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Merideth Benton Earns Positive Office Referral Certificate

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Merideth Benton with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Merideth was referred by Mrs. Keena. "She is always eager to help the teacher and her classmates. Always polite!"

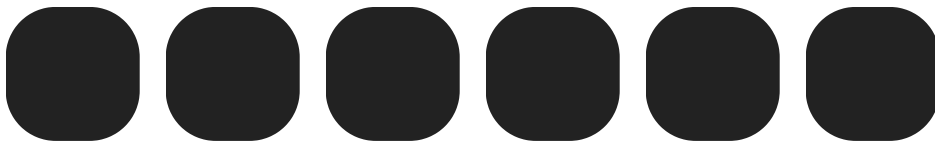
She is a second grade student in Mrs. Keena's classroom. Merideth is the daughter of Joshua and Shena Benton.

Congratulations Merideth!

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Libby was referred by Mr. Eldreth, music teacher at Southwest Elementary. "Libby is ALWAYS showing 3R's and is a positive influence on her classmates."

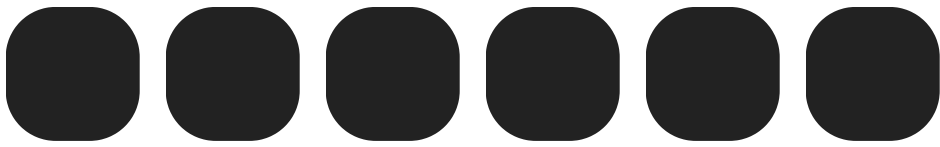
She is a first grade student in Mr. Ryan's class. Libby is the daughter of Stacy and Julie Mangum.

Congratulations Libby!

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Dawson Owens with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

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Dawson was referred by Mr. Eldreth, music teacher at Southwest. "Dawson is always showing the 3R's and really goes out of his way to help others."

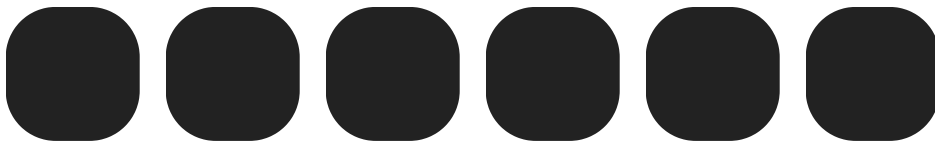
He is a first grade student in Mrs. Putnam's class at Southwest and is the son of Monty and Pam Owens.

Congratulations Dawson!

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors John Parker Tarbutton with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

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John was referred by Mrs. Christian. "He is ALWAYS helping another student out. he goes out of his way to help others!"

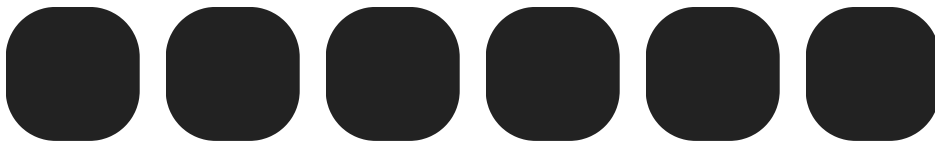
John is the son of Greg and Katy Tarbutton and is a Kindergarten student at Southwest.

Congratulations John!

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Digital World of Possibilities Showcased at Tech Camp

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Digital world of possibilities showcased at Tech Camp

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Over 100 Poplar Bluff Middle School and Junior High staff members participated in the second annual Tech Camp on Collaboration Day Friday, Jan. 15, featuring workshops hosted by R-I faculty as well as education leaders from throughout the state.

The 45 break-out sessions at PBJHS centered on resources and strategies for digital classrooms. The professional development event is the brainchild of the R-I instructional technology team, which got its idea in 2014 after attending an International Society for Technology in Education conference.

“We went to great sessions and gathered a lot of info, and thought, ‘How can we bring these ideas back to our teachers, beyond a PowerPoint,’” said R-I Chief Technology Officer Aaron Badgley, adding his goal next year is to expand the training district-wide. “We polled teachers after our first Tech Camp, and they responded that it was the most beneficial PD they had received all year.”

To complement this year’s theme—play with purpose—organizers set up an interactive ‘playground’ in the hallway featuring emerging technologies including a green screen,

Google Cardboard, Makey Makey and Sphero kits, which will be made available for classrooms to check out to teach students coding.

Special guest presenters included Greg Lawrence, Wentzville instructional technology coach; Patti Jones, Senath-Hornersville director of change and innovation; and Shannon Mangrum, assistant director of the Poplar Bluff Public Library.

More than \$1,000 in sponsorships allowed for prizes to be awarded to attendees, ranging from Chromecasts to flash drives. Underwriters included: Applebee’s, The Bread Co., Colton’s, Donut House, Frontier, Gamma HealthCare, Hardee’s, Harp’s, Hefner Furniture, Kroger, Las Margaritas, Lemonade House Grille, Office Depot, Poplar Bluff Realty, Ronnie Cline, Simmons Tire and Wal-Mart.

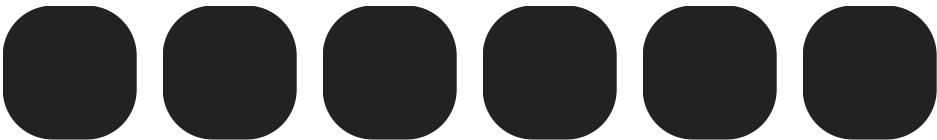
PBHS help desk students (from left) Thomas White, Ethan Gutterman and Maci Stucker give up their day off to teach the adults how the new innovations work. Not pictured is student Danni Raymer.

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