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Sikeston, Missouri - U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) will visit Three Rivers College – Sikeston at 3:45 p.m. May 2.

According to Blunt’s office, the senator will tour the TRC facility at 1400 S. Main in Sikeston, visit with students, and talk about the importance of Pell Grants, a federally funded needs-based program that helps students pay for a college education.

The Pell Grant program was expanded this year to provide grants for Summer classes, as well as the Fall and Spring semesters. Year-round Pell will allow qualifying students to continue taking classes in the summer and finish their degrees faster. For details on Pell Grants and information on applying for financial aid, visit [trcc.edu/financialaid](http://trcc.edu/financialaid).

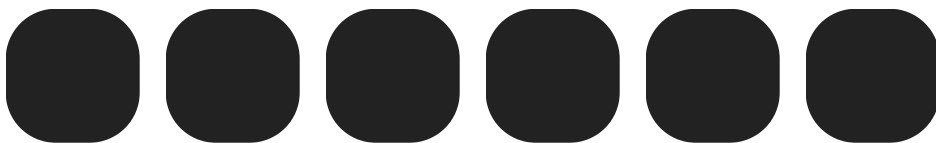
Three Rivers has been offering classes in Sikeston since the 1980s. In 2005, Three Rivers opened a location there. In 2015 Three Rivers opened its present Sikeston facility, a 36,000-square-foot building that includes 10 classrooms; four computer classroom/labs; two science labs; LPN-to-RN Bridge Program facilities; a Learning Resource Center/Library; and the Sikeston Room, an auditorium/community meeting room for student and community events. For more information on TRC-Sikeston, call 573-472-5223.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. Registration is open now for Summer and Fall classes; for a getting started checklist, visit [trcc.edu/admissions](http://trcc.edu/admissions). For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit [trcc.edu](http://trcc.edu).

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## DHS Student, Savannah Gourley, Earns First Place at Regional Art Exhibit

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Dexter art student, Savannah Gourley, won Best of Show at the 18th Annual Juried Regional High School Art Exhibit at the Margaret Harwell Art Museum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

A black and white drawing entitle "Stare" was the top prize at the show. Gourley's art instructor at Dexter High School is Clinton Twaddell, shown in the photo with her.

Several students from around the area were also winners. The museum is open from noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free and the museum is ADA accessible. For more information, visit the museum's website at [www.mham.org](http://www.mham.org) or call (573) 686-8002.

Winners of other categories were:

Painting: 1st place with "Still" Savannah Gourley; 2nd place "Angus Closeup" Lizzy Black from Farmington; 3rd place "Halloween" Bianca Thomas of Puxico; Honorable Mention "Moody Monday" Bianca Thomas of Puxico.

Drawing: 1st place with "Hair" Savannah Gourley of Dexter; 2nd place "Blue" Savannah Gourley of Dexter; 3rd place "1991 Moonfish" Anna Bishop of Dexter; Honorable Mention "Sasha" Brandi Sherrer of Greenville High School.

Mixed Media: 1st place with "A Fairy House" Nick Robinson, Neelyville; 2nd place "Universal Kindness" Emilia Torres, Farmington; 3rd place "Madame" Isaiah Boyle of Poplar Bluff; Honorable Mention "Flower Power" Isaiah Boyle of Poplar Bluff.

3-Dimensional: 1st place "Fish" Kaleb Stone of Farmington; 2nd place "Ball in Cage" Landen Smith of Greenville; 3rd place "A Vase" Madeline Underwood of Malden; and Honorable Mention "Hippy Hippo" Gillian Cummins of Farmington.

Photography: 1st place "Big Mood" Bobbi Teschle of Greenville; 2nd place "From Wrecks to Riches" Cynthia Porter of Greenville; 3rd place "Locked Away" Cynthia Porter of Greenville; Honorable Mention "Black Women Matter" Ryan Fuemmeler of Farmington.

Photo by Wendy Gourley.

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## DMS Weekly Activities - May 1st - End of School

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Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School - This listing of T.S. Hill Middle School activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with C.A. Counts, Superintendent, Scott Kruse, Middle School Principal and the Dexter Public Schools for your convenience.

We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

If you would like to submit information and a picture of a student and his/her accomplishments, send it to [dloflin@showmetimes.com](mailto:dloflin@showmetimes.com) or call (573) 380-3318.

**Calendar**

Tuesday	May 1	HS Counselors meet with 8th Graders
Wednesday	May 2	PD Meeting 3:30
Thursday	May 3	6th and 7th Grade Scheduling in computer labs 8th Grade Parent Meeting with HS
Friday	May 4	Activity Afternoon 1:00 Goodwill Games
Saturday	May 5	Band Festival
Monday	May 7	Teacher Inventories due to Mrs. Stevenson CTA Retirement Tea 4:00 BEC 5th Grade Scheduling and Tours at MS
Tuesday	May 8	MS Choir Concert 6:00 BEC 2019 Teens to DC meeting 5:15
Wednesday	May 9	8th Graders Schedule with HS Counselors
Thursday	May 10	FREE Physicals-DHS 3:30 7th Grade ADV Science KFVS12 Trip MS Band Concert 6:00
Friday	May 11	Senior Clap Out at Middle School 12:30 ish DHS Graduation 7:30 BEC
Saturday	May 12	MS Choir to Six Flags Choir Festival
Monday	May 14	Rich Redmond CRASH Assembly 1:30 in MS Gym Cafeteria/Crossing Guard Reward Pizza Party Middle School Cheer Tryouts begin
Tuesday	May 15	Middle School Honors Banquet 6:00

Wednesday      May 16      Activity Afternoon with KONA ICE  
Middle School Cheer Tryouts/selection

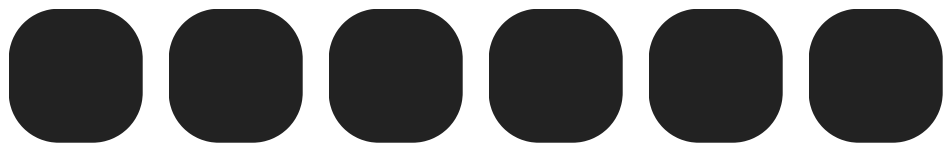
Thursday          May 17      Headed to the Top Pizza and Swimming Party  
8th Grade Dance and Slide Show 5:30-8:00

Friday  
Lunch              May 18      Talent Show/Yearbooks/Video/Teacher Retirement

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## Several TCC Students to Compete Nationally

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The most in recent memory, 11 Poplar Bluff Technical Career Center students placed in the Missouri SkillsUSA contest held Thursday through Saturday, April 5-7, at the State Technical College of Missouri in Linn.

Out of 30 participants who advanced from the district to state level – Luke Cook, Hailey Garrett, Jeramiah Gracia, Nick Loyd, Lara Pierce, Nickalas Richards, Lane White and Levi White have qualified to vie in the national competition June 25-29 in Louisville, Ky.

In addition, the aforementioned students each received \$1,000-2,000 scholarships to Linn College, along with Brooke Francisco, Michaelyn Hatton and Tara Hutchinson, who also earned top placement.

“This is an exceptional, well-balanced group of kids that are here to learn,” said TCC building trades instructor Jody Cochran, SkillsUSA senior advisor. “To make it to state or nationals speaks for our school system and lets people know what kind of education they can get out here.”

State events that TCC students excelled in included barbering, carpentry technical information, cosmetology, cosmetology tech info, culinary arts, esthetics, nurse assisting, T-shirt design and team works. More than 3,000 students, educators and industry officials were in attendance.

The students going on to participate this summer plan to fundraise to offset uniform, registration and travel costs. Cochran referred to the opportunity as “life changing,” explaining that industry officials may be in attendance to recruit students into the workforce.

“When you’re getting national recognition—the top of the top—there are trade people set up wanting to hire these students,” Cochran said. “There are folks retiring and lots of spots opening, and opportunities to make good money and have a good job for a long time.”

More than 1,000 trade associations and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA through financial aid, in-kind contributions and involvement of their people in activities, according to a press release from the national organization.

Pictured: TCC students who medaled at the Missouri SkillsUSA competition were (front row from left) Jeramiah Gracia, Brooke Francisco and Hailey Garrett; (second row) Lara Pierce and Nickalas Richards; (third row, left to right) Tara Hutchinson, Michaelyn

Hatton and Levi White; and (back row) Nick Loyd, Lane White and Luke Cook.

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## Poplar Bluff's Math-A-Thon efforts reach \$1M milestone

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Poplar Bluff R-I has raised over \$1 million for St. Jude since the 1988/89 academic year when the school system first became involved in the Math-A-Thon fundraiser.



While several individual schools across the country have surpassed Poplar Bluff's \$45,000 contribution this year, R-I is the only participant that has contributed on a district-wide basis for 30 years consistently, according to a representative from the children's research hospital.

"We thank the Poplar Bluff School District for allowing the students to participate in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon each year, continuing to help advance the mission of the hospital of finding cures and saving children," stated Ann Culpepper of St. Jude's Enterprise Contact Center.

The district's participation started at O'Neal Elementary with retired principal Lorenzo Sandlin, who unfortunately knew firsthand of the comfort the medical facility provides when a child tragically is inflicted with the diabolical disease. From the 1994/95 school year to 1998/99, Eugene Field got involved, then Lake Road, Junior High, Oak Grove and lastly the Middle School.

While Math-A-Thon is a K-8 fundraiser, the entire district contributes in some capacity, including fun books, skate nights, dress-down days and much more. Sandlin's coordinating successor, Oak Grove Principal Jenifer Richardson, noted that the community plays a large part too, donating portions of proceeds if not 100 percent during business nights.

"I knew it meant a lot to Lorenzo to see the program continue to succeed," explained Richardson with regard to picking up where Sandlin left off in 2013. "Our district has a special tie to [St. Jude] because we have had children receive health care there. You never know when one of our own children will need that assistance."

About 8,500 children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases are treated at the Memphis hospital each year and their families never receive a bill for care, travel, housing or food, according to a fact-sheet Culpepper supplied. The overall childhood cancer survival rate has increased from 20 to 80 percent because of treatments invented at St. Jude since the hospital opened its doors in 1962.

Sandlin and his wife Debbie were honored for adopting the cause in order to teach students the importance of charity during the special recognition portion of the school board meeting on Thursday, April 19, in the Administrative Building. "We'll go for that next million right away," Superintendent Dr. Scott Dill assured the couple.

Pictured: Visiting St. Jude on Friday, April 6, were chaperones/parents (from left) Jenifer Richardson, Melanie Schalk, Cheryl Berry, Staci Barker, Shiela Boyles, Hilary Taylor, Stephanie Halter, Angie Bowman and Lorenzo Sandlin; and top fundraising students (in alphabetical order) Truston Alexander, Madeline Allbritton, Owen Baucom, Makayla Cantu, Alexis Cochran, Audrey Davis, Daine Dugas, Natalya Johnson, Anna Lack, Tristan Lady, Sawyer Richardson, Natalea Rommel, Aiden Sandlin, Clayton Schalk, Laine Schalk, Audrey Smith, Bailey Smith, Sara Tolliver, Caleb Vinson and Bristol Weadon. Not present for the photo was student Charlie Raglin.

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