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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored 1st Grade students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award was presented to students who consistently showed the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.

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

Pictured from left to right: McKinlee Graham, Ethan Granger, and Makenzy Hargrave.

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Southwest Elementary Celebrates Kindergarten Positive Office Referral Awards

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored Kindergarten students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

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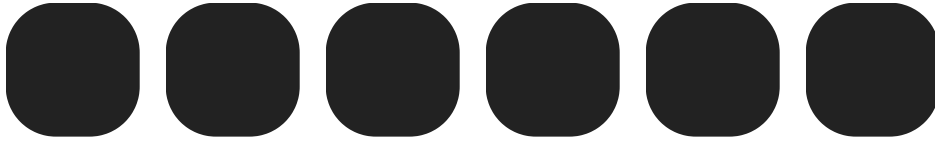
Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Pictured front row from left to right: Reese Banken, Audrey Sitzes, Finn Seyer, Hank Hopkins, Sydney Delay, Presley Woods

Back row from left to right: Nolan McCollough, Kaelyn Passley, Hattie Galloway, Emma Crowe, Barrett Mills

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Three Rivers College recently received a grant from the Division of Workforce Development through the Missouri Registered Apprenticeship Program (MORAP) that has allowed the College to start an apprenticeship program in cooperation with area manufacturers. The goal of the program is to work with local businesses to create much-needed highly-skilled workers. Currently, the program includes Industrial Maintenance Technician and Tool & Die Maintenance.

Students in the program learn a specific skillset through on-the-job training and also receive additional education from their employer and Three Rivers. This program will help speed up the process of taking workers from apprentice to journeyman, getting people ready faster to take over for those retiring.

“There is a great demand for skilled workers,” said Dr. Dan Lauder, Chair of Career Studies and Workforce Development at Three Rivers College. “I would like students to understand that companies really need and value career technical professionals. It’s a great career choice.”

Dr. Justin Hoggard, Dean of Instruction at Three Rivers College, adds that this is a great program for area businesses, as well. “This grant allows the College some additional resources making it possible for us to better connect with employers and develop very specific needs,” said Hoggard.

“Ultimately, this apprenticeship program will lead to better trained, more satisfied employees,” said Three Rivers Assistant Professor DeAndre Prater. “It makes people feel valued to know that their company is willing to invest in them. It’s good for everyone,” said Prater.

As more manufacturers learn about the program and its benefits, Lauder expects the program to grow. “We are starting small because this is a new endeavor for us,” said Lauder. “Our objective is to get the word out and grow this into a substantial program,” he continued.

Hoggard sees this as another way the College can evolve to help meet current and future needs. “Having recently celebrated our 50th anniversary, this is one of many new opportunities for us to continue serving southeast Missouri for many years to come,” said Hoggard.

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. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

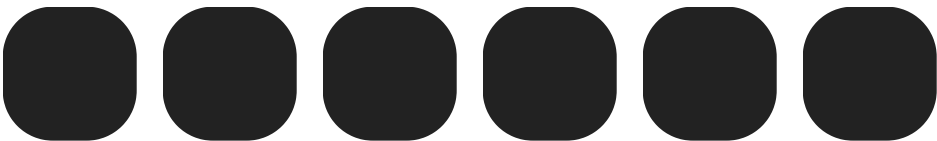
Pictured: Wade Johnson with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, presents the Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program to Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. Pictured are: front row (from left), Tina Gargas, Starting USA; Wade Johnson, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship; Dr. Wesley Payne, President, Three Rivers College; and back row (from left), William Cooper, Director, Workforce Development; DeAndre Prater, Assistant Professor, Industrial Technology; Dr. Dan Lauder, Chair, Career Studies and Workforce Development. Involved in the program, but unable to attend was Bobby Ward of Refresco

Beverages.

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Bloomfield School Board Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2018

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield School Board held its regular December board meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018.

The board and community stakeholder committee discussed plans for the gym lobby remodel/expansion.

The board approved Sydney Mayo as the district's representative for the Belcher Scholarship.

The board also approve the \$100 donation and use of 2 buses for project prom.

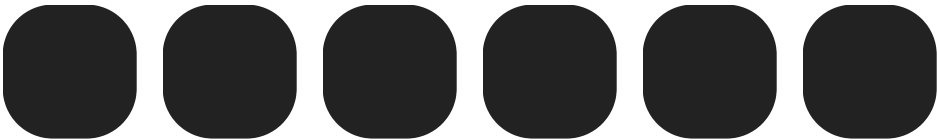
Toni Hill, superintendent, reminded the board that board member sign ups begin Dec 11th and run through Jan 15, 2019. Incumbents up for re-election are Louise Causey and Vince Lockhart.

In executive session, the board approved Larry Rogers for substitute custodian. The board also approved correction to 5 non-certified 12 month employees pay schedule to get in line with retirement requirements.

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Poplar Bluff High School Donates Thousands of Can Goods to Local Food Pantry

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff Junior High has donated a total of 5,700 canned goods to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, marking the largest single donation the charity has received and the most items the students have raised, according to officials.

Social studies teacher Melinda Moncier spearheaded the project, which was carried out by the history department throughout the month of November. Faculty member Aaron Duncan's seventh grade house generated the most non-perishables – with 1,760.

The annual fundraiser went along with Junior High's focus this school year of community service, according to Principal Candace Warren. The students, who averaged seven cans apiece, have previously raised money for the Bread Shed in a pumpkin decorating contest as well as delivered hand-painted rocks to area nursing homes.

Located on Broadway Street, St. Vincent De Paul feeds 800 families in need per month. The nonprofit operation also includes a thrift store.

Pictured from left to right: Students Blaise Rowland and McKinzie Kendle; SVDP president Daryl Deacon; teacher Melinda Moncier; and student Kallie Knapp.

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