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Bloomfield School Screenings for Preschool and Kindergarten

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Bloomfield, MO - The Bloomfield School District will hold their annual Preschool and Kindergarten screenings in March 2020.

All screenings will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church located at 704 West Missouri Street in Bloomfield.

Appointments are necessary. Call 573-568-4562 to set your appointment time.

Preschool screenings will be held on Thursday, March 12th. Students must be 3 on or before July 31, 2020 in order to be screened.

Kindergarten screenings will be held on Friday, March 13th. Students must be 5 on or before July 31, 2020 in order to enroll.

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Taylor Earns Second Four-Year Army Scholarship for PBHS

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A second student at Poplar Bluff High School has earned a four-year U.S. Army scholarship.

Aaron Taylor, a senior, will attend the University of North Georgia, one of six senior military colleges in the nation, where he plans to pursue a degree in international affairs.

Taylor said he chose UNG because of the rigor within its ROTC Corps of Cadets, and the fact that the institution has a Russian language program.

“Taylor has been very engaged with us; he’s a very dynamic leader within our organization,” said Maj. Gregory Crites, senior Army instructor at PBHS. “He’s also very involved with the choir and his youth group at church. He’s just an all-around good citizen.”

Serving as command sergeant major over the Pvt. Billie G. Kanell JROTC Battalion for two years, Taylor has held leadership roles on the drill team, the raider team and the color guard.

Classmate Elizabeth Shirrell previously received a four-year college scholarship from the Army in the first round of selections. Less than 1,000 such scholarships are awarded each

year nationally, according to Crites.

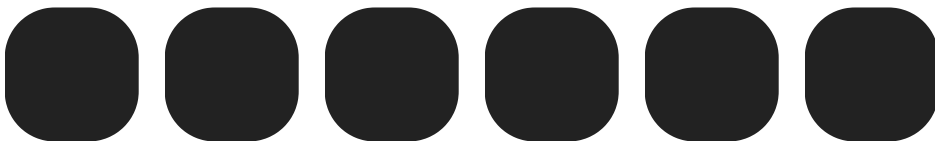
Photo: PBHS senior Aaron Taylor, JROTC cadet command sergeant major, received a four-year Army scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia.

Article and photo by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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The Poplar Bluff High School JROTC has been accredited as an Honor Unit with Distinction for scoring a near flawless 98.5 percent on a recent program evaluation.

As a result of receiving the most sought-after unit award, cadets of the Pvt. Billie G. Kanell Battalion have earned the privilege of wearing the Gold HUD Star badge on their uniforms. The inspection takes place every three years, according to Gregory Crites, PBHS senior Army instructor.

“It’s not just another shiny thing,” Maj. Crites stated. “They work hard to be ready for the evaluation and if they’re able to show improvement, they are rewarded on behalf of the district. The challenge now is to maintain that, and they will.”

U.S. Army Cadet Command representatives from out of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps brigade headquarters in Naval Station Great Lakes visited PBHS on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to receive a briefing about the students’ improvement plan, service learning project and program curriculum, plus conducted a drill and color guard evaluation.

Photo: The result of a successful three-year inspection, cadets will now don the Gold HUD Star badge displayed beneath the Poplar Bluff JROTC logo on their uniform.

Article and photo by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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Culture Historian Hagstrom Miller to Speak at Museum Event

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Jonesboro, AR - In celebration of Black History Month, Arkansas State University Museum will host a lecture by culture historian Dr. Karl Hagstrom Miller, chair and associate professor in the McIntire Department of Music at the University of Virginia, on Thursday, Feb. 20.

His 3-5 p.m. presentation is free and open to the public.

Hagstrom Miller, who is author of the book, "Segregating Sound," will speak on "Hearing Race and Region in American Popular Music." Visitors will consider such topics as whether musical styles are black, white, or otherwise racial in origin during an open discussion.

Those attending Hagstrom Miller's Black History Month lecture also will have an opportunity to experience the museum's newest traveling exhibition, "For All the World to See."

Visitors to this immersive and engaging exhibition will explore dozens of compelling images and objects relating to the civil rights movement. The exhibition is on display until March 16.

"For All the World to See" is made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and sponsored by A-State Office of Diversity and Community Engagement.

For more information about this or any other ASU Museum event, contact Jill Kary, curator of education, jkary@astate.edu or 870-972-2074

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First Grade Students Earn Positive Office Referral Awards

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored First 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.

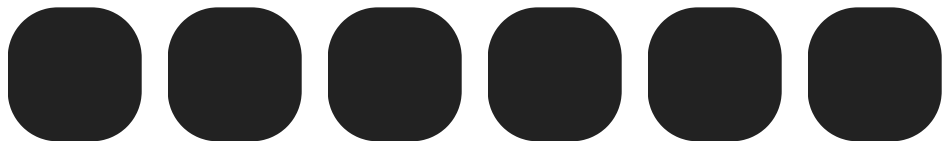
Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

BR - Kendall Calvert, Mason Pennington, Drake Jenkins, AJ Murphy, Morris Lord

FR - Rachel Kinder, Ella Webb, Kennady Thrower

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