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# Elks Lodge Students of the Month for March

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## Elks Lodge Students of the Month for March

**Dexter, Missouri** - Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member, presented certificates and \$50 checks for Savings Bonds to Advance seniors Jennifer Beal and Creighton Miles.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jesse and Jonna Beal and Creighton Miles, son of Harold and Paula Miles.

Jennifer and Creighton are competing with honorees from the other county schools for the Dexter Elks Students of the Year. Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Julie Harrison, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later this spring.

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

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## Elementary Construction Comes in Under Bid

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### Elementary Construction Comes in Under Bid

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - The low bid for the elementary projects—the final component of the Poplar Bluff R-I buildings plan—came in over a half-million dollars under budget, it was announced Thursday, March 17, during the school board meeting.

The Board of Education awarded a \$1.5 million contract to Zoellner Construction to complete this summer the four renovations designed by Dille and Traxel Architects. Zoellner is responsible for building the Junior High safe room and classroom addition this past year, and the Perryville contractor is presently working on the 50,000 square-foot expansion of the future Middle School.

“This is the second time (Dille and Traxel) have come in under budget,” R-I Assistant Superintendent of Business Rod Priest said. “We are very proud of the way they designed these projects. They are producing a good product while remaining conscious of tax dollars.”

The following features are included in the elementary projects for purposes of increased safety and security:

- The newest building at Eugene Field will be connected with a T-shaped corridor between the main facility and the library. The playground will be relocated behind the school so students no longer have to cross a city road for recess.

- The two classroom buildings at Lake Road will be connected with an enclosed corridor. The opening of the new Middle School with grade four entering the configuration will allow the elementary school to abandon its trailers.
- A front entrance at Oak Grove will be created off the loop road that was financed last summer through the Transportation Development District. Corridors will connect the buildings with ADA-accessible ramps allowing students to travel without having to go outside.
- Four buildings at O'Neal will be connected with ADA corridors. The fourth grade wing will be remodeled for art and music classrooms, allowing for the converted basement currently in use to be vacated. A new HVAC unit will also be installed.

Shown in the photo: Several contractors attend a bid opening Tuesday, March 1, in the board room led by Project Manager Mike Pollard (left) of Dille and Traxel. Also pictured is Assistant Superintendent Rod Priest (middle) and Al Ursery, director of buildings and grounds.

*The Poplar Bluff R-I Public School District is comprised of approximately 5,300 students, over 400 professional staff and 300 support staff, and has an operational budget in excess of \$46 million. Our goal, in partnership with parents and community, is to educate all students to their potential, and to inspire them to be lifelong learners who possess the skills and knowledge necessary to be productive members in our changing world.*

Submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Coordinator, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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## PBHS Senior Earns Belcher Scholarship

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### PBHS Senior Earns Belcher Scholarship ShowMe Times

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Poplar Bluff High School senior Ethan Glick has been awarded the regional John T. Belcher Scholarship, earning \$750 toward college and a chance for another \$1,000 in the statewide competition.

The last Poplar Bluff student to receive the scholarship was Anderson Gilberto of the Class of 2010, R-I Superintendent Chris Hon announced during a special recognition Thursday, March 17, at the school board meeting. The program was established by the Missouri School Boards' Association through the FutureBuilders Foundation.

“We had four very good qualified applicants, but your essay was top-notch,” said board member Gary Simmons, Poplar Bluff’s advocate serving Region 11. “It came down to you being the very best one to represent MSBA.”

A total of 17 students were selected out of over 200 applicants. The top students were recommended to the Regional Executive Committees based on their academic strengths, extracurricular activities and essays.

Glick will be presented his award during the spring meeting next month at The Landing in Van Buren. He plans to attend college at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

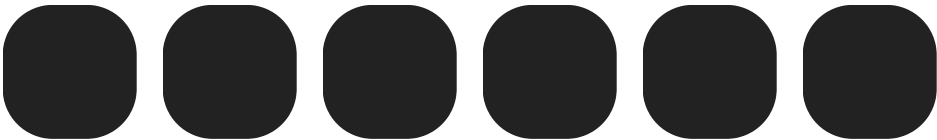
Shown in the photo: Gary Simmons congratulates Ethan Glick for receiving the Belcher Scholarship.

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# Southwest Elementary Positive Office Referral Awards

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## Southwest Elementary Positive Office Referral Awards

**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Alyssa Moore, Sadie Long, Jaylyn Lindemann, Quincy McLaughlin, and Justus Lovelady 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.

Alyssa Moore is a kindergarten student in the classroom of Mrs. Mason. "Alyssa is always an excellent example of the 3Rs everywhere she goes!"

Sadie Long is also a kindergarten student in the classroom of Mrs. Cecil. "Sadie is always very responsible about getting her work done. She is a very good listener and always willing to help others!"

Jaylyn Lindemann is a 2nd grade student in the classroom of Mrs. Nelson. "Jaylyn is a true example of the 3R's! She is a hard worker, and very kind to others!!"

Quincy McLaughlin is a first grade student in the classroom of Mrs. Kennedy. "Quincey is such a great friend. She is kind and helpful to all of us! She sets an example by following all the rules!"

Justus Lovelady is also a first grade student in the classroom of Mrs. Kennedy. "Justus is always going above and beyond what is expected. He works hard and is always willing to help out!"

Shown in the photo are from left to right (back row) Alyssa Moore, Sadie Long, and Jaylyn Lindemann; (front row) Quincy McLaughlin and Justus Lovelady.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Reagan Shipman, Rylee Short, and Levi Prance 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.

"Regan Shipman is very caring and is a helpful student. I am very proud of her," commented Mrs. Cecil.

"Ryle Short is always offering to help others when in need," stated Cecil. "I am very proud of her as well."

"Levi Prance is always ready to help others who are in need," Cecil said. "I am very proud of him too."

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

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