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The 2018 Back to School Sales Tax holiday in Missouri is the weekend of August 3rd - August 5th.

Certain back-to-school purchases, such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and other items as defined by the statute, are exempt from some sales tax for this time period only.

State taxes and some county taxes will be waived on the following items:

Clothing – any article having a taxable value of \$100 or less

School supplies – not to exceed \$50 per purchase

Computer software – taxable value of \$350 or less

Personal computers – not to exceed \$1,500

Computer peripheral devices – not to exceed \$1,500

Graphing calculators – not to exceed \$150

City taxes will still apply in many cities throughout Missouri.

Additional details about the sales tax holiday weekend are available on the Missouri State Department of Revenue’s website.

For more information click **HERE**

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Three Rivers Endowment Trust has selected its officers for new fiscal year. Leading the organization as its chair is Keith Holloway, whose term begins July 1 and runs through June 2019.

He and his family live in the Cape Girardeau area, where Holloway owns Professional Packaging, a regional pallet brokerage. His wife, Kathy Bess Holloway, is the General Manager at Bluff City Beer; the couple have two sons, Joda and James.

“Keith and his family have close ties to Three Rivers College, dating back to the initiative to bring a junior college to Poplar Bluff,” said Michelle Reynolds, Executive Director of the Endowment Trust and Director of Development at Three Rivers College. “He is a longtime supporter of both Three Rivers College and the Endowment Trust, and I know we will continue to thrive under his leadership.”

Holloway grew up in Poplar Bluff, and both he and Kathy have deep connections to Butler County and Three Rivers College. Holloway’s father, James A. “Bud” Holloway, served on the first Board of Trustees for the College and was instrumental in promoting the establishment of the College. The Holloway and Bess families (also including Herschel Bess, Joda Bess, Buddy Bess, and their families) have provided much financial support for TRC through the years.

“Three Rivers is a great asset to our region, offering affordable, top-notch education to so many and supplying opportunity for good jobs to our citizens,” said Holloway. “I have enjoyed working with the Endowment Trust and have been inspired by the generosity of the community. On behalf of the Trust, I also appreciate the College’s administrators, educators, and staff for their financial support of our group, and their overall contributions.”

Holloway has served as a Board Member of the National Wooded Pallet and Container Association and president of the Butler County Board of Realtors. He was the recipient of the State and National Award of the Missouri and United States Jaycees when he was an officer of the Poplar Bluff Jaycees in the mid-1980s. While living in Poplar Bluff, Holloway taught a real estate continuing education course and attended management courses at Three Rivers and was the recipient of the Raiders Booster Award when he was a member of the Three Rivers Booster Club.

Regina Griffin of Doniphan, a Three Rivers alumni who works in the insurance business, preceded Holloway as chair. Other officers for the upcoming year are secretary Allen Brooks and treasurer Christy Frazier-Moore, both of Poplar Bluff.

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust formed in 2010 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, designated by Three Rivers College to receive and manage gifts on behalf of

the College. It acts as a trustee for donations to assure that gifts are distributed in the manner specified by the donor.

In addition to accepting annual gifts, pledges, and planned gifts, the Three Rivers Endowment Trust is involved in activities throughout the year, including a Trivia Night, the "Day at the Ballpark" with the St. Louis Cardinals, an annual golf tournament, a benefit run, and other activities. It awards thousands of dollars in scholarships annually.

Stepping off the board this year are Rebecca Wilcox of Doniphan, Natalie Riley of Dexter, Michael Hackworth of Piedmont, and Dr. Richard Logan of Charleston.

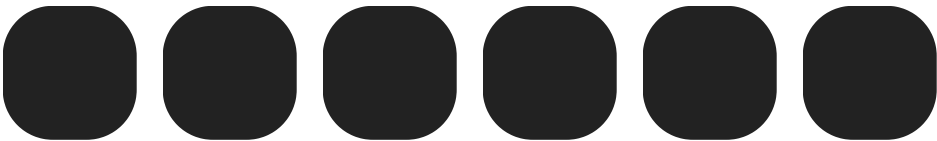
For more information on the Three Rivers Endowment Trust and ways to support Three Rivers College, visit trcc.edu/development or contact Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

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Three Rivers College student and Poplar Bluff resident Frances Dunivan has received the Sarah White Memorial Scholarship from the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. The Sarah White Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Poplar Bluff High School graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is seeking a degree in Education.

The Sarah White Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. To learn more about investing in Three Rivers College students through scholarships, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu.

From L-R, back row: Katie Jarboe, mother of Sarah White; George Jarboe, father of Sarah White; and Frances Dunivan, scholarship recipient.

From L-R, front row: Nolan White, son of Sarah White; and Ella White, daughter of Sarah White.

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Dexter Public Schools Hire New Resource Officer

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Dexter Public Schools Hire New Resource Officer

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Public Schools have hired a new School Resource Officer. Don Donner has accepted his new assignment.

Today was his first day attending the Dexter Public School Registration Day at the Bearcat Event Center.

"I would like to thank the Dexter School System, City of Dexter, and the Dexter Police Department for making this happen," commented Chief Trevor Pulley. "I believe this will be a great addition to Dexter Schools and the community. To the administration, teachers, students and parents have a safe 2018-2019 academic school year."

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Three Rivers College to Host HiSET Test in Dexter

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Three Rivers College will host the HiSET® High School Equivalency Test in Dexter this September. The exam will be offered at Three Rivers College's Dexter location on Saturday, September 15, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The registration period for this test closes on September 13. Three Rivers – Dexter is located at 515A W. Market, Dexter.

"Three Rivers' campus in Poplar Bluff normally offers the HiSET® test one Saturday each month", said Diane Patterson, Coordinator of Testing & Assessment at Three Rivers College. "We're offering this so that people in surrounding areas can have a chance to take the HiSET® closer to home."

The HiSET® is an online test taken at a certified test center. Tests cover writing, essay, math, science, social studies, and reading. Once the test has been scheduled, it must be completed in its entirety within a 12-month period. The cost of the test is \$20 per subtest, which allows each subtest to be taken a total of three times. A \$7 testing fee per subtest is required each time. The test can only be taken three times in a calendar year.

Those interested in taking the test should go to hiset.ets.org to register, pay, and schedule the test. Everything is completed online at this website. The only thing the testing center is responsible for is administering the test.

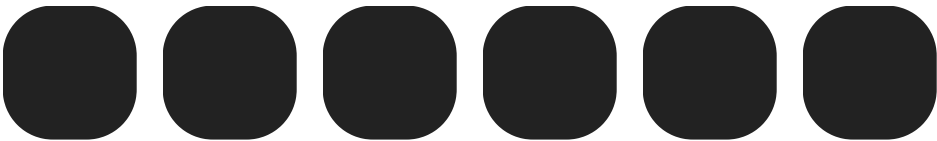
Those interested in taking HiSET® classes before the test should call the Poplar Bluff Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Center at 573-785-2248, between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday, for more information, or to locate an AEL center near you.

"Students are not required to take classes before taking the test, but it could be beneficial in passing the test the first time around," said Patterson. "There is an abundance of information on the hiset.ets.org website, including overview of tests, practice tests, and how to create your account."

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