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Dexter, Missouri - Lauren Rascher from Dexter High School received the Jamie Sifford Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

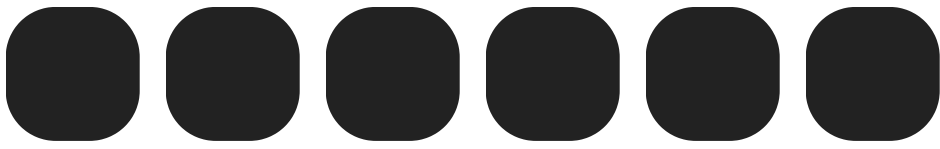
Lauren will be attending Murray State University in the fall and major in agriculture education.

"Jamie Sifford was a customer of Biovante from 2014 to 2016. Jamie was a student of farming who was always looking to learn more about how to grow healthier and higher yielding crops. Unfortunately, he passed away on April 23, 2016. Jamie was not just a customer but a friend. While he was passionate about farming, he deeply loved his children and when you were around him you couldn't help but smile. His personality was one of the best you could find. As long as Biovante exists we will continue to offer graduating seniors from Dexter who pursue a career in agriculture this scholarship," commented Christopher Masters.

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Ross Dare has been selected among 330 sophomores statewide to participate in the Missouri Scholars Academy this summer, the first Poplar Bluff High School student in several years to achieve this prestigious honor, according to the Counseling Department.

Selection to the three-week residential program held at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia is based on PSAT scores, grade point average, an IQ test, student essays and letters of recommendation.

“Missouri Scholars Academy will give Ross new opportunities to challenge himself intellectually and new venues for his curiosity to flourish,” wrote Joshua Allen, Ross’ choir teacher. “He is, simply stated, the type of student for whom MSA was created.”

During the academy which begins Sunday, June 10, Ross will select a major, a minor, as well as a social class tailored toward the academically gifted. The curriculum is designed for scholars to deepen their understanding about their unique abilities, while engaging in critical-thinking and problem-solving activities.

Science Department chairwoman Gail Karlsh said Ross is only the second sophomore in her 38-year tenure that she has given special permission to enroll in physics, a junior level

course. Ross earned an A during the first semester. Karlish has also served as the Academic Team coach for over 25 years, working closely with many of the school's brightest students, she said. Ross is the team captain.

“This year, cross country was another activity that Ross added to his already impressive plate,” Karlish wrote in her letter. “He did this because, in his words: ‘I’m not a very sports guy. I wasn’t very good this year, but I plan to run again next year because it was fun, and I want to get better.’”

That enthusiastic attitude combined with his top ranking in his class is why guidance counselor Susan Brown felt compelled to nominate Ross for MSA, she said.

Pictured: Ross Dare, pictured with counselor Susan Brown, has been accepted to the Missouri Scholars Academy from June 10-30 at Mizzou.

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Three Rivers Student Receives Brenda Murphy Gettings Memorial Scholarship

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Amanda Cordell, a Nursing student at Three Rivers College, has been awarded the Brenda Murphy Gettings Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship was created in memory of Brenda Murphy Gettings, a graduate of Three Rivers College's Nursing program. Her family members award a \$500 scholarship to a second-year Three Rivers nursing student who lives in the four-county taxing district, based on need and essays submitted by applicants.

The scholarship is funded by an annual 5K Run/Walk, held by Gettings' family, that also funds other scholarships.

Cordell lives in Neelyville and anticipates graduating in December 2018.

Anyone interested in awarding a scholarship, one-time or endowed, to Three Rivers College students may call the Development Office at 840-9077.

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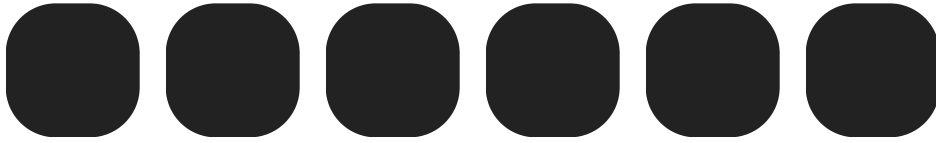
Three Rivers College student and Poplar Bluff resident Jeff Harpole has received a scholarship from the Leonard Query Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to a sophomore with a 3.0 GPA residing within the Three Rivers College taxing district and who is pursuing a degree in Marketing and Sales.

The Leonard Query Scholarship is administered by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. To learn more about investing in Three Rivers College students through scholarships, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu.

From L-R: Allen Brooks, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Mark Stidham, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Jeff Harpole, scholarship recipient; Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; and Eric Schalk, Chair of the Three Rivers College Board of Trustees.

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Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Weekend Aug 3rd - 5th

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The 2018 Back to School Sales Tax holiday in Missouri is the weekend of August 3rd - August 5th.

Certain back-to-school purchases, such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and other items as defined by the statute, are exempt from some sales tax for this time period only.

State taxes and some county taxes will be waived on the following items:

Clothing – any article having a taxable value of \$100 or less

School supplies – not to exceed \$50 per purchase

Computer software – taxable value of \$350 or less

Personal computers – not to exceed \$1,500

Computer peripheral devices – not to exceed \$1,500

Graphing calculators – not to exceed \$150

City taxes will still apply in many cities throughout Missouri.

Additional details about the sales tax holiday weekend are available on the Missouri State Department of Revenue’s website.

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