Morlan, Hailey Northern, Katelynn Owens, Lily Parker, John Parsons, Quinton Peery, Kali Pennebaker, Hailey Pennebaker, Harrison Pennington, Kenton Pope, Abbygail Powell, Atlanta Rickman, Noah Riddle, Matthew Riley, Alexis Robinson, Kelbey Rodgers, Cameron

Rojik, Ethan Ross, and Adam Saylor.

Kaylee Schaefer, Cy Scott, Aubrey Seiter, Ben Sheridan, Jasmine Silvey, Lily Simpson, Cheyenne Smith, Lela Smith, Xzander Smith, Emily Smith, Amberly Steele, Jimmy Stephens, Sophia Stevens, Tatum Taylor, Macie Templemire, Bryce Terry, Kalra Terry, Ivy Tucker, Allison Turnbo, Zoey Vickery, Ashtin Vincent, Avin Vincent, Alyssa Warren, Brett Warren, Raiden Waters, Le Watson, Landon Weathers, Carson Williams, Rhyder Williams, Alexis Womble, Cylas Worley, Ryan Young, and Ethan Zabelin.

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Three Rivers Students Receive Wylma Noll Memorial Scholarship

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Students from across Three Rivers College's 15-county service area have received Wylma Noll Memorial Scholarships. The recipients were honored at the college's "Fulfilling Dreams" reception for students awarded Three Rivers College and Three Rivers Endowment Trust scholarships. Recipients are listed below by hometown.

Bernie: Kaitlyn Blanchette, Christina Dowdy

Bloomfield: Olivia Robey

Broseley: Kasey Nance

Cardwell: Brett Martin

Caruthersville: Chelsea Watkins

Chaffee: Natalee Jean Borneman

Clarkton: Kristie Rae Evans

Dexter: Kaitlin Che' Lauters, Charles Sanders, Lauren Stidham, Kali Watson

Doniphan: Sierra Gibbs, Melissa Sullivan

East Prairie: Ashley Bass, Courtney Carden

Ellington: Nathaniel Todd

Fairdealing: Stephanie Thomas

Festus: Tiara Byrd

Fisk: Dylan Heath

Grandin: Meagan Thomasson

Harviell: Dylan Bunch

Hayti: Julia Khourie

Jackson: Macy Tatum

Kennett: Jared Butler, Candice Tansil

Malden: Kendell Buchanan, Dakota Earnheart

Marble Hill: Areka Miles

Oran: Katy Michelle Wondel

Oxly: Carleigh Lane

Poplar Bluff: Kaycelyn Alexander, Hunter Aud, Mackenzie Burgelin, Dillon Crowley, Emily Duckett, Kira Heathington, Jennifer Hubbard, Bridgette Jenkins, Julia Khourie, Barbara Knapp, Lindsey Miller, James Osborn, Melanie Stewart, Nathaniel Todd, Matthew Vaughn, Chloe Vernon, Tiffany Wood

Portageville: Joshua Foster

Puxico: Jamie Rasberry, Skiler Ribble

Scott City: Erika Medlin

Senath: Kyler Davidson

Sikeston: Sandra Brashear, Marshall Hicks, James Lewis, Lindsay Linley, Deanna Sherrod, Marshohn Woods

Van Buren: Hailey Burnham

Wappapello: Hannah Foriester

Three Rivers College students who received the Wylma Noll Memorial Scholarship were recognized at a “Fulfilling Dreams” reception held in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

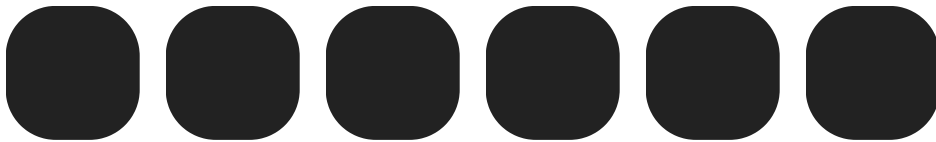
Back row from left to right: Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; Hunter Aud, scholarship recipient, Kasey Nance, scholarship recipient; Katy Wondel, scholarship recipient; Dylan Heath, scholarship recipient; and Eric Schalk, Chair, Three Rivers College Board of Trustees.

Front row from left to right: Christina Dowdy, scholarship recipient; Dakota Earnheart, scholarship recipient; Sandra Brashear, scholarship recipient; and Hannah Foriester, scholarship recipient.

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Dentist Guest Lectures in Forensic Class

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Following a guest lecture about forensic odontology on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Poplar Bluff High School, local dentist Dr. Eric Blaich took the opportunity to provide career advice to students.

“Do something you like, don’t go for money,” said Blaich, who works for the Dental Arts Group, a family practice spanning three generations. “Look at whether that career field’s growing.”

The PBHS alumnus advised the juniors and seniors in Kathy Miller’s forensic science class to seek job shadow opportunities and internships so they may be able to “find out for free” what career field they are passionate about prior to choosing a major, if they are college-bound.

While he does not suggest that forensic odontology is a lucrative profession, Blaich discussed the integral role such a specialist can play during catastrophic events involving mass casualties. Forensic odontology is the identification of human remains based on dental records or the application of dental science in legal investigations

Teeth are the hardest structure in the body, Blaich pointed out. He noted that identifying an individual by his or her teeth may be used as a last resort if, for example, the person was a fire victim. “Teeth are kind of like snowflakes,” said Blaich, “every set is different.

While a dental record must legally be kept on file for five years, digital cloud storage allows archives to go back much further today, Blaich said. The oldest discovered filling dates back 13,000 years.

Earlier in the month, education consultant Bridget Jackson of the Missouri Department of Conservation visited Miller’s class to introduce students to her cadaver dog, Addie.

Pictured: Senior Hunter Goble volunteers to have an impression made of his teeth.

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Southwest Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referral Certificates

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Southwest Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referral Certificates

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors first and second grade students with Positive Office Referral certificates for week of October 23, 2017.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Front row from left to right: Kylee Anderson, Gracie Edwards, John Parker Tarbutton, Kennedy Essner, Eli Earnheart

Back row from left to right: Carsen Jones, Olivianna Hester, Maddilyn Childers, Ava Clark, Mason Spencer, Ronie Taylor

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