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Annual PTO Valentine's Day Coronation

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Eugene Field's seventh annual Valentine King and Queen Coronation was celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 14, generating \$850 for the elementary school's activity fund.

Students of each class selected a king and a queen based on the characteristic of kindness, then a grade level winner was named for raising the most money for the Parent Teacher Organization.

Classroom royalty from the first, second and third grades were honored during a ceremony held in the gymnasium, with parents invited as special guests. Students from the Media Communications Team emceed the event, profiling the winners, listing the families, hobbies, career goals and favorite Leader In Me habits of the students.

Top fundraising students included Malori Morandi and Chadrick Joehrs of the first grade, Miley Baker and Aiden Field of second, and Abby Kearbey and Bryden McElhaney of grade three. Reigning queen and king Aliya Tafoya and D'Quaylin McCoy presented the crowns to the 2019 court.

The popular fundraiser began on Valentine's Day in 2013 under the direction of counselor Esther Luna.

Pictured: Malori Morandi and Chadrick Joehrs of Kristen Spain's first grade class receive their crowns.

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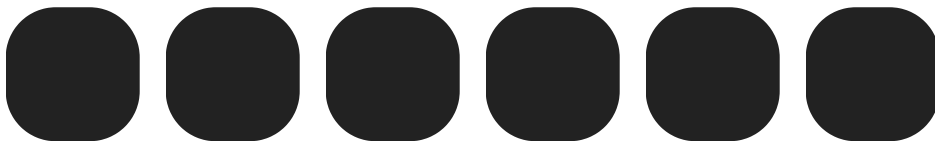
Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College Music Department faculty recently attended the 81st Annual Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) Workshop and Conference, "Appear and Inspire" for professional development, musical enrichment, and time to learn from the collective wisdom of the musical community.

The instructors are pictured at the Southeast Missouri State University alumni reception held at the MMEA conference; from left, Jerry Lintner, Sheri Mitchell, Cindy White, and William White.

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals for Week March 4, 2019

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals for Week March 4, 2019

Bernie, Missouri - Bernie Elementary Positive Office Referrals were awarded this week. These students were rewarded for their good behavior!

Students who earn such an honor also received a Subway Sandwich Gift Card and a POR Certificate.

These students were referred for displaying positive behavior!

Front row from left to right:

Abby (4th) had an excellent week last week.

Josiah (4th) worked hard in class.

Chloe (3rd) always has a good attitude.

Lynlei (3rd) is always helping others.

Brooklyn (2nd) walked away from all the girl drama.

Kimberlie (2nd) found another student's coat and returned it to him.

Back row from left to right:

Leightin & Brody (5th) helped another student with his science fair project.

Leah (3rd) is always finding ways to include others in activities.

Lacey (4th) was a good friend.

Creed (4th) asked Ms. Donna if she needed help after school and dust mopped the hall for her.

Ruby (5th) always helps puts up chairs that her classmates forget.

Jerrica (3rd) is always helping others.

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Mules Café Takes Reservations for First Time

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Mules Café Takes Reservations for First Time

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A total of 50 reservations were booked at the Mules Café on Wednesday, Feb. 20, for culinary arts students of the Technical Career Center to prepare their first full-service meal.

As opposed to serving walk-in customers in a buffet line, orders were selected from a menu and entrees were cooked to order.

“Ninety-five percent of jobs [students] will be looking to get into are going to involve cooking to order, serving the public and communication skills,” instructor Brandon Moon explained. “We can’t learn unless we do.”

Throughout the lunch shift, 12 students were divided in the kitchen and the front of the house, where they waited tables, grilled and plated meals, plus washed dishes. Moon oversaw the tickets coming in, while his assistant Monica Lewis served as hostess.

“We’re blessed that we have customers who know the kids are students, and are patient and giving,” Lewis commented. Tips for the day totaled \$90, which will be reinvested into the program.

While time management remains a key area of improvement, noted Moon, the chef indicated that he was generally pleased with the service, knowing students obtained real-

world experience necessary in the restaurant business. Moon said he looks forward to the next full-service meal, slated to take place on Wednesday, April 24.

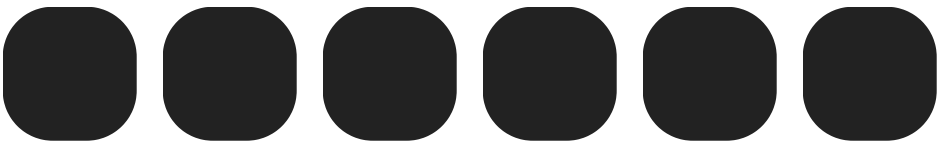
Pictured: Aleigha Lerma, a junior, serves a table of regular customers.

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes Released for February 2019

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes Released for February 2019

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board met for a regular monthly meeting on February 19, 2019. Resignations for boys basketball coach, asst. football coach and one teacher were accepted along with some new hires for the District.

Below are the minutes for that meeting released by Superintendent C.A. Counts.

Regular Board Meeting Notes

February 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members with Mr. Rick Williams, Mr. Herman Morse being absent. He then leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments made.

6. Old Business:

A. None

7. New Business:

A. The board approved a resolution adopting the Stoddard Co. 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

B. The board approved budget amendments for the 2018-19 school year.

C. The board approved summer dead period for all MSHSAA activities August 3rd thru 11th 2019.

D. The board approve A Cut Above lawn care as the district lawn mower for the 2019-20 school year.

8. Discussion Items:

A. CTS gave an update on the bond and building project.

B. The nurse's report was given to the board.

C. The building principals gave their reports to the board.

D. The superintendent gave his report to the board.

E. The SEMO Superintendent Association 59th Annual Banquet is set for April 25th at 6:00 at The Southerner in Cape.

F. The March board meeting was set for March 19, 2019 at 6:00.

In Closed Session:

1. The board approved substitute additions for 2018-19.

Rachel Elder

Samantha Huckleby

Bryce Rodgers

2. The board approved resignation letters effective at the end of the school year.

Hannah Stickles - Baldwin

Jordan Noyes, Asst. Football Coach

Lloyd Hyten, Head Boys Basketball Coach

3. The board approved resignation letters effective as dated

Gary Wyman - Effective February 28, 2019

Barry Burton - Effective March 13, 2019

4. The board approved internal transfers for the 2019-20 school year.

Cindy Whittaker to 7th Grade Social Studies

Stephanie Monroe to HS Art

Mauri Kennedy to 2nd Grade

5. The approved employment of Special Services Aide for remainder of 2018-19 school year.

Ashley Summers

6. Approve employment of Bus Driver for the 2018-19 school year.

Lee Mooy

7. Approve employment of 1st Grade Teacher for the 2019-20 school year.

Courtney Potts

8. Approved employment of Vocational Agriculture teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

Rachel Elder

9. The board approved the summer school director for the 2019 summer school.

Angie Duncan

10. The board approved the employment of the Central Office administrators for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

Amy James

Gavin Miller

11. The board approve the employment of the building administrators for the 2019-20 school year.

Jacinda Dewitt

Felicia Powers

Angie Duncan

Megan Miller

Scott Kruse

Nancy Langley

Alana Dowdy

Melissa Hahn

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