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2018 BHS Homecoming Sophomore Candidate

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bloomfield High School held their 2018 Winter Homecoming Coronation on Thursday, February 15th. Natalie Powell was the sophomore candidate.

Natalie is the daughter of Natasha Fornkohl and Eric Powell. She is a member of the Sr. Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, and Pep Club. She also plays volleyball and softball for the Wildcats.

Her hobbies include drawing and playing club volleyball.

Her future plans are to become a neonatal nurse and work in the NICU at a hospital.

Her escort was Sam Whitaker.

Sam is the son of John and Jennifer Whitaker.

He is active in Sr. Beta, Future Business Leaders of America, and he plays basketball.

His hobbies inlcude hanging with friends and playing basketball.

His future plans are to attend a college.

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2018 BHS Homecoming Freshman Candidate

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2018 BHS Homecoming Freshman Candidate

Bloomfield, Missouri - Bloomfield High School held their 2018 Winter Homecoming Coronation on Thursday, February 15th. Freshman cadidate was Kaylea Hart.

Kaylea is the daughter of Nichole Musgrave and Corey Hart.

She is active in Future Business Leaders of America and volleyball.

Her hobbies include shopping and playing volleyball. She also enjoys attending church.

Her future plans are to attend cosmetology school after graduation from high school.

Her escort was Parker Heaton.

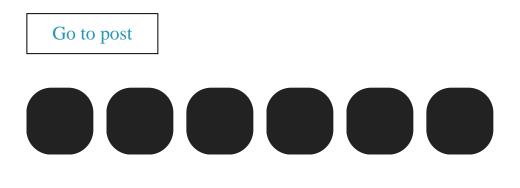
Parker is the son of Josh and Amy Heaton.

He is a member of the basketball team and is active in Sr. Beta and Future Business Leaders of America.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and playing guitar.

His future plans are to become a Veterinarian.

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Bernie School Board Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2018

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Bernie School Board Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2018

Bernie, Missouri - The Board of Education met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2018. Below are the meeting minutes.

The Board approved student trips for FFA to South Haven, MS, March 9th, FFA to Jefferson City, MO April 12th and FFA to State Convention in Columbia, April 18-21st.

The Board approved the 2018/2019 school calendar.

Program evaluations on Co-Curricular Activities, Discipline and A+ were approved. The A+ Assurance statement was re-adopted thereby allowing Bernie students who qualify to obtain 2 years of tuition at a Community College or Tech school.

The Board approved adding Blake Trover, Kristy Howell, Samantha Henson, Candace Hodges and Marisa McGowan to the Substitute Teacher Employee List.

The Board approved January Policy Updates and Regulations.

The Board accepted the letter of intent to retire from Edna Smith, 4th Grade Elementary Teacher, Lynette Thomason, Elementary Reading Interventionist and the resignation from Kelli Anthony as the Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor.

The Board approved the financial statement and paying the monthly bills.

During executive session: Principal contracts for the 2018/2019 school year were awarded to Tommie Ellenburg and Lucas McKinnis.

The board approved Beth Shaffer as the Jr. High Volleyball Coach Assistant.

The Board approved the reassignment of Palisa Huber as the Elementary Interventionist for the 2018/19 school year.

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Bloomfield School Board Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2018

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield School Board met for their regularly schedule board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018. Below are the minutes from the meeting.

The board approved:

- 1. Two policies and two procedures concerning cybersecurity;
- 2. The 2018-19 School Calendar
- 3. Donation of \$100 to Project Prom and allow them to use school buses for the event;
- 4. The solicitation of bus bids.

The building principals gave their building reports. I informed the board of the district's MODOT bus inspection scheduled for March 16, the SEMO Superintendent's Banquet in April, and gave a legislative update.

In executive session, the board approved:

1. Subsitutes Zach Goode, Allen Moss, Candace Hodges, and Christina Scherer pending proper

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2. The resignation of Timothy Bolin at the end of the 2017-18 school year

3. The hiring of Amy Battles for JH volleyball assistant coach for the 2017-18 school year

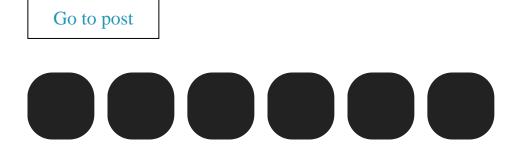
4. The extension of contracts through the 2019-20 school year for principals Sabrina Skaggs, Louis

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Bell, and Jason Karnes.

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PBHS Continues to Offer ACT for FREE Despite State Cut

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PBHS Continues to Offer ACT for FREE Despite State Cut

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Poplar Bluff School District will offer the ACT exam to High School juniors one time free of charge in April.

The college admissions test, previously state-funded, was cut from the Missouri budget this school year. To eliminate the possible barrier preventing students from exploring college options, the R-I Board of Education voted unanimously in November to pick up the tab – at a discounted group rate.

"Our local board was gracious enough to allow us to do this," said Scott Dill, superintendent. "It's one of those threshold moments in a student's academic career that may be a deciding factor in whether or not a student extends education to a postsecondary environment."

Student ACT participation more than doubled since the fee was waived during 2014/15, according to information PBHS Principal Mike Owen reported to the school board. In a survey asking over 300 juniors whether they would be interested in taking the exam voluntarily, at no cost, half signed up.

Over 60 percent of PBHS students go on to college, according to the district report card recently released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Of that percentage, about 20 percent of graduates go straight to four-year higher education institutions.

The ACT is accepted at all universities in the United States, and is the predominant college placement test used in the Midwest, according to Tamara Day, PBHS counseling department head.

"With the opportunity to take it for free, a student who may be wouldn't have taken it otherwise, could score better than they imagined, and realize: 'I am college material. I have what it takes,'" Day stated.

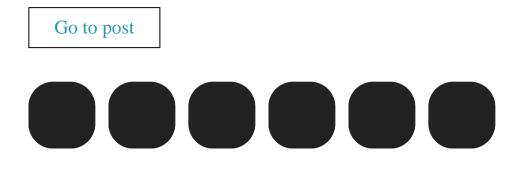
The four-hour test will be offered free of charge on Tuesday, April 3, at PBHS with a make-up date of Tuesday, April 24. The test may be retaken up to six additional times at a cost of \$46 or \$62.50 including the writing component.

For more information, contact the counseling center at 573-785-6471.

Pictured: Dr. Regina Williams, PBHS guidance counselor, hosts the first of a series of CAPS (college application party and scholarship) meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the cafeteria to assist senior advisory classes in applying to colleges or submitting scholarship applications.

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