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Elks Students of the Month for March 2019

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Advance High School seniors Katlyn Cook and Brandon Greenlee were selected as Dexter Elks Students of the Month for March.

Cook and Greenlee are eligible to compete for the Elks Students of the Year.

The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at a banquet in the spring.

Cook, Greenlee, their parents and counselor Kim Backfisch will be honored at the banquet.

Pictured from left are Elks Lodge member Terry Carmack, Cook, Greenlee and Backfisch.

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Elks Students of the Month for February 2019

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Elks Students of the Month for February 2019

Puxico High School seniors Sophia Hancock and Cole Yoebstl were selected as Dexter Elks Students of the Month for February.

Hancock and Yoebstl are eligible to compete for the Elks Students of the Year.

The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at a banquet in the spring.

Hancock, Yoebstl, their parents and counselor Bobbie Wood will be honored at the banquet.

Pictured from left are Wood, Hancock, Yoebstl and Elks Lodge member Terry Carmack.

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PBHS English Students Experience ‘Macbeth’

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The Shakespeare Festival St. Louis performed the tragedy “Macbeth” for almost 400 Poplar Bluff High School English students on Thursday, March 14, in the Tinnin Center at Three Rivers College.

Directed and adapted by Joanna Battles, the free William Shakespeare play was part of the acting company’s 2019 education tour made possible through a Monsanto Fund grant.

Following the condensed hour-long performance, the five-person acting team held a Q&A with the students in attendance. Asked about ad-lib, actor Ted Drury responded: “The only real mistakes in theater are the ones you admit to. Theater is a team sport.”

The field trip was arranged by communication arts teacher Jennie Randolph, who reached out to tour management after learning that the traveling production is open to underserved rural parts of the state, in addition to the greater St. Louis area. The last time the Shakespeare Festival came to Poplar Bluff was six years ago, according to tour manager Emily Clinger.

Pictured: Actors (left to right) Craig Ester, Ted Drury, Karl Hawkins, Jeanitta Perkins and Frankie Ferrari take a bow after performing “Macbeth” in the Tinnin Center.

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4th Grade Student Tanner Massey Donates Book to Keller Library

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Dexter, Missouri - Students in Candice Averett's fourth grade class at Central Elementary in Dexter were asked to write an essay stating where they wanted to go for a field trip.

The purpose of the essay was to convince the rest of the class to vote for the best location each student wrote about.

One student went a step farther and decided to have a book bound and to donate the book entitled, "Best Field Trip Ever" to Keller Public Library children's section.

Tanner Massey is quite the writer himself and wanted to inspire other students to write. His page was about seeing the infamous Pittsburgh Steelers, a professional football team.

When asked why he decided to have the book bound and placed at the library....."I wanted to inspire other students to write," commented Massey. "And having the book at the library so others can see what we wrote."

Pictured from left to right are Keller Children's Librarian Bree goldschmidt, Keller Library Director Pam Trammell, and Tanner Massey.

Tanner dedicated the book to all Veterans, those that served and are serving the military currently.

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PBHS Students Accepted at 2019 Girls State

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Poplar Bluff High School is sending 18 juniors to Missouri Boys and Girls State this summer, the largest group in recent memory, according to the counseling department.

In order to be nominated, students recommended by their teachers must display leadership skills and knowledge of government, and maintain a minimum of an 8.3 grade point average.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State sponsors included 1st Midwest Bank; First Missouri State Bank; God's House Church; Kevin Barbour of Kraft, Miles and Tatem; Missouri Rep. Jeff Shawan; Nathan Maurer of Poplar Bluff Realty; the Rotary Club of Poplar Bluff; Rowland Family Dentistry; Southern Bank; and Sunkissed Tanning Salon & Spa. American Legion Boys State of Missouri sponsors were taken care of through the state office with help from Bettie Rusher, Boys State manager of development and administration.

The weeklong program in June on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg is designed to educate and train Missouri's high schoolers in functional citizenship, leadership and government, according to a press release issued.

Pictured (top left) is PBHS counselor Tamara Day along with Girls State students (standing, from left) Elizabeth Shirrell, Jacey Adamson, Audrey Cisne, Paige Bradley and Carlee Ringstaff; and (kneeling, left to right) Adyson Kingree, Rachel Shock, Eva Bedell, Cassidy Steffens and Emily Spencer.

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