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Dexter Elks 2018 March Students of the Month

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Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member, presented certificates and \$50 checks for Savings Bonds to Advance seniors Peyton Kirchhoff and Hailee Laird.

Peyton is the son of Patrick Kirchhoff and Lisa Manuel.

Hallee Laird is the daughter of David and Jennifer Laird.

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

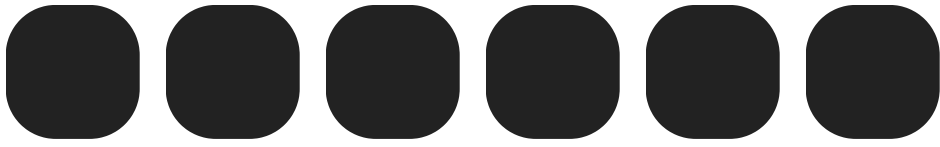
Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Kim Backfisch, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later this spring.

The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at the spring banquet on April 17, 2018.

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary Relay for Life Team is hosting a Pajama Day fundraiser on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

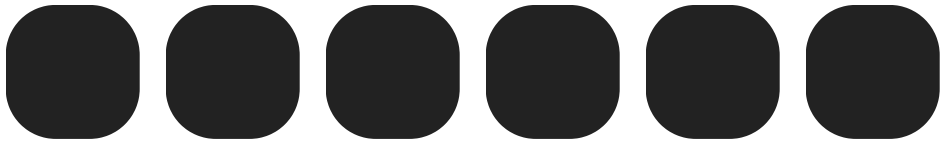
Teachers and students will "Dress Down for Cancer". Each person can bring \$1.00 and wear pajamas to school that day.

What a great way to raise money for the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event in Dexter to be held on Friday, May 4, 2018 at West Park.

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Central Relay for Life Trivia Night Fundraiser

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Dexter, Missouri - Central Elementary Relay for Life Team will host a Trivia Night fundraiser on Friday, March 16, 2018 the Sacred Heart Church Gym in Dexter.

Teams of 8 for \$120 or \$15 per person.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and Trivia Night starts at 7 p.m.

There will be a decorated table prize with the theme being St. Patricks Day!

A 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffle and a heads and tail will also be part of the night.

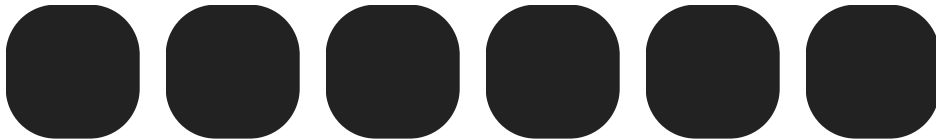
Mulligans are \$10 and Cooler Fee is \$20.

Checks can be written to Central Flower Fund. To register early contact Whitney Tanksley at wtanksley@dexter.k12.mo.us or Shelby Lintz at slintz@dexter.k12.mo.us.

Register today if you have not registered yet. Deadline has passed, but they will take more! Proceeds go to families battle cancer at the Annual Relay for Life set for Friday, May 4, 2018.

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The Neal E. Boyd Endowed Scholarship in Performing Arts has been established through the Southeast Missouri University Foundation.

The fund was established by Boyd and two fraternity brothers. The scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled at Southeast Missouri State University majoring in performing arts with a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The recipient of this scholarship must demonstrate financial need, and preference will be given to students involved in leadership activities such as Greek Life and the Student Government Association. Boyd himself was a student with need, who received scholarship support, and he was involved with the performing arts and a leader in Student Government, the Interfraternity Council, the Residence Hall Association, and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Boyd earned two undergraduate degrees – a Bachelor of Arts in speech communications and political science from Southeast and a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Missouri-Columbia – and continued his education at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, before a fulfilling career that has included teaching, business, public speaking and performing.

He is a recipient of Southeast’s Distinguished Service Award.

For more information, please contact the Southeast Missouri University Foundation at (573) 651-2203 or foundation@semo.edu.

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Professional Play Series Put on for Local Students

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri- The children's play series presented by the Patrons of the Arts wrapped up on Friday, Feb. 23, exposing some students to theater for the first time.

Poplar Bluff students grades K-5 were provided an opportunity to see one of the following plays performed by the Repertory Imaginary Theatre Company at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center: "The Nutcracker," "The Country Mouse and City Mouse" or "Laura Ingalls Wilder: Voice of the Prairie."

"It was quite moving to see their expressions while they watched the characters from the story come to life on stage," said Teresa Webb, first grade teacher of Eugene Field. "I believe they walked away from the experience with a newfound appreciation of performing arts and gained a deeper understanding of the lesson learned from (the play)."

Getting to see the reaction of students was one of Webb's "most treasured memories" of the school year, she continued. Faculty colleague Kristen Spain added that watching the faces of the students sitting on the edge of their seats, soaking in every word, was "priceless."

"My Alanii Render now wants to grow up and be in performing arts in college because she was so inspired by one of the actresses that day," said Spain of one of her first grade students. "In her words: 'I didn't know grownups could play and act silly on stage in front of kids and get paid for it!'"

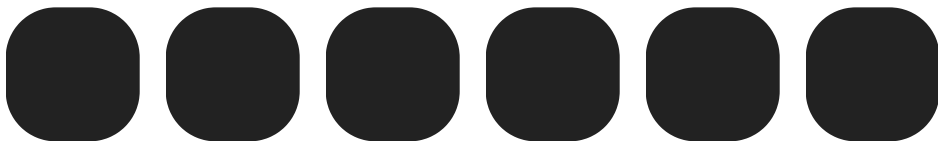
Three Rivers College has been arranging for professional plays to be performed directly for schools within its service area for the past few years. The plays are free thanks to the Patrons of the Arts Society, which subsidizes the costs with help from business sponsors.

"Having a variety of opportunities in the arts education is so important for our students. These experiences help kids develop on many fundamental levels," stated Patty Robertson, R-I assistant superintendent of curriculum. "Some students find their 'voice' while studying the arts. Creative expression is also a great way to build self-confidence."

Pictured: The cast of 'Voice of the Prairie,' (from left) Lana Dvorak, Jeanitta Perkins, Charlie Barron and Aaron Orion Baker, answer questions from fifth graders following the performance.

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