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Thank you to all those who supported me during my bid for a place on the Dexter Public School Board. We did it! It will be my honor to represent the students, administrators, teachers, and staff on the Dexter School Board with honesty and integrity.

Thank you, also, to everyone who took the time to get out and vote. No matter where your conscience guides you or who you decide to support, our ability to cast a vote for those we feel will represent us best is what makes our community (and country) so great.

I look forward to working with the other School Board Members to help guide our school district through this unprecedented and challenging time.

Thank you,

Ron Glaus

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Congressman Jason Smith (R-MO) announced that Madi Holt of Advance High School has been selected as the overall winner for Missouri’s Eighth Congressional District in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. Holt’s work “Patriotism Lives On” will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year.

“I was blown away by the quality of the artwork we received this year from across southern Missouri,” said Congressman Smith. “First, let me say congratulations to Madi for being chosen as this year’s winner. Not only is her piece stunning, but its depiction of one of our nation’s veterans is the perfect representation of southern Missouri to hang in the halls of the U.S. Capitol. I encourage everyone to visit our virtual arty gallery, to see some of the incredible artistic skill that resides in our area.”

Congressman Smith also announced the Top 20 pieces of art that are now hanging in the virtual art gallery available. In total, Congressman Smith’s office accepted nearly 150 submissions from local high school artists.

Here is a complete list of the Top 20 students and their pieces of art:

“Thayer Frisco Depot” by Skyler Todd of Thayer High School

“Collateral Damage” by Demi Tabor of Bakersfield High School

“Returning Home” by Willow Collins of Bakersfield High School

“Strawberry Jam” by Connor Quimby of West Plains High School

“The Sixties” by Kiersten Shelley of West Plains High School

“Polaroid” by Lara Stevens of Salem High School

“Frisco Station” by Luke Bartlett of Salem High School

“She's Out Of Her Mind” by Sarah Gilliam of Rolla High School

“Noir et Blanc” by William Graves of Mountain Grove High School

“Drummer” by Amelia McKinney of Houston High School

“Aysia” by Jada Martin of Jackson High School

“Local Serenity” by Alice Mansell of Jackson High School

“Patriotism Lives On” by Madi Holt of Advance High School

“Gallery Thoughts” by Sarah Steinhilber of Jackson High School

“Leader of our Nation” by Jenna Oberle of Advance High School

“Exodus” by Haven Bleavins of Richland High School

“It's Not Always Gloomy” by Ashland Wheeler of Richland High School

“Elvis Pigsley” by Elizabeth Arnold of Richland High School

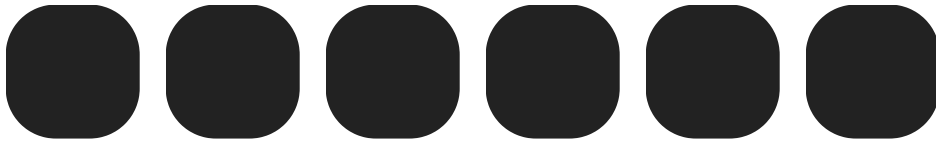
“Blue Boy” by Anastasya Kelley of Southern Reynolds County R-2

“Lost in Space” by Destiny Keathley of Southern Reynolds County R-2

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Dudley, Missouri - Governor Parson, State Representative Herman Morse and State Representative Hardy Billington toured WW Wood Products in Dudley recently.

While in the area, Governor Parson talked about economic development and some new business expansions in the area.

WW Wood Products has been in business since 1977 and offers on-the-job training and good starting pay. They are also currently hiring.

Photo submitted: Gov. Mike Parson pictured in the middle with state representative Herman Morse (left) and Hardy Billington (right)

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Smith language included in U.S. House passed bill requires Forest Service to listen to stakeholders on ground who know that hunting works

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jason Smith (MO-08) continued his fight for all forms of feral hog eradication in the Mark Twain National Forest this week, including hunting, when he successfully inserted language into the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill which called on the Forest Service to work with stakeholders in the Mark Twain area in implementing a strategy which involves all methods for eradication.

“Feral hogs are nothing but pests to local farmers and make farming more difficult than it already is,” **said Congressman Smith.** “I have personally spoken with numerous farmers in southern Missouri about this problem – and we all know the same thing, trapping isn’t enough.” **Smith continued,** “If we are going to get rid of these hogs, we need an all of the above approach which includes being able to hunt and kill them in the Mark Twain National Forest. I have called on the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Forest Service to allow hunting to continue. We should be able to use every tool in the toolbox to get rid of these pests.”

Congressman Smith has long-championed this position and has met with numerous farmers and ranchers in southern Missouri who have seen their property destroyed by dangerous feral hogs. He recently met with the Forest Service

and reiterated his support for an all-of-the-above solution to getting rid of feral hogs.

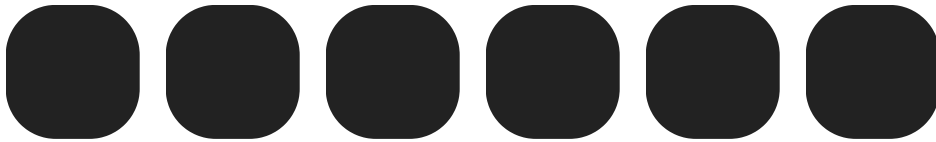
The language authored and included by Smith “recognizes the damage and danger caused by feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest and encourages the Forest Service to continue to work with stakeholders to utilize all practical methods for eradication.”

“We can all agree that feral hogs are a problem, and if we want to control the hog population we need to work together with all methods of eradication on the table,” **said Gary Crockett, who farms in northwest Ripley County.** “Ending hog hunting will have an adverse effect on our ability to control the feral hog population, and I really appreciate Congressman Smith’s attention to this issue and standing up for our right to get rid of these pests.”

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Shawan is looking to replace term-limited Senator Doug Libla

Local entrepreneur, former emergency management director, and State Representative Jeff Shawan announced his candidacy for State Senate Tuesday night to a packed house of more than 200 attendees at the Westwood Center in Poplar Bluff. Shawan is no stranger to the 25th Senatorial District, which is comprised of Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Shannon, and Stoddard counties. Shawan's great grandfather, George Washington Shawan and wife Ruhamia Shawan moved to Stoddard County at the turn of the century to build their farm and family. Still today a highway sign in Stoddard County marks the arrival of "Shawan, Missouri" where the Shawan family settled.

Shawan says his deep roots in the 25th district give him a greater understanding of the issues important to the voters throughout the region. "My family settled in Stoddard County and now my wife and I live in Butler County, Missouri," Shawan said. "We both have deep ties to the communities all throughout the district and I will be a strong voice in support of our shared rural conservative values."

Shawan drew national attention as one of the co-sponsors of Missouri's controversial pro-life bill that the national media called "one of the most restrictive bills on abortion in the entire country". Shawan said the controversy didn't bother him. "I am 100% pro-life and ran on a pro-life platform. There is nothing more important than ensuring the right to life is protected and I was proud to co-sponsor the most pro-life bill in the country," Shawan stated. Missouri Right to Life endorsed Shawan in his campaign for State Representative.

"I'm an entrepreneur by trade and was inspired by President Trump's candidacy. Like the President, I've seen businesses succeed and business fail. I know the pain of having everything I've worked for taken away because of a catastrophic family illness," Shawan said. "But through it all I've been able to achieve my American Dream through hard work and determination."

Shawan says he is running to promote individual liberty and get the government off the backs of small business owners and their families. "Like many outspoken conservatives, I've experienced first-hand a corrupt government agency trying to end my career and others in my family. Those threats didn't stop me from speaking out for our conservative values then, and they won't stop me now as your State Senator."

While in office, Shawan has been a vocal supporter of President Trump and his plan to secure the border and build the wall. Shawan filed a resolution in support of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and the work they are doing to secure the border. Shawan also co-sponsored the “Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights” providing greater legal protections for men and women in law enforcement. “As Emergency Management Director I worked directly with our law enforcement officers and first responders. I have seen first hand the work they do to keep our families and our communities safe and they deserve our support,” Shawan said.

At his kick-off event on Tuesday night, Shawan announced that Dustin Mayer, a fifth generation resident of Dexter, Missouri, would be serving as his campaign Treasurer. Mayer is an active member of the Dexter community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and member of the board of trustee of the First Baptist Church of Dexter. Jeff Shawan and his wife, Christy Montgomery Shawan, live in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on Shawan’s historic family land. They are the proud parents of three children.

Pictured from left to right Shawan, campaign treasurer Dustin Mayer and supporters Billy Pat Wright and Bill Foster

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