

A G E N D A
REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
12:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 1. Consideration and Approval of Agenda
- III. Rotation of the Board**
 1. **Temporary appointment of Chair and Secretary**
 2. **Rotation of the Board**
 3. **Comments from the Trustees**
- IV. Minutes**
 1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the February Board Meeting
- V. Consideration of College Financial Report**
 1. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
 - a) Monthly Financial Statements
 - b) Budget to Actual Financial Statements
 2. Cash in Bank
 3. Certificates of Deposit
 4. Checks Issued
 5. Bid Report
- VI. President's Report**
- VII. Executive Session** (Permissible under guidelines of MO Rev. Statute Section 610.021.1 Legal – Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and confidential and privileged communications between a public governmental body and its attorney; Section 610.021.2 – Real Estate – Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore; Section 610.021.3 – Personnel – Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.)
- VIII. Items for Consideration, Discussion, and Vote**
 1. **Approval of FY20 Board Meeting Dates**
 2. **Approval of FY20 College Holiday Calendar**

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3. **Approve FY20 Employee Health Insurance Proposal**
 4. **Approval of Construction Management Services for the Crisp Building**
- IX. Consideration and Approval of all Personnel Actions and Associated Documents**
1. **Acceptance of Employment**
 2. **Transfers**
 1. **Gail Tinsley – Admin Assistant/Director, Enrollment Services to Director, University Center**
 3. **Resignations**
- X. Appendix**
1. **Information Items**
 2. **Upcoming Events**
 3. **Recent Newspaper Articles**
- XI. FY19 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates**
- Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 - Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- XII. Adjournment**

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APRIL 17, 2019

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Chairman Garrison calls for nominations for temporary Chairman and temporary Secretary for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Trustees.

Trustee _____ nominates Dr. Wesley Payne as temporary Chairman and Janine Heath as temporary Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee _____ makes a motion to cease nominations and that Dr. Wesley Payne be elected as temporary Chairman and Janine Heath be elected as temporary Secretary by acclamation.

Trustee _____ seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously or by majority.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

BACKGROUND INFORMATION HISTORY

In accordance with the Public School Laws of Missouri, the Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of the chairman and vice chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. At the April 15, 1992 meeting, Trustee Bryant moved and Trustee Knodell seconded that the Chairman's position be on a one-year rotation and that ascension of officers be as follows:

Chairman	Sub-district 1-A
Vice Chairman	Sub-district 3
Secretary	Sub-district 1-B
Treasurer	Sub-district 1-C
Trustee	Sub-district 4
Trustee	Sub-district 2

Rotation of Officers in accordance with that agreed-upon ascension would appear in order (see attached).

The president of the college will preside during the election of the board and the reorganization of the offices at which time the newly elected officers will rotate and assume their new positions. Terms of office shall be for one year each.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Follow the order as prescribed.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Temporary Chairman Payne calls for nomination for the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees Slate of Officers. The slate is as follows:

Chairman: **Hager (2)**
Vice-Chairman: **Richardson (1-A)**
Secretary: **Featherston (3)**
Treasurer: **Williams (1-B)**
Member: **Schalk (1-C)**
Member: **Garrison (4)**

Following the nomination of the 2019-2020 Slate of Officers, need motion to cease nominations and elect the slate by acclamation. Motion carries unanimously.

At this time, the newly elected officers will rotate to their elected seats.

APRIL 17, 2019

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MOTIONS

Chairman Payne calls for a motion to accept the order presented for the reorganization of the board.

Trustee _____ makes a motion to reorganize the board based on the order presented.

Trustee _____ seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously or by majority.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
March 27, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:00 p.m. at the Board Room in Tinnin Center on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

Those present included: Trustees: Darren Garrison, chairman, (absent); Dr. Tim Hager, vice-chairman; Dr. Amber Richardson, secretary; Gary Featherston, treasurer; Chris Williams, member; Eric Schalk, member; and college administrators: Dr. Wesley Payne, president; Charlotte Eubank, chief financial officer; Dr. Justin Hoggard, dean of instruction; Ann Matthews, dean of student services; Janine Heath, recording secretary. Trustee Hager assumed the role of Chair in the absence of Trustee Garrison.

ATTENDANCE

Trustee Gary Featherston delivered the invocation.

INVOCATION

Trustee Schalk made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. On a second by Trustee Featherston, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve the February 2019 minutes. With a second by Trustee Richardson, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY
2019 MEETING**

Charlotte Eubank reviewed February financials. We are 67% into the fiscal year and have recognized 82% of revenues and obligated 64% of the budgeted expenses. The Capital Budget was reviewed with Ms. Eubank outlining the projects currently underway.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND
BID REPORT**

The bid report was reviewed noting the outstanding bid opportunities.

Trustee Schalk made the motion with a second by Trustee Richardson to accept the financial report, budget amendments and athletic insurance bid as recommended by administration. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Payne presented the President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Trivia night was successful. Cleared more than \$3,500 for the scholarships. Location move to the

TRET TRIVIA NIGHT

Holiday Inn was a good decision.

Coach Walk, Coach Wiggs and the team joined the board. Congratulations to the team for the winning season.

There were over 5000 pieces collected during the drive for the food bank on campus serving our students with needs.

Casey Julian explained that we applied for and received a \$5,000 grant for the food bank. This includes not only products but also limited services.

The intent of the rootED Alliance is to assist rural students in obtaining college education. The process assists with our advising practices and relationships with the local high school advisors. Two additional advisors will be funded through rootED for Poplar Bluff and the Bootheel area.

Full encouragement is underway for existing students to register for summer and fall. Various faculty and staff went into the classrooms to register students. Cabinet members have been in the classrooms offering encouragement to the students.

Todd Richardson has been named the 2019 Distinguished Alumni. Additionally he will be the speaker at the Commencement Ceremony.

- (re)Presentation, An exhibit by Carly Dahl – Artist Lecture, 12 p.m. April 5
- Liberal Arts Week – April 9 – 16
 - Big G's Open Mic Fist Fight Poetry Slam – April 9 – 6 p.m.
 - Center Stage: Clue: The Musical – April 11 – 14
 - Writing Rocks – April 15
 - TRC Music Department Student Recital – April 16
- Enchanted Birdhouses – April 27
- POTA: Six, acapella band of brothers – April 27

There was no executive session at the meeting

LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL

SNA/SGA/PTK FOOD DRIVE

FOOD PANTRY GRANT

ROOTED ALLIANCE

SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION

2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION,
DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

The Conflict of Interest policy must be re-adopted by the board every two years and submitted to the State.

**READOPT BOARD POLICY
BP0343 – CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

Trustee Williams made the motion to readopt the policy as presented. With a second by Trustee Schalk, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Schalk, yes; Trustee Williams, yes; Trustee Featherston, yes; Trustee Richardson, yes; Trustee Hager, yes; Trustee Garrison, absent.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve all personnel action and associated documents as presented. With a second by Trustee Williams, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Schalk, yes; Trustee Williams, yes; Trustee Featherston, yes; Trustee Richardson, yes; Trustee Hager, yes; Trustee Garrison, absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schalk made the motion to adjourn at 12:40 pm and with a second by Trustee Richardson, the motion passed.

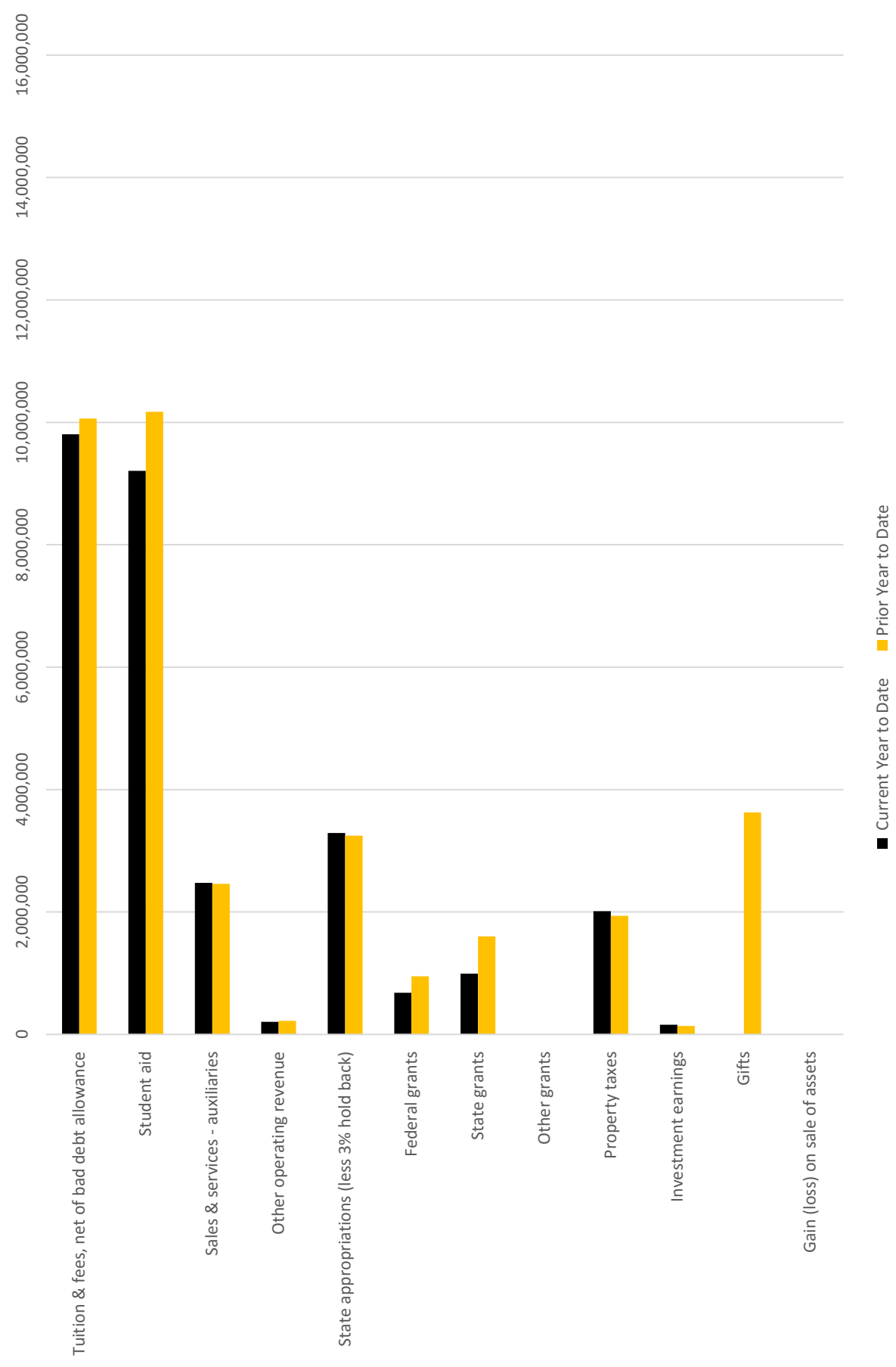
CHAIRMAN

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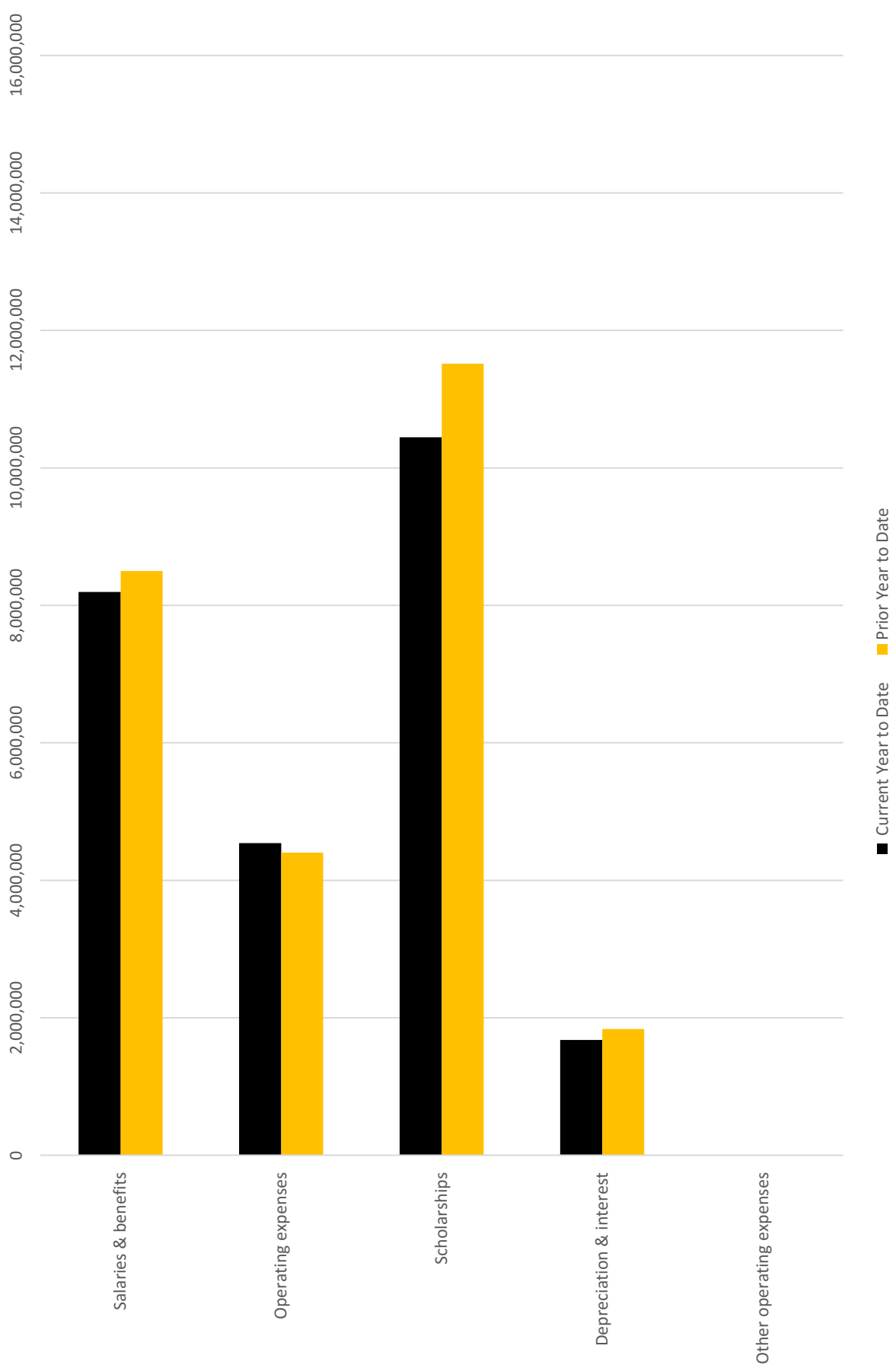
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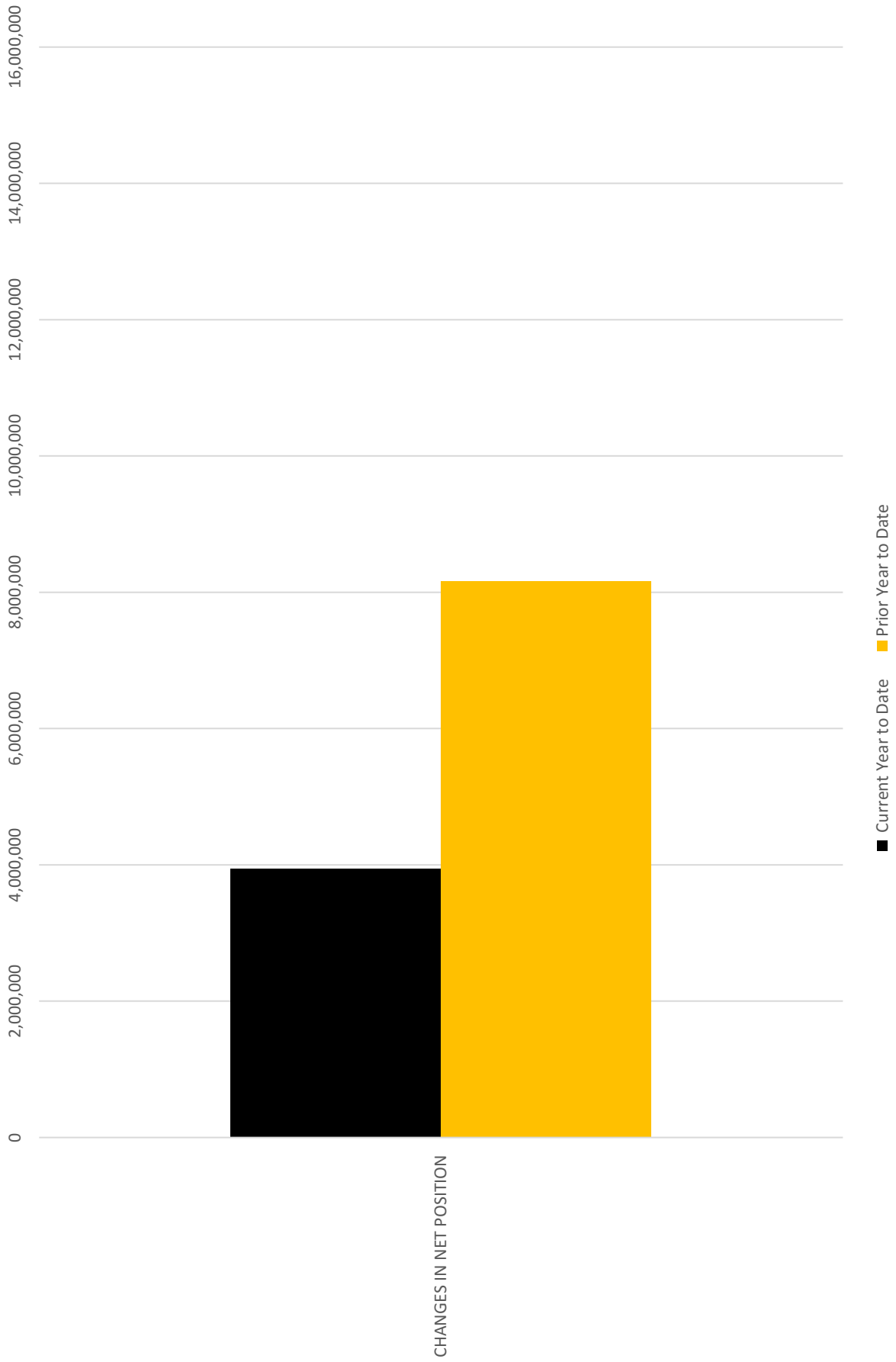
YTD Comparison to Previous Year
02/28/19



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Three Rivers College
Statement of Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
February 28, 2019

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	15,009,907
Student Account Receivables, net	3,656,952
Property Tax Receivable	115,904
Other Receivables	6,219,542
Investments	0
Inventory	128,027
Prepaid Expenses	192,832
Total Current Assets	25,323,165
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Land	5,490,786
Capital assets	68,244,922
Plus: Current year additions to capital assets	11,353,677
Accumulated Depreciation	(29,246,681)
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	0
Total Non-Current Assets	45,624,394

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

	8,271,641
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TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

	<u>79,219,200</u>
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LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	631,684
Accrued Vacation	325,731
Student Deposits	28,100
Deferred Tuition & Fees	64,061
Scholarships	3,782
Total Current Liabilities	1,053,357
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Retirement Incentive Payable	0
Other Post Employment Benefits	15,857,963
Bonds, Notes and Leases Payable	20,674,484
Accrued Interest	0
Agency	306,420
Total Non-Current Liabilities	36,838,867
Total Liabilities	37,892,224

DEFERRED INFLOWS

	9,947,763
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NET POSITION

Beginning Balance	27,428,611
Changes in Net Position	3,950,602
Total Net Position	31,379,213

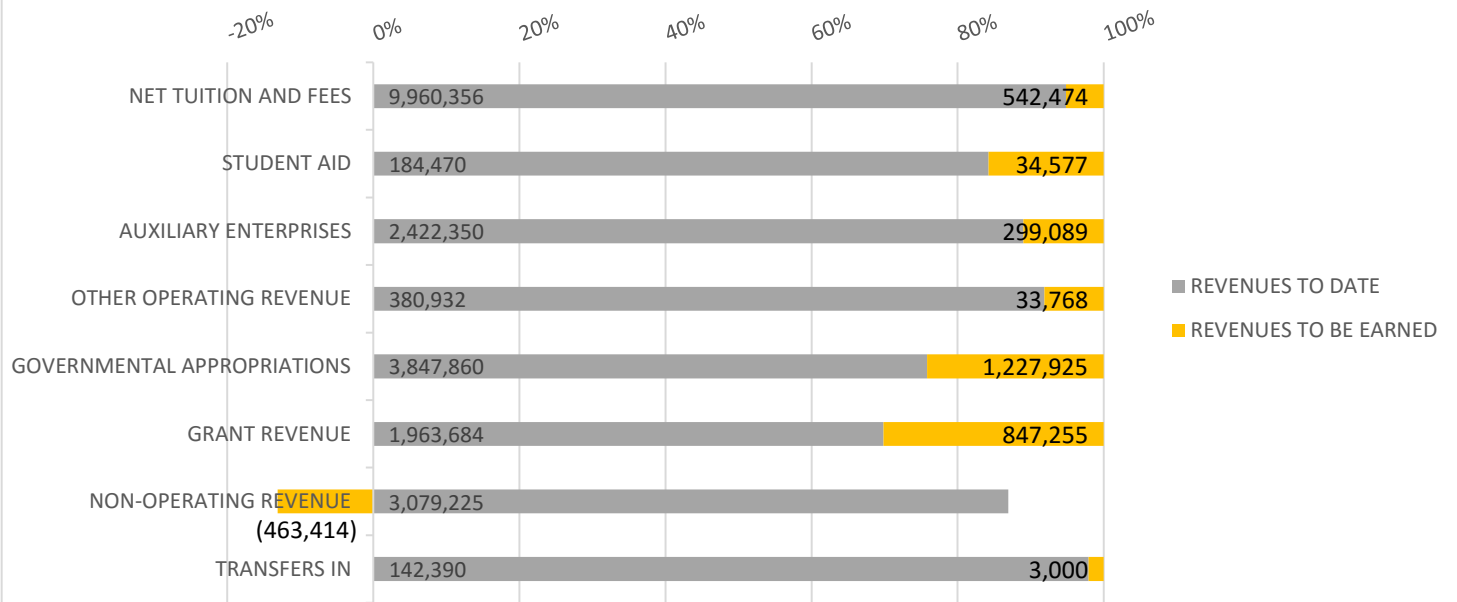
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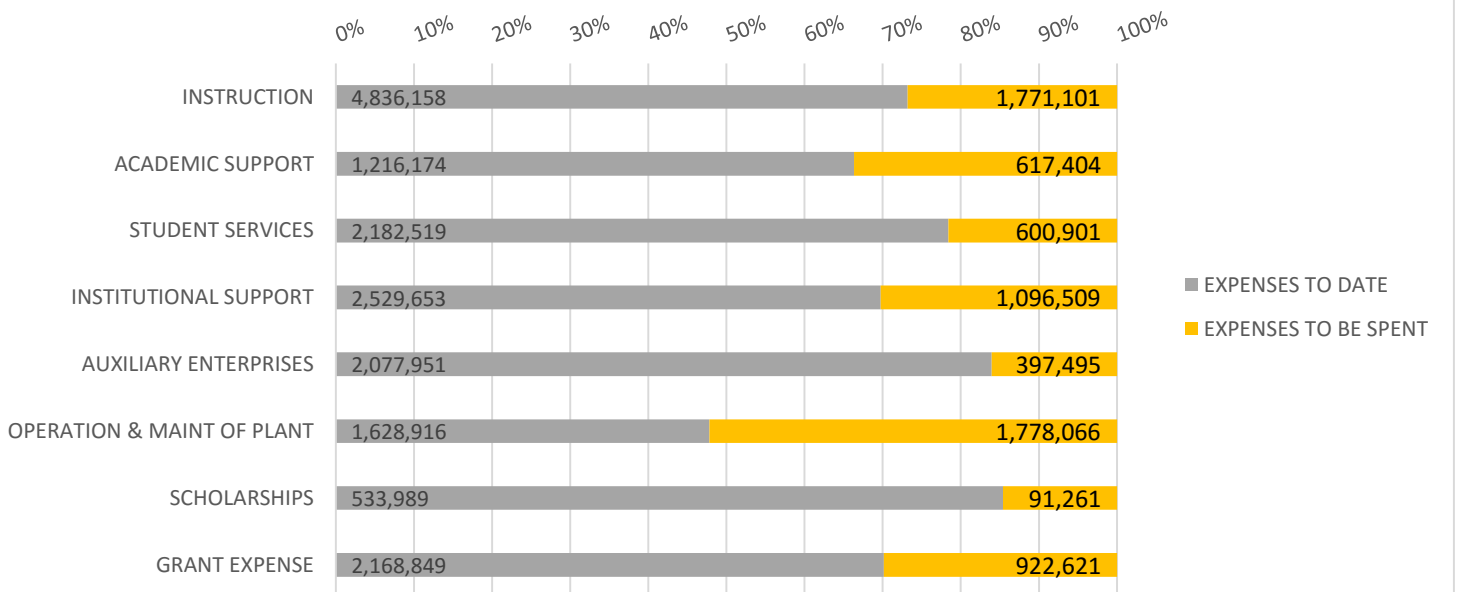
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	\$ Change	% Change
OPERATING REVENUE												
Tuition & fees, net of bad debt allowance	5,482,455	421,713	(251,807)	2,135,131	1,509,265	733,993	(106,831)	(118,787)	9,805,132	10,063,426	(258,294)	(2.57)%
Student aid	229,430	29,626	3,714,071	810,656	255,284	123,054	87,823	3,956,132	9,206,075	10,174,058	(967,983)	(9.51)%
Sales & services - auxiliaries	747,710	419,460	101,748	227,784	400,477	168,207	329,614	79,462	2,474,461	2,461,041	13,420	0.55%
Other operating revenue	2,502	2,754	2,337	189,577	1,564	3,675	1,815	1,843	206,066	222,334	(16,268)	(7.32)%
Total Operating Revenue	6,462,097	873,553	3,566,348	3,363,148	2,166,589	1,028,929	312,421	3,918,649	21,691,735	22,920,859	(1,229,125)	(5.36)%
OPERATING EXPENSES												
Salaries & benefits	902,920	1,029,174	1,193,363	1,067,502	1,050,020	908,010	1,011,831	1,032,942	8,195,762	8,499,234	(303,472)	(3.57)%
Operating expenses	667,367	547,391	504,684	728,769	494,143	754,060	433,159	412,813	4,542,385	4,404,198	138,187	3.14%
Capital equipment	794	45,733	99,543	49,740	470,029	168,311	185,708	115,509	1,135,367	2,434,746	(1,299,379)	(53.37)%
Less: Transfer to capital assets	(794)	(45,733)	(99,543)	(49,740)	(470,029)	(168,311)	(185,708)	(115,509)	(1,135,367)	(2,434,746)	1,299,379	(53.37)%
Scholarships	320,479	74,200	4,131,643	928,146	308,765	146,789	104,186	4,431,391	10,445,600	11,515,856	(1,070,257)	(9.29)%
Depreciation & interest	(22,798)	388,477	161,452	164,796	158,364	157,841	157,670	509,917	1,675,720	1,836,473	(160,753)	(8.75)%
Other operating expenses	0	0	(50,000)	0	(5,000)	0	(16)	0	(55,016)	(570)	(54,446)	9,551.95%
Total Operating Expenses	1,867,969	2,039,242	5,941,143	2,889,213	2,006,292	1,966,700	1,706,830	6,387,063	24,804,451	26,255,192	(1,450,741)	(5.53)%
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)												
State appropriations (less 3% hold back)	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	3,289,560	3,246,698	42,862	1.32%
Federal grants	38,579	160,607	96,105	97,883	(60,528)	187,007	80,856	80,849	681,360	947,943	(266,583)	(28.12)%
State grants	0	(10)	101,198	59,251	(44,237)	838,046	137,510	(100,403)	991,355	1,604,278	(612,923)	(38.21)%
Other grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Property taxes	21,535	23,138	22,420	7,813	13,463	305,305	1,360,765	257,329	2,011,768	1,939,300	72,468	3.74%
Investment earnings	26,663	18,111	16,353	19,193	16,351	15,914	16,956	30,418	159,958	137,524	22,435	16.31%
Gifts	2,650	650	(55,755)	25,800	(42,453)	100	2,502	(4,177)	(70,683)	3,626,213	(3,696,896)	(101.95)%
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	500,622	613,692	591,516	621,135	293,791	1,757,567	2,009,784	675,211	7,063,318	11,501,956	(4,438,638)	(38.59)%
CHANGES IN NET POSITION												
	5,094,750	(551,997)	(1,783,278)	1,095,070	454,089	819,796	615,376	(1,793,204)	3,950,602	8,167,623	(4,217,022)	(51.63)%

Budget to Actual Revenues 03/31/2019 (75%)



Budget to Actual Expenses 03/31/2019 (75%)



Three Rivers College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
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March 31, 2019
Fiscal Year Benchmark: 75%

REVENUES	BUDGET	REVENUES TO DATE	REVENUES TO DATE %	REVENUES TO BE EARNED
NET TUITION AND FEES	10,502,830	9,960,356	95%	542,474
<i>Tuition, Student Registration Fees, Net of Bad Debt & Scholarship Allowances</i>				
STUDENT AID	219,047	184,470	84%	34,577
<i>Federal Pell, Student Loans, SEOG, ACG, Work Study</i>				
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	2,721,439	2,422,350	89%	299,089
<i>Housing, Bookstore, Testing & Assessment, Tinnin Center Operations, License Bureau Rental</i>				
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	414,700	380,932	92%	33,768
<i>Athletic Ticket Sales, Fines, Transcript Fees, Other Income</i>				
GOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS	5,075,785	3,847,860	76%	1,227,925
<i>State Aid, State Maint. & Repair</i>				
GRANT REVENUE	2,810,939	1,963,684	70%	847,255
<i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>				
NON-OPERATING REVENUE	2,615,811	3,079,225	118%	(463,414)
<i>Taxes, Interest Earnings, Gifts</i>				
TRANSFERS IN	145,390	142,390	98%	3,000
<i>General funds - prior year transfers in (Reserves), current year transfers from capital</i>				
TOTAL REVENUES	24,505,941	21,981,267	90%	2,524,674

NOTE: We have recognized a total of 90% of budgeted revenues. We have recognized 95% of our budgeted revenues from tuition and fees, comprised of the beginning of spring 2019 registrations, fall 2018 registrations and portions of summer 2018, net of estimated bad debt. The operating budget includes transfers in from prior year reserves to support one-time projects which do not meet criteria for inclusion in the capital budget.

EXPENSES	BUDGET	EXPENSES TO DATE	EXPENSES TO DATE %	EXPENSES TO BE SPENT
INSTRUCTION	6,607,258	4,836,158	73%	1,771,101
<i>Business, Education, Math, Science, Technology, Humanities, Social Science, Health & Human Services</i>				
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	1,833,578	1,216,174	66%	617,404
<i>Academic Resource Commons, Academic Outreach Services, Career Education, Off Campus Center Support</i>				
STUDENT SERVICES	2,783,420	2,182,519	78%	600,901
<i>Recruiting, Enrollment Services, Advising, Retention, Financial Aid, Student Life, Athletics, Disability Services</i>				
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	3,626,162	2,529,653	70%	1,096,509
<i>Board of Trustees, Executive Management, Financial Services, Human Resources, Technology, Communications</i>				
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	2,475,446	2,077,951	84%	397,495
<i>Housing, Bookstore, Tinnin Center Operations, Testing & Assessment, License Bureau Rental</i>				
OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT	3,406,982	1,628,916	48%	1,778,066
<i>Maintenance, Custodial, Groundskeeping, Campus Safety, Utilities, Insurance, Mail Services</i>				
SCHOLARSHIPS	625,250	533,989	85%	91,261
<i>Institutional Scholarships, Federal Student Aid Disbursed, Tuition Remission</i>				
GRANT EXPENSE	3,091,470	2,168,849	70%	922,621
<i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>				
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,449,566	17,174,208	70%	7,275,358

NOTE: We have obligated 70% of our budgeted expenses at 75% into the fiscal year. March payroll IS INCLUDED, but credit card expenses ARE NOT INCLUDED as they were not yet available at the time of this report. Budgeted increase in Net Position is a result of adjustments made to the Enhancement Grant that resulted in less matching funds required as well as savings from temporarily vacant positions.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION	56,375	4,807,059
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FUNDING SOURCES

	BUDGET	SOURCES TO DATE	%	SOURCES TO DATE	SOURCES TO BE EARNED
RESTRICTED					
Bond proceeds	737,080	737,080	100%		0
State appropriations (Crisp)	3,000,000	0	0%		3,000,000
UNRESTRICTED					
General funds - prior year transfers in (Reserves)	479,214	479,214	100%		0
General funds - prior year transfers in (TRET/Libla gifts)	1,459,742	1,459,742	100%		0
General funds - current year transfers in			0%		0
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	5,676,036	2,676,036	47%		3,000,000

USES OF FUNDS

	BUDGET	USES TO DATE	USES TO DATE %	USES UNSPENT
Libla Family Sports Complex	2,192,307	293,521	13%	1,898,786
Current year transfers out to operating budget for non-capital items	4,515	1,515	34%	3,000
Crisp Technology Center addition and remodel	3,000,000	0	0%	3,000,000
Westover Administration Building repairs	200,000	6,386	42%	28,822
Landscaping and Lighting	50,000	21,178	42%	28,822
Student Housing repairs	127,000	0	0%	22,646
License Bureau roof	30,000	0	0%	30,000
Campus Safety improvements	22,646	0	53%	10,352
Kennett External Location parking repairs	27,568	0	0%	27,568
Tinnin Fine Arts Center repairs	22,000	11,648	0%	22,646
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,676,036	334,249	6%	5,341,787

NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

0	2,341,787
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**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

April 2, 2019

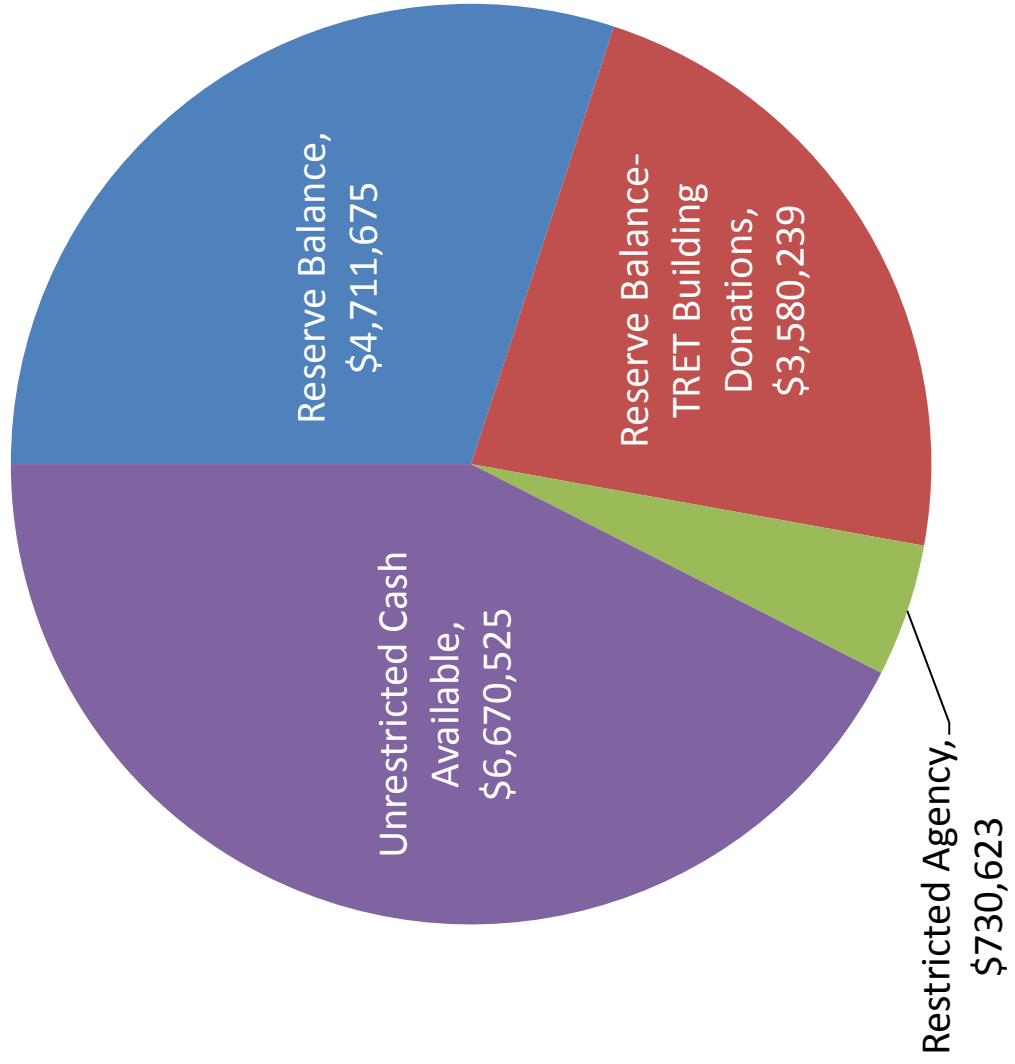
	<u>03/04/19</u>	<u>04/02/19</u>
CURRENT FUND		
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Bookstore	1,800.00	1,800.00
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Vending Machines	224.55	224.55
Business Office	3,888.00	2,088.00
<i>Total Cash Funds</i>	6,112.55	4,312.55
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Southern Bank - General Funds	6,878,770.48	6,242,714.09
Southern Bank - Credit Cards	120,300.35	162,947.80
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	6,999,070.83	6,405,661.89
<i>Restricted Bank Accounts</i>		
Payroll Account - Southern Bank	20,850.02	(59,056.48)
Federal Clearing Account	2,271.92	66,462.01
Flexible Spending Account	12,488.08	11,476.75
<i>Total Restricted Accounts</i>	35,610.02	18,882.28
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	7,040,793.40	6,428,856.72
 HOUSING FUND		
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Rivers Ridge Account - Southern Bank	250,688.60	241,668.66
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	250,688.60	241,668.66
TOTAL HOUSING FUND	250,688.60	241,668.66

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

April 2, 2019

	<u>03/04/19</u>	<u>04/02/19</u>
PLANT FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Plant Fund - Southern Bank	5,873,263.29	2,721,560.31
<i>Total Bank Accounts</i>	5,873,263.29	2,721,560.31
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Bank of Grandin #16126	143,732.70	143,732.70
First Missouri State Bank #22132	104,328.96	104,328.96
Bank of Grandin #17101	-	1,500,000.00
Bank of Grandin #17103	-	1,500,000.00
First Missouri State Bank #22223	-	1,000,000.00
Bank of Grandin #17002	1,322,292.42	1,322,292.42
<i>Total Certificates of Deposit</i>	1,570,354.08	5,570,354.08
TOTAL PLANT FUND	7,443,617.37	8,291,914.39
AGENCY FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Agency Account - Southern Bank	350,203.54	342,248.87
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Restricted CD's & Savings	393,374.16	388,374.16
TOTAL AGENCY FUND	743,577.70	730,623.03

**TOTAL CASH IN CHECKING AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
\$15,693,062 AS OF 04/02/19**



THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AS OF March 31, 2019

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
17002	Bank of Grandin	2.25	08/14/19	12 mths	1,322,292.42	Contingency
22132	First Missouri State Bank	1.89	11/01/19	12 mths	104,328.96	Contingency
16126	Bank of Grandin	3.50	02/22/20	12 mths	143,732.70	Contingency
17101	Bank of Grandin	2.90	04/01/20	12 mths	3,000,000.00	Contingency
17103	Bank of Grandin	2.90	04/01/20	12 mths	3,000,000.00	Contingency
22223	First Missouri State Bank	2.92	04/02/20	12 mths	1,000,000.00	Contingency
Total Unrestricted Designated Reserves					\$ 8,570,354.08	

SCHOLARSHIP/ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATES AS OF March 31, 2019

20205	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	04/21/10	04/21/19	20,403.81	ICHE Scholarship
3568676067	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/01/01	05/01/19	11,026.79	Wm. D. Becker
21033372	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/01/96	05/01/19	1,000.00	Kim Mosley
9525	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	05/06/93	05/06/19	2,000.00	Carl Wiseman
25103	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	05/14/99	05/14/19	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
2016007496	Commerce Bank	0.25	05/14/90	05/14/19	3,835.00	Bill Vinson
21031218	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/15/94	05/15/19	2,192.00	Greg Starnes
21028105	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/22/91	05/22/19	29,782.32	Myrtle Rutland
21028106	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/22/91	05/22/19	20,000.00	Myrtle Rutland
7236	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	05/26/89	05/26/19	16,350.00	Jackie Watson
110274305	Southern Bank	0.90	05/30/86	05/30/19	5,200.00	Mabel Swindel
2016012267	Commerce Bank	0.25	06/04/92	06/04/19	2,350.00	Bill Vinson
5016848212	Commerce Bank	0.25	06/23/98	06/23/19	7,843.17	Louise Spradling
63760632	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.54	07/02/89	07/01/19	1,226.80	A. Garner
451028956	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	07/02/99	07/02/19	5,234.00	Wm. D. Becker
21030291	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	07/07/93	07/07/19	1,405.00	Joshua Bowman
2170801	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.65	07/11/97	07/30/19	10,925.00	Mabel Swindel
21024477	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	08/22/89	08/22/19	10,000.00	Myrtle Rutland
8036	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	08/23/90	08/23/19	4,000.00	Jackie Watson
1721901	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	08/25/92	08/25/19	3,000.00	Odd Fellows
110270576	Southern Bank	0.85	08/27/85	08/28/19	5,000.00	Belle Hinrichs
14776	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	08/28/02	08/28/19	5,000.00	Helvey-Miller
218101	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.24	09/22/98	09/22/19	5,000.00	Jerome Burford
423137249	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	10/06/19	2,833.00	Combined Sch
423137256	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	10/06/19	1,024.34	Fred Morrow
24325	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	10/15/99	10/15/19	10,324.77	Norman Gamblin
2197201	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	10/31/97	10/31/19	1,065.00	Gertrude Cox
23353	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.24	11/06/00	11/06/19	4,000.00	Coll. Achievement
1014001	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.00	11/06/89	11/06/19	5,000.00	Charlotte Stone
423135367	Regions Bank	0.10	11/18/04	11/18/19	1,106.64	Betty Waldrop
21028354	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.40	12/03/91	12/03/19	2,310.00	C.T. McDaniel
423135383	Regions Bank	1.49	12/04/04	12/04/19	1,650.00	R. Couperus
10369	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	12/05/95	12/05/19	5,000.00	Helvey-Miller
451038849	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.40	12/08/99	12/08/19	1,110.00	C.T. McDaniel
451034787	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.50	06/09/97	12/09/19	1,000.00	Wm. D. Becker
2017004259	Commerce Bank	0.30	12/09/89	12/09/19	1,000.00	P.I. Church
2016012160	Commerce Bank	0.25	12/11/91	12/11/19	7,700.00	Bill Vinson

THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
11129	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	12/12/96	12/12/19	6,131.36	Kim Mosley
43712	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.85	04/27/09	12/14/19	67,447.79	Holder-Rowland
5016847453	Commerce Bank	0.25	12/22/97	12/22/19	10,000.00	Harold Prim
2213401	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.85	01/08/98	01/08/20	10,000.00	Jerome Burford
423137157	Regions Bank	1.24	01/14/85	01/14/20	2,500.00	Dr. Miller
21031513	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	01/19/95	01/19/20	12,868.64	Kim Mosley
2012008112	Commerce Bank	0.30	08/11/92	02/11/20	1,000.00	Myra C. Hays
352394707389	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	08/19/88	02/18/20	2,061.55	James Warren
63761112	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	02/23/89	02/22/20	2,500.00	A. Garner
2224601	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	02/25/98	02/25/20	1,658.87	Missy Braden
2136801	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	03/05/97	03/05/20	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
2017004363	Commerce Bank	0.30	03/30/88	03/30/20	10,000.00	Myrtle Corbett
5017843040	Commerce Bank	0.30	05/01/97	04/07/20	2,900.00	Miles Hays
2038701	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.30	05/16/96	05/16/20	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
110260320	Southern Bank	0.85	06/02/86	06/02/20	1,000.00	Hulen Spencer
110239662	Southern Bank	1.00	01/05/91	01/05/21	1,412.53	Bulow Mem.
63760768	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.24	03/06/89	03/05/21	6,468.04	Butler Co Co-op
63760695	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.73	04/04/85	04/05/21	1,001.63	Lonnie Davis
2018004893	Commerce Bank	0.35	04/10/88	04/10/21	3,000.00	Myra C. Hays
2012008906	Commerce Bank	0.30	05/11/81	05/11/21	4,526.11	P.C. Hays, Sr.
423137173	Regions Bank	0.15	12/09/85	12/09/21	5,000.00	Mary Hinrichs
2019003547	Commerce Bank	0.40	07/08/90	07/08/22	4,000.00	P.C. Hays, Jr.

Total Endowment CD's

\$ 388,374.16

Three Rivers College
CD Report
As of March 31, 2019

Investment CDs

Bank Account Interest Rate

Bank	Account	Interest Rate
Southern Bank	all except Federal Funds	1.50%

CDs Maturing

Bank	Certificate Number	Maturity Date	Amount

Responses

Bank	Commerce Bank	Bank of Grandin	Sterling Bank	Southern Bank	The Bank of Missouri	First Missouri State Bank	First Missouri State Bank
Contact	Margaret Mack	Teresa Hoefer	Erin Moody	Dan Sanders	Erica Worley	Renea King	Renea King
Comment							
Amount	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
3 months	2.31%		1.85%				
6 months	2.41%		2.15%				
9 months	2.46%						
10 months							
1 year	2.46%	2.90%	2.25%	2.65%	2.41%	2.92%	2.55%

CDs Transferred

- 1-\$1,000,000 CD bought from First Missouri State Bank @ 2.92%.
- 2-\$1,500,000 CDs bought from Bank of Grandin @ 2.90%

Endowment CDs Transferred to Endowment Trust

CDs Maturing

Bank	Certificate Number	Endowment	Maturity Date	Amount
US Bank	21025365	Mack Whiteley	3/5/2019	5,000.00
Total				5,000.00

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Summary of Checks Issued
Month of March 2019

Current Fund:	General Fund - Southern Bank	\$ 933,820.82
	Electronic Student Refunds - Higher One	<u>428,648.70</u>
	Total Current Fund	<u>1,362,469.52</u>
Housing Fund:	Rivers Ridge - Southern Bank	12,988.18
Plant Fund:	Construction Account - Southern Bank	4,000,000.00
Agency Fund:	Agency Account - Southern Bank	<u>20,793.84</u>
	Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 5,396,251.54</u></u>

This is to certify that the above is supported by invoices, purchase orders, and other pertinent data on file in the College Financial Service Office. Approved by the Board of Trustees, this 17th day of April 2019.

_____ Chairman, Board of Trustees

_____ Secretary, Board of Trustees

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
 BID REPORT
 AS OF APRIL 9, 2019**

Kennett Asphalt

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 2/13/2019
 Close Date: 3/1/2019
 Funding Source: General Revenue
 Bids Submitted:

ASA Asphalt	Cape Girardeau, MO
Billington Asphalt Paving	Poplar Bluff, MO

Bid Awarded: Billington Asphalt Paving \$21,650.00

Housing Roofing

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 2/13/2019
 Close Date: 3/1/2019
 Funding Source: Housing Revenue
 Bids Submitted:

Aspen Contracting, Inc	Poplar Bluff, MO
Master Roof & Remodel	Jonesboro, AR

Bid Awarded: No

License Bureau Roof Replacement

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 3/22/2019
 Close Date: 4/5/2019
 Funding Source: General Revenue
 Bids Submitted:

Riverside Roofing	Cape Girardeau, MO
Master Roof & Remodel	Jonesboro, AR

Bid Awarded: No

April 2019 President's Report

- National Vietnam Veterans Day – March 29
- Registration Goal – goal 750, registered 735
- Job Fair – April 4
- Distinguished Alumni Reception – April 5
- Big G's Poetry Slam – April 9, 2019
- Retirement Reception – April 10
- Enchanted Birdhouses Fundraiser/Exhibit – April 10-27
- Center Stage – Clue the Musical – April 11 – 14
- Imagine: The Future – TRC Student Recital – April 16
- Excellence in Teaching Award – Kristy Niblock
- Adjunct of the Year – Carol Davis

- Upcoming Events
 - Easter Break – April 19 and April 22
 - PB Chamber Teacher of the Year Banquet – April 24
 - PTK Induction Ceremony – April 25
 - POTA – Six – April 27
 - TRC Cardinal Baseball Game – April 28 (Note: tickets will no longer be for sale on the 17th)
 - Three Rivers Fine Arts Student Exhibition – April 30-May 17
 - Employee Appreciation Luncheon – May 3
 - TRC Willie Wonka Musical – May 3 – 5
 - Imagine: Music for Life – May 7
 - Student Excellence Awards – May 10
 - Commencement – May 17 (Note: should we include ticket info?)

- Boys and Girls Partnership with TRC – Dr. Justin Hoggard

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H.S. YOUTH GET COLLEGE CREDIT Boys & Girls Club partners with TRC

By DENISE KINDER
Staff Writer

Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff members now have the opportunity to earn college credits while attending club thanks to a partnership with Three Rivers College.

"We want to make sure our kids are career ready and college ready," Boys & Girls Club Director Chris Rushin said. "College is obtainable and we have an awesome, incredible college in our backyard."

The partnership began a couple years ago with the help of Dr. Justin Hoggard and Dr. Leslie Gragg, and allowing members on the TRC campus to see some

of the exciting possibilities and begin the process of encouraging that college is obtainable.

"We started with trips to the campus and letting (students) engage in activities from playing basketball, softball or baseball, watching Sims LAB demonstration, being part of forensics lab or working with our theater and music departments," Hoggard said.

When the time came to plan the second year of campus visits for BGCPB members, Rushin expressed his vision of being able to bring students to a class.

"Our goal was to get

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Heroes on a mission make holiday bright for children

By PAUL DAVIS
Outdoors Editor

The sun wasn't even up yet early Saturday morning — during Christmas break no less — but you couldn't tell it bothered anyone because the smiles on the faces of dozens local youngsters were hard to miss as they cruised the aisles of Poplar Bluff's Walmart Supercenter.

Up and down each aisle, the children could be seen filling their carts as they talked about things they've wanted for so long; from bi-

cycles to scooters and Barbies, to action figures and Nerf guns, they were all scooped up.

The occasion was the Fraternal Order of Police's annual Shop With a Hero event, which serves a mission to help make Christmas brighter for less fortunate children. It also helps create a strong bond between the children and local first responders.

"There is no better feeling than getting the opportunity to put a

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Photo submitted

Kelsey Sumrall participates in a scene study class at Stella Adler.

Acting dream draws PBHS grad to NYC

By Nancy Nelson Vines
Contributing Writer

"You can't just say, 'I want to be a successful actress,' and expect it to happen. You have to reach out and take action. God may guide you along the way, but the decision to actually pursue your dream, is entirely up to you," says Poplar Bluff native Kelsey Sumrall, when talking about her journey toward a career in theater.



Sumrall

Sumrall is currently enrolled in the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York City.

Sumrall, who gradu-

ated from Poplar Bluff High School in 2011, has returned to her roots to celebrate Christmas with her family and reconnect with those she holds dear. One of the special people who has impacted Sumrall's life is her former high school drama teacher Jo Nell Seifert.

Seated in Seifert's cozy parlor, the two enjoy a warm camaraderie born from years of interaction and mutual respect. They are no longer teacher and student, but good friends who share a common history and love of all-things

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(Top) Sharon Bean picks out her favorite Lego set with help from Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher Leach during Saturday morning's annual Shop With a Hero event at Poplar Bluff's Walmart Supercenter. (Middle) Jordan Fletcher looks for several small items with help from Poplar Bluff Firefighter Travis Taylor. (Above) Air Evac's Dustin Ramsey helps Dayton Ortiz, 6, finds just the right toy. (Left) Lilli Massey, 6, shows Poplar Bluff Police Patrolman T.J. Akers which Barbie doll she wants to buy.

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theater. Sumrall credits Seifert, and the outstanding drama program she oversaw, for sparking the love of theater that continues to be her driving force.

"I am passionate about the need for strong drama, theater, and public speaking programs in our schools," Sumrall states emphatically. "Through those activities, students gain confidence, self-respect, and an awareness of cultural diversity that they might not attain otherwise."

Sumrall says her love of theater began as a youngster when she participated in Seifert's theater outreach program.

"The summer before my fourth grade year I participated in Jo Nell's drama camp," Sumrall recalls, "and then in high school, as a member of drama club, I assisted every year."

Sumrall was a standout member of Seifert's drama club from the moment she entered high school.

"Kelsey was one of those rare students who could do everything," Seifert fondly explains. "She could act, she could sing, she was a leader and role model."

Sumrall was so well-liked and respected by her high school peers, that she received the Best Actress Award multiple times.

"The drama club members voted for the best actress and best actor," Seifert explains, "so it really was an honor to realize how much other students valued her contributions."

Though she loved her theater experience in high school, Sumrall says she never really thought about theater as a career.

"I enrolled in Harding University with a major in Early Childhood Education," Sumrall recalls with a smile. "I was pursuing an elementary education degree, but I remained active in the theater, just as I had in high school."

Sumrall recounts that along with her participation in theater at the university, which is located in Searcy, Arkansas, she directed community theater and church productions, as well.

As her studies progressed, though, the would-be educator had trouble discovering her niche.

"I couldn't seem to find a grade level that I could relate to," she laughs.

She goes on to explain that it was a math instructor who made her re-think her decision to teach in an elementary classroom.

Recalling the conversation, Sumrall says, "I was in a how to teach math class, and I suppose I didn't demonstrate enough enthusiasm. The instructor says, 'If you're not passionate about teaching math, then you need to find what it is that stirs your passion.'"

Sumrall says that in evaluating those words of advice, she realized her passion lay, not in elementary education, but in the theater. She switched her major to Theater Education, and in 2015 earned her bachelor's degree.

Following graduation, the young teacher secured a position at Harding Academy in Searcy and taught there for a year-and-a-half.

"I originally was substituting for a maternity leave, which began in the middle of the school year," she explains, "and, luckily, that led to a permanent position the next fall."

Sumrall says her first play as a drama teacher was "The Music Man," which, coincidentally, was her first performance role when she was in seventh grade choir.

"I loved the years I taught," Sumrall says, "and I was able to draw on my experience from drama club and assisting with drama camp to help me in relating to the students."

Sumrall says that a daily practice in her classroom was to begin each class by



Photo submitted

The Sumrall family explores the upper east side of New York. Pictured from left Jesse, Terry, Kelsey and Jasmin Sumrall.

sharing some fact about contemporary theater with her students.

"One morning a student said to me, 'Miss Sumrall, one day you're going to be standing there telling your students something about me.'"

"That statement just hit me hard," she says thoughtfully. "In that moment I realized I wanted more."

And so began the journey from a classroom in small town America to classrooms in the City of Dreams.

"While I was still in college, I went to a mass audition in Chicago," Sumrall explains. "Several Master of Fine Arts (MFA) acting programs attend this gathering."

Despite her efforts, she didn't receive any call backs, so returned home and concentrated on finishing her degree. After the student comment in her classroom, Sumrall decided to give the mass audition another try.

"I told my principal," she reveals, "but no one else at the school knew about it."

After the initial audition, Sumrall received a call-back notice. Stella Adler Studio of Acting was among those issuing invitations.

"I performed a Lady Macbeth monologue; then, received another call-back."

Sumrall went on to explain that the second invitation required that, at a later date, she submit a video of a two-minute monologue. In addition, she was to speak for one minute about acting and its role in her life.

"When the call came that I had been accepted to Adler, I was asleep," Sumrall relates, "so I learned the news via voice-mail. I was screaming and running around the house; then, I called my mom and she was screaming!"

While the acceptance and what lay ahead seemed surreal, there were, unfortunately, some real-life issues to confront before the dream could be realized.

"I had taught at a private school, so I didn't make a lot of money," Sumrall says. "I had to have funds for school, to secure and set up an apartment, and money for living expenses until I could find a job and get stabilized."

With the support of family and friends in both Poplar Bluff and Searcy, two concerts were arranged to showcase Sumrall's vocal talents. The proceeds raised from these events enabled her to finance the move.

Sumrall rented an apartment in Queens, which she shares with a college friend. During the day she is employed as a nanny to a two-and-a-half-year-old toddler.

"I get off at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30 in Manhattan," she explains. "That gives me an hour to take the 35-minute subway ride, eat, and change clothes for classes."

The aspiring actress adds that she uses her commute time to fine-tune her preparations for class.

Sumrall says that when classes dismiss at 10:30, she then has a 45-minute commute home because she lives a bit further into Queens than where her work is located.

Sumrall goes on to explain, "I have three late mornings a week, because the little girl attends school. I use that time to memorize and rehearse for class."

While there are many advantages to living in the city, as a student at Adler, Sumrall says she often receives special pricing on theater tickets and that perk has allowed her to see many productions that she otherwise could not afford to attend.

One of her most memorable experiences occurred this past June when she had the opportunity to participate on stage at the Tony Awards.

"My roommate is a stage manager on the play 'Once on This Island,' which was nominated for Best Revival of a Musical," Sumrall explains. "For their performance at the Tonys, the production crew wanted to replicate on stage what happens in the theater during a play performance."

Members of the production brought in friends and family to make up the stage audience, and Sumrall's roommate invited her to participate.

"It was an honor and very exciting to be there and be a part of it," she relates. "I 'rubbed shoulders' with Patti LuPone and Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Josh Groban talked to me."

Currently, Sumrall is looking forward to her last semester and planning for the next phase of her journey. She will complete her two-year acting program in June.

"In February, I will audition at my school for a showcase that will be held in front of agents and casting directors from around the city," says Sumrall, who will be among about 100 actors who will be vying for 20 spots in the April showcase event.

Sumrall explains the audition is based on the actor's performance in a three-minute time-frame. Each applicant is allowed three minutes to perform two contrasting monologues.

"It doesn't matter what you've done in class, or how successful you have been so far," she says, "because this try-out is real-world."

"When you walk into an actual casting audition, you are judged on what you do right then; so, in this instance, everything relies on how well I use my three minutes."

Sumrall says that upon completion of the acting program, she will be auditioning as often as possible, which will force her to re-vamp her current employment situation.

"I will have to find something I can do at night," she says, "because auditions occur during the day. And, because I may only have a few days to make travel or other arrangements, it must be a job that can be left on short notice."

Despite her aspirations, Sumrall is realistic about the uncertainty of what may lie ahead for her.

"We never know what will happen in the future," she affirms. "Right now, I want to act and I will continue to pursue an acting career; however, I have no way of knowing what life holds in store, or what opportunities may present themselves."

Sumrall, the daughter of Jesse and Terry Sumrall of Poplar Bluff, will be visiting in the city until after the New Year. In addition to spending time with family and friends, she will be busy working on material for upcoming auditions.

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students acclimated with the campus, some of the professors, some of the administration so whenever they cross the stage for their diploma, they keep going right on to college," he said.

Working with various offices at TRC, Hoggard said the first group of members were enrolled in Academic Life Strategies, which focuses on teaching students good studying and life skills.

"There are other strategies in the class that translate into life skills such as time management," he said.

According to Rushin, eight students began and six completed the course.

"This is an actual course and there are no free passes," he said. "They had to earn those hours, attend the class and do the required class work."

The real question, Rushin said, came after what would be done following adding classes for the members.

BGCPB board member and Poplar Bluff R-1 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson suggested putting the students in the dual enrollment program.

"That has been the answer to this," Rushin said. "This is going to work and have incredible results."

To make college obtainable for sophomore BGCPB members, TRC has waived tuition fees and

the club picks up instructor and materials fees.

Many times, Rushin said, students are not able to afford the final 1/3 of tuition and that's where the BGCPB steps in.

"A majority of these kids are first generation college students," he said. "For some of these kids in the past, I think they perceived college as something they couldn't afford, handle and not a part of their future. Because of a good partnership with TRC, our kids now know this is just the next step on the ladder."

Dual credit is available to all R-1 students, but by being a BGCPB member and in good standing, the club covers the final portion through scholarship funding.

"We have incredible support of the Boys & Girls Club and when we tell them about this program, they say let them know if we need anything," Rushin said. "They also know what an incredible opportunity this is for those kids."

To take the opportunities even further, a computer applications course will be offered in the spring with 13 students enrolled.

"The goal with this course is to ensure the students have the appropriate computer skills for success in both high school and college," Hoggard added.

Ahead of the Tuesday and Thursday classes, BGCPB are picked up and taken to the middle school campus, grab a food tray and are then transported to TRC.

When students return to club the next day, Rushin said they are so excited to talk about college. He also noticed they stand a little taller and he can see the sense of accomplishment they feel.

"When they first started going (to TRC classes) they were intimidated," he said. "I know I would have been as a sophomore, but we know these kids, have seen them grow up in club and know they can do this."

The partnership is also an opportunity to keep teen members returning to club once they are old enough for part-time jobs.

Rushin said having the classes on only Tuesday and Thursday allows the students to do what they need, while still being served.

Many students have been attending the after school club since kindergarten and one of the goals of BGCPB is to serve members through graduation, he said.

Admitting "this" is what the club is suppose to do, Rushin added he is so very proud of the administrative staff at BGCPB for helping steward the process and is very grateful to TRC President Dr. Wesley Payne, Hoggard and Gragg for their support.

"I can look back on my 10 years here at the Boys and Girls Club and this has got to be right up there as one of the proudest moments I've had and what we have been able to put together for our kids," Rushin said.



Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a 10-part series looking back on area events reported in the newspaper that highlighted 2018.

JULY

1 • An Arizona man is sentenced to four years in prison for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine after authorities intercepted a shipment in Butler County.

3 • The city of Poplar Bluff and Municipal Utilities had a combined debt of nearly \$52 million at the end of 2017, according to an audit.

5 • Area residents celebrate Independence Day with fireworks downtown as well as a four-day event on Benton Street.

6 • Dangerous heat returns to area with the heat index reaching 100 degrees by 9 a.m. before climbing to 113 degrees.

8 • Ripley County officials look into keeping its hospital open.

10 • A Stoddard County corrections officer is fired after his arrest on allegations of incest and rape in the second degree in another county.

11 • Stoddard County Commissioners appointed three new members of the Senate Bill 40 board.

12 • The bones found in a Butler County lake in November are identified as a man missing since 2015. ... A Dexter man is arrested in Colorado and charged with the stabbing death of a man in his North Mulberry Street home in Dexter. ... Rangers with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways are honored for their rescue work during the April 2017 flood on Current River.

13 • Three people are charged with helping a Dexter man who authorities had been searching for in connection with a stabbing flee to Colorado.

15 • Paul Jackson and a crew of volunteers paint a mural on a Tinnin Center wall at Three Rivers College. ... Butler County Health Department officials say nearly 60 percent of people who contract Hepatitis A locally

have required hospitalization and approximately 100 confirmed cases have been reported.

17 • Poplar Bluff officials hope to start a new Adopt-A-Street program in the city.

19 • A Poplar Bluff police detective is shot and wounded attempting to serve an arrest warrant inside a Kinzer Street apartment building.

20 • A former Greenville city clerk is charged with stealing \$150,000 in city money. ... Three brightly-colored sculptures are placed at McLane Park as part of the "Sculpture on the Move" program.

22 • An Ellsinore man who had been on the lam for four days after allegedly fatally shooting another man turns himself into the Carter County Sheriff's Department. ... Officials break ground on an overpass project for the Cravens Road entrance to the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park.

26 • Briggs & Stratton Corporation announces layoffs impacting potentially hundreds of area jobs that will take effect in mid-August.

27 • Republican candidates for Butler County and state offices appear at a forum at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center at Three Rivers College.

AUGUST

1 • A women's clinic opens at the John J. Pershing VA Medical Center. ... MERS Goodwill announces it will use the old Kmart building, located at 2233 N. Westwood Blvd. in Poplar Bluff, for its new Goodwill Excel Center.

2 • A judge suspends a trustee for the Castor Township who is charged with stealing nearly \$17,000 in township funds while acting as its treasurer.

7 • The president of the Castor Township resigns the same day he is charged with stealing two dump trucks from the township. ... The Poplar Bluff City Council denies a request to transfer ownership of the Poplar Bluff Municipal Library building and parking lot to members of the library board. ... Randall "Randy" Grassham, a longtime Three Rivers College trustee who served as the vice-chairman, dies at 64.

8 • Election results are announced, deciding races in Butler County for prosecuting attorney (Kacey Proctor), treasurer (Tammy Mar-

ler) and circuit judge (Wade Pierce). Danny Talkington is elected the new Stoddard County presiding commissioner, while primary races are decided for state representatives.

12 • Christina Kime is appointed as Wayne County's new associate circuit judge. Kime, who is running unopposed for the position in the November election, is the first female judge in Wayne County.

14 • Neelyville school district marks the first day of school. ... A recount will not be needed for the Butler County associate judge race, which was decided by 31 votes, when the losing candidate declines one.

15 • Area school districts hold active shooter training with law enforcement agencies.

16 • Poplar Bluff schools open. ... Five fatal overdoses in Butler County over the past week bring the total for the year to 19, six more than all of 2017, as officials deal with a rise in heroin and Fentanyl use.

17 • Twin Rivers schools open. ... Dexter schools add a resource officer.

19 • Three Rivers College opens for the fall semester.

21 • Carter County residents ask commissioners to repair the historic courthouse damaged in the April 2017 floods.

22 • Republicans in Butler County elect new officers, naming Joe Leahy as chairperson and June Rigby as vice chairperson.

24 • Poplar Bluff R-1 Board of Education opens bids for construction of a new Early Childhood Center to be constructed next to the Kindergarten Center.

26 • The Poplar Bluff Mules football team gives new coach David Sievers his first win by beating Sumner 50-8 at Mules Stadium.

28 • Democrats in Butler County elect new leaders as Brenda Schneider is named chairperson and Keith French is vice-chairperson. ... A pair of raccoons cause a brief power outage for 6,000 Municipal Utilities customers.

29 • The Rodgers Theater is given a state grant of nearly \$337,000 to replace a roof on the historic building.

31 • Poplar Bluff Police Detective Corey Mitchell, who was shot and wounded in the line of duty by Missouri Governor Mike Parson.

A G E N D A
Executive Session
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

I. Executive Session

1. Personnel and any other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021
2. Real Estate/Property and other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021.2
3. Legal and other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021.1

II. Adjournment

VII. 1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FY20 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING DATES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION **HISTORY**

Each year, the Board of Trustees reviews the proposed Board of Trustee meeting schedule for approval.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the FY20 Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule as presented.

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Board of Trustee Proposed FY20 Meeting Dates

Please find below a list of FY20 Board of Trustee meeting dates.

All meetings will be held at 12 noon in the Board Room at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

VII.2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FY20 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION **HISTORY**

Each year, the Board of Trustees reviews the proposed college holiday schedule for approval.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the FY20 Holiday Schedule as presented.

PROPOSED 2019-2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
(July 01, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

INDEPENDENCE DAY	July 4, 2019 (Thursday)
LABOR DAY	September 2, 2019 (Monday)
FALL BREAK	October 10 & 11, 2019 (Thursday & Friday)
THANKSGIVING	November 28 & 29, 2019 (Thursday & Friday)
CHRISTMAS/New Year's Day	December 23-27, 2019 (Monday-Friday) December 30-31, 2019 (Monday –Tuesday) January 1-3, 2020 (Wednesday - Friday) January 6, 2020 (Monday/return to work)
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	January 20, 2020 (Monday)
SPRING BREAK	March 11-13, 2020 (Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday)
EASTER BREAK	April 10, 2020 (Friday) April 13, 2020 (Monday)
MEMORIAL DAY	May 25, 2020 (Monday)

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday • Each office must have the noon hour covered.

SUMMER 2019 OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Each office must have the noon hour covered.
Summer hours begin on June 3, 2019 and end on July 26 2019. The first Friday that the college will be closed is June 7, 2019.

SUMMER 2020 OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Each office must have the noon hour covered.
Summer hours begin on June 1, 2020 and end on July 31, 2020. The first Friday that the college will be closed is June 5, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The college entered into the Missouri Health Education Group (MEHG) consortium effective, July 1, 2017. Renewal for the fiscal year 2020 has been presented with continuation of the same three plan options (with slight adjustments) as currently provided with United Healthcare to remain as the carrier for medical, dental, and vision coverage. Medical rates will increase by 8.6%. Dental and vision rates will remain the same.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the renewal with the MEHG consortium as presented in the attached documents.
 - The proposed renewal of the PPO plan will continue to serve as the base plan with 100% employee premium paid by the college at \$564.00 PEPM.
 - The proposed H.S.A. plan will be offered with the difference in premium cost from the base PPO plan credited to the H.S.A. account of participants at \$63.00 per month.
 - The proposed PPO Buy Up plan offered as a third option. Employees who choose this plan option will be responsible to pay the buy up difference in premium from the base plan at a cost of \$100.00 per month.
 - Financial impact to the institution for FY20 is an increase of approximately \$91,344.
2. Approve the addition of Long Term Disability (LTD) as a voluntary plan option as of FY2020 (July 1, 2019). UNUM will continue to be the carrier and add LTD to the list of voluntary plan offerings. There is no financial impact to the college as this is a voluntary benefit.
3. Approve the continuation of the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for FY2020. Eligible participants must complete four (4) activities from a comprehensive list of targeted wellness items. Employees will earn \$1,000 for their HRA account toward deductible reimbursement for completion of the four (4) items. The HRA option is not available for employees who choose the H.S.A. medical plan option. FY19 expenses thus far are approximately \$12,975 with just under \$25,000 budgeted for the year.

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**Mo Education Health Group
Benefits and Rates 2019-2020
United Health Care
Three Rivers College Active**

Rates	Current	Renewal	Current	Renewal	Current	Renewal
E	\$611	\$664	\$520	\$564	\$462	\$501
ES	\$1,233	\$1,339	\$1,038	\$1,127	\$931	\$1,011
EC	\$1,081	\$1,174	\$908	\$986	\$816	\$886
F	\$1,617	\$1,756	\$1,426	\$1,549	\$1,221	\$1,326

** Limited office visits (6 per year PCP/SPC)*

	\$1500 Deductible (Buy Up)		\$2000 Deductible Flexpoint (Base)		\$3000 Deductible HSA (Buy Down)	
	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network
Individual Deductible	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$9,000
Family Deductible	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
Co-Insurance	80%	50%	80%	50%	100%	70%
Individual OOP Max	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$6,750	\$12,500
Family OOP Max	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	\$13,500	\$25,000
Inpatient Hospital	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded+Co-Ins	Ded+Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins
Outpatient Hospital	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded+Co-Ins	Ded+Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins	Ded + Co-Ins
Office Visit Co-Pay Primary	\$35	Ded + Co-Ins	\$35 (limited)	Ded+Co-Ins	\$30 (AD)	Ded + Co-Ins
Office Visit Co-Pay Specialist	\$70	Ded + Co-Ins	\$70 (limited)	Ded+Co-Ins	\$60 (AD)	Ded + Co-Ins
RX Co-Pay	\$20/\$45/\$80/\$200*	Ded + Co-Ins	\$20/\$45/\$80/\$200*	Ded+Co-Ins	\$20/\$45/\$80 (AD)	Ded + Co-Ins
Emergency Room	\$300	\$300	Ded+Co-Ins	Ded+Co-Ins	\$300(AD)	Ded + Co-Ins
Urgent Care	\$75	Ded + Co-Ins	\$75 (limited)	Ded+Co-Ins	\$75(AD)	Ded + Co-Ins
Lifetime Max	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

*** \$200 deductible will apply to tiers 3&4, in addition to \$80 co-pay (tier 3) and \$200 co-pay (tier 4)
* Lab & X-Ray will apply toward deductible/co-ins on all PPO plans**

**This benefit summary is intended only to highlight your Benefits & should not be relied upon to fully determine your coverage. If this benefit summary conflicts in any way with the Certificate of Coverage (COC), the COC shall prevail. It is recommended that you review your COC for an exact description of the services & supplies that are covered, those which are excluded or limited, & other terms and conditions of coverage.*

V1. Consideration and approval of Construction Management Services Proposal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION--HISTORY

A request qualifications was solicited for a Construction Management Services to partner with the college and the architect for the remodel and addition to the Crisp Building.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

To approve the qualifications submitted by Sides Construction and give Dr. Wesley Payne approval to enter into all necessary agreements.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Transfer of Position

Administrative Assistant/Director, Enrollment Services to Director, University Center

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HISTORY

Due to the transfer of William Cooper, the position of Director, University Center became available. This position was advertised and Ms. Gail Tinsley applied and was interviewed for the position. In conjunction with GAR1120 College Reorganization, the President has recommended the transfer of Gail Tinsley to this position. Ms. Tinsley will assume the duties, effective May 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a twelve-month, exempt staff position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Approve the internal transfer of Gail Tinsley.

(04/17/2019)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enchanted Birdhouses Fundraiser, April 10-27 in the Tinnin Gallery. Birdhouses will be for sale for \$15 each, 12-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 10-27. Final sale will be from 5-6 p.m. April 27. See and buy birdhouses created and donated by area artists, TRC students, and community members; proceeds benefit the Three Rivers Trail Project. For information on donating a birdhouse, call 573-840-9174 or email dfielding@trcc.edu.

Easter Break, no class April 18-22 and College closed April 19-22.

Eat Wings, Raise Funds for the Excellence Fund, from open to close April 24 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston. Tell your server you are there for the fundraiser, and 10% of your total bill will be donated to the College. As a reminder, a flyer can be downloaded from Facebook to your mobile device.

SIX, 7 p.m. April 27, Tinnin Theater; tickets \$15, purchase online at trcc.edu/tinnin. Patrons of the Arts presents this concert by Branson sensation SIX, an a cappella band of brothers who deliver powerhouse vocals, impeccable harmonies, and amazing showmanship. These six real brothers take musical entertainment to a whole new level.

Three Rivers Fine Arts Student Exhibition, April 30-May 17 in the Tinnin Gallery; free. Awards presentation 2 p.m. May 3. Juried show of works by Three Rivers College students.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, 7 p.m. May 3-4 and 2 p.m. May 5, Tinnin Theater. Tickets \$10, \$5 with any school ID, and free for children 5 and younger. TRC Music Department's annual family musical is the delicious adventure of Charlie's visit to a mysterious chocolate factory.

Imagine: Music for Life, 7 p.m. May 7, Tinnin Theater; free. TRC Symphonic Band and Jazz Band bring to life music of the imagination.

Commencement, 6 p.m. May 17, Libla Family Sports Complex.

For the most current information on upcoming events, view the College Calendar at www.trcc.edu.

RAIDERS ATHLETICS

Men's Baseball @ Patillo Field

Raiders vs. Mineral Area College, 1 & 3:30 p.m.
April 18.

Raiders vs. Jefferson College, 1 & 3:30 p.m.
April 25.

Women's Softball @ Rains Field

Lady Raiders vs. St. Charles Community College,
2 & 4 p.m. April 18.

Lady Raiders vs. Dyersburg State Community
College, 12 & 2 p.m. April 26.

Region 16 Tournament, TBD

Rodeo

Northwest Mississippi Community College,
April 25-27.

For the most current information on Raiders athletics, visit raidersathletics.com.



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TRC Food Pantry gets boost from students, grant

By DENISE KINDER
Staff Writer

Three Rivers College's Food Pantry received a surge of support recently thanks to several student groups and a grant.

The Student Nursing Association, Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa each worked together to host food drives to assist the TRC Food Pantry located in the Baptist Student Union.

"This is a great example of multiple student groups coming together to accomplish a common goal that helps other students," TRC President Dr. Wesley Payne said during Wednesday's Board of Trustee's meeting.

A friendly competition was held between nursing classes to see which could donate the most items of food.

According to Student Nursing Association Advisor Brandy Herring, at the end of the month-long food drive, students collected 3,670 items.

In combination with the Student Government Association's collection, a total of nearly 5,000 food items were collected for the TRC Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is a partnership between the college and the Baptist Student Union to address food insecurities in the student population.

TRC Assistant Director of Housing Casey Julian reported to the board a grant was received for the Food Pantry in the amount of \$5,000 from the Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation.

The grant will be used to purchase non-perishable items as well as a deep freezer, cabinets and shelving, basic cook wear for families and students, and educational literacy on the Food Pantry, Julian said.

Grant

TRC received another grant in the amount of \$120,000 from rootEd Alliance with the goal of improving postsecondary access and competition among rural high school and college students.

According to TRC Director of Enrollment Services and Student Development Chris Adams, the grant allowed the college to improve its current advising process.

A group funded by rootEd Alliance came in and saw where the gaps were in the advising procedures as well as provide data

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The grant will also fund an advisor to work with Poplar Bluff R-1 High School and another to work with schools in Sikeston, New Madrid and Kennett.

“The goal is to have a high touch environment with those populations to see them progress,” Adams said. “The sole goal is making sure our advising practices match up with the possibility of getting the most out of student’s goals and getting them to graduation.”

Payne added TRC is one of two schools in Missouri taking part in this at the time.

He added that rootEd Alliance, of Chicago, Ill., is a non-education group with the business venture mind set. If something doesn’t work, the company is not opposed to trying something different.

“I think we have a good chance of having some fairly decent impact on our student population, retention and graduation rates,” he said.

Registration

TRC implemented a new process this year to increase earlier enrollment for current students, which has proven successful.

According to Adams, the college has a goal of enrolling 750 current students by the end of Friday for the summer and fall sessions.

As of Wednesday, 313 current students have registered for summer classes and 620 for fall classes.

“Time wise, this is way ahead of where we normally would be this time of year,” Payne said.

To pull off the early-registration numbers, Adams said staff went to the students, rather than them coming to the offices.

Registration was held in a math lab where about 90 students attended classes.

Administrators also went into other classes to encourage students to get registered.

Staff wore bright yellow shirts reminding students registration was open and placed “I Registered” stickers on students at end of the

process.

“The process gone through this year has worked better than any found so far,” Payne said. “And we have been trying for years.”

Enrollment opened March 18 for current students and will open April 1 for all students.

Policy renewed

The board unanimously voted to readopt the conflict of interest policy, which by statute is required every two years.

Financial Update

According to Chief Financial Office Charlotte Eubank, year-to-date comparisons to the previous fiscal year are very similar to what the board had seen in previous months.

“We have been talking about the pattern of dropping enrollment and that is reflected in tuition and fees revenue compared,” she said. “We still have part of summer registration in this fiscal year.”

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Eubank also reported auxiliaries were a little ahead compared to last year as well as state appropriations.

“So that’s a bright spot,” she said.

Another bright spot, Eubank said, was property taxes began coming in January and were also tracking a little ahead.

On the expense side, Eubank said the planning for the decline in enrollment also lowered the expenses.

“There is a little shift with operating expenses for this fiscal year,” she said. “We did budget a little of expenses out of reserves.”

About 2/3 into the fiscal year, Eubank said all revenue categories are continuing to close the gaps with a little left on the tuition and fees line, which still will include some summer registrations.

“Other categories are tracking very nicely,” she said.

On the expense side, Eubank reported most categories are right in line with plan.

For year-to-date at the end of February, the college is a little over \$4.4 million, Eubank said.

Raiders Recognized

The Raiders women’s basketball team was recognized during Wednesday’s meeting for their successful season.

“This has been a stellar year for the Lady Raiders,” Payne said.

The team won the region for the first time since 2005, won the district and had the opportunity to travel to Lubbock, Texas for the national tournament.

While the tournament didn’t come out the way the team hoped, Payne said the Lady Raiders had a good showing.

“Thank you for how well you represented the college and we are proud of how well you all have done in and out of the classroom,” he said.

Next Meeting

The next TRC Board of Trustees meeting will be at noon April 17 in the board room at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

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CENTER STAGE AT TRC PRESENTS

'Clue: The Musical' April 11-14

Staff Reports

Center Stage, the Three Rivers College community theater group, will perform "Clue: The Musical" at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 11-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the Three Rivers campus.

The zany musical, with 216 possible solutions, brings the world's best-know suspects to life and invites the audience to help solve the mystery: Who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon?

Steve Lewis, TRC Associate Professor of Speech Communication, is the

director for this Center Stage production.

"The board game 'Clue' was one of my favorites growing up, so I'm very excited to direct this production," said Lewis. "We've cast a really talented group of actors, so it's sure to be a hilarious, engaging, and enjoyable experience for our audiences."

Tickets are \$10 each and available online at trcc.edu/tinnin and in person at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce and the Three Rivers Student Accounts Office. Tickets will be sold at the door, if any remain.

"Our Center Stage productions continue to raise

the bar for theater in the area," said Robert Abney, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. "You would be hard pressed to find shows of this quality for such a low ticket price."

Center Stage is Three Rivers College's blended theater company of students, college employees and community members. The group performs a range of live theater productions each year at the College's Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

These productions provide local entertainment at an affordable price and performance opportunities for students and community members.

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APRIL 28: CARDINALS VS. REDS

Trip to ballpark to benefit Trust

Grab your peanuts and Cracker Jacks and make plans to attend Three Rivers College Day at the Ballpark on Sunday, April 28.

Proceeds from the fourth annual event in St. Louis will benefit TRC's fund which allows the Endowment Trust to help fill funding gaps in a variety of ways.

"The Day at the Ballpark is a fun event that allows TRC students, staff, alumni, supporters and friends to attend a game as part of a group," Three Rivers College Director of Development Michelle Reynolds said. "Attending our event allows people to attend a game while also supporting the college."

The St. Louis Cardinals are scheduled to take on the Cincinnati Reds during a 1:15 p.m. game at Busch Stadium.

Tickets are in the 100-level seats (166-169 Left Field Box/Lower Left Field Box) and available for a discounted rate of \$30.

Included with each ticket is a voucher for a hot dog and drink, which is a \$15 value.

The day is packed full of promotions to ensure something for fans of all ages.

"It's a promo day for the Cardinals as well, so ticket holders age 15 and under receive a free Yadi jersey, while those older than 16 receive a tote bag," Reynolds said.

All children ages 15 and younger entering with a ticket will also receive a free ticket voucher valid for select Cardinals regular-season home games during the 2019 season.

Make plans to arrive early as every Sunday Prairie Farms provides free ice cream and fun prior to the Cardinals' game. Starting two hours prior to the game, enjoy activities, prizes and free Prairie Farms frozen treats while supplies last in the Ford Plaza. In addition to free ice cream, Prairie Farms will be allowing children 15 and younger the opportunity to run the same bases as their favorite Cardinals' players after the ballgame.

"It's a really laid back day for us," Reynolds said. "While our group is seated together so you may know a few more people than usual, we are really just there to enjoy the baseball game."

Not only do several students and staff participate, but local businesses also get involved by attending TRC Day at the Ballpark and supporting the college, Reynolds added.

The final date to purchase tickets for TRC Day at the Ballpark is April 10. There is no limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased.

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Tickets may be purchased by emailing Reynolds at michellereynolds@trcc.edu or calling 573-840-9077, at Poplar Bluff Realty, 1800 N. Westwood Blvd., or from Edie Dilbeck in Westover 212 or calling 573-840-9688.

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Enchanted Birdhouses to raise funds for trail project

Staff Reports

The Three Rivers College Art Department is sponsoring the Enchanted Birdhouses Fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Three Rivers Trail Project.

The trail project is a proposed interactive sculpture nature trail on the TRC campus.

The birdhouses, created and donated by area artists, TRC students and community members, will be on display from 12-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 10-27, in the Tinnin Gallery on the campus of Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff. Admission is free.

A workshop will be held

from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday in the Tinnin Fine Arts Studio for those who want to enter a birdhouse in the show. The cost for the kit is \$10, which can be purchased at the workshop.

Birdhouses will be sold for \$15 each April 10-27 during normal Gallery hours.

The final sale will be 5-6 p.m. April 27, when the price will be reduced to \$10, and then \$5 for the last 30 minutes of the evening.

All birdhouses will remain on display in the Gallery until 5:30 p.m. April 27, when they will be available for pick up.

For information on donating a birdhouse, call 573-840-9174 or email dfielding@trcc.edu.

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TRC Music Dept. recital April 16

Staff Reports

The Three Rivers College Music Department will present its spring recital, "Imagine: The Future," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

Three Rivers Music students will be performing instrumental and vocal

solos encompassing a wide variety of classical music and Broadway show tunes. Admission is free.

"These performers are our future. Future doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, musicians—the list of possibilities defies the imagination," said William White, Professor of

Music at Three Rivers. "We hope the community will come out to watch our students share their talents and passions. There will be something here for everyone to enjoy."

For more information about the Three Rivers College Music Department, call 573-840-9639.

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Lady Raiders win 12th straight game

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

BATESVILLE, Ark. — Make it 12 straight wins for Three Rivers softball. And in 11 of those 12 wins, the defense has held its opponents to four or fewer runs.

Abbey Gann got the start in an 11-0 win over Lyon College JV. She threw three strikeouts and allowed two hits with the help of solid defense behind her. Saje Kurpiela pitched her own shutout in a 9-0 win to close the day. Kurpiela allowed four hits and two walks with four strikeouts in a solid win.

“They got a little rest earlier this week and they both came out and threw strong and

did a good job of locating and overall, solid performances,” Three Rivers coach Jeff Null said. “(Lyon) was solid. They didn’t strike out a whole lot. They put it in play and the defense — I think they had one error all day — so it was a pretty solid day.”

The offense, meanwhile, did steady work throughout the day to complement stout defense. Three Rivers put two runs on the board in each of the first three innings before getting held scoreless twice in a row.

In the sixth, though, the Raiders put five runs across to seal a double-digit win. After Jenny Morey got on base with a leadoff bunt, Kristyn Carpenter sent her home with an RBI triple to center field. Carpenter finished the first game with two RBIs and three runs scored with a double and a triple.

“We had a good approach,” Null said. “Their pitcher did a really good job of locating, working in and out. I thought we did a very good job of taking what they gave us today.

We didn’t really drive the ball like we have been and really wanted to, but we did a really good job of taking what they were giving and base hitting them to death.”

Gracie King with an RBI single to score Carpenter, and Lexi Campbell drove in King and Allison Pingel from the eighth spot in the lineup. Katie Young drove in Zoe Bisby for the last run of the game with an RBI single.

Three Rivers took three innings to get going in the second game. After two scoreless trips to the plate, the Raiders put a run on the board in the third and kept piling it on in the fourth and fifth with four more runs in each inning.

Young started started the fourth with a leadoff single before two more followed. Sophie Wunderlich drove in a run on a fielder’s choice after Mary Yandell reached the plate on an error at second base. Bisby hit a two-RBI single to score the last two runs of the inning.

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“The offense was steady,” Null said. “We kept getting somebody on and stealing a base when we needed to, moving runners when we needed to, just kept the pressure on them.”

A two-out rally in the fifth led to the final four runs of the game in the fifth inning.

Calli Gerber hit an RBI double, scoring Kirstien Loman from first base. Lindsey Elfrink smacked a triple to left field to score two runs, and Bisby drove in the final run with an RBI single.

Now, Three Rivers will get three days off to rest before playing eight games next week.

The Raiders will travel to Mineral Area to face the Cardinals in a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

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Lady Raiders extend winning streak to 16 games



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Three Rivers' Lana Reed reacts after drawing an RBI walk for the go-ahead run during the second game of a doubleheader against North Central Missouri on Friday at Three Rivers.

Three Rivers softball had to find two different ways to get the same result Friday against North Central Missouri.

The Raiders hit four solo home runs to seal a 4-3 victory in the first game of a doubleheader at Rains Field. In the second game, the offense was slow to start, but the defense was on

a roll. That gave the players enough time to find their bats. Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth, Three Rivers scored three runs in its final two innings at the plate to earn a 3-1 win, extending Three Rivers' winning streak to 16 games.

"Our defense was outstanding. That was the biggest difference," Three

Rivers coach Jeff Null said. "We made about every play."

Three Rivers (25-2, 11-1 Region XVI) took the lead in the second inning of game one after Zoe Bisby and Kryslyn Colvin hit back-to-back home runs to give their team a 2-0 lead. Bisby made it two on the day with another solo shot in the bottom of the fourth to stretch the lead by another run. Bisby now has seven homers on the year, tying her with Gracie King for second-most on the team behind Kristyn Carpenter's eight.

Three Rivers looked to have the game in hand until a two-run home run from Kendra Holt in the sixth inning got the Pirates (18-11, 1-5) right back into it, cutting the deficit to one. They completed the comeback Mackenzie Robnett hit an RBI double to score Tatum Dunham.

Colvin came through

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in the clutch, though. With two out and no one on, she hit a first-pitch homer for the go-ahead run. Colvin now has three home runs on the year on 19 hits.

"If you can get four home runs out of your six and seven hole in a game, you ought to win," Null said. "We made it tough, you know. They battled back, and they had a chance but Abbey (Gann) finished it off. I'm super happy for Colvin. She's kind of been struggling, and she busted out today, you know, and picked a good time."

The defense finished off the win when Abbey Gann struck out the first two batters in the seventh and Lana Reed snagged a fly ball to end the game.

The second game tested the Raiders as they started slow on offense and tallied three hits in the game. With Katie Young on third base with one out in the bottom of the fifth, Sophie Wunderlich drew a walk on an 11-pitch

at-bat, wearing down North Central pitcher Payton Craig. On the next pitch to Lindsey Elfrink, Craig threw a wild pitch over the catcher's head, giving Young enough time to cross the plate for the tying run.

"I think their pitcher wore down a little bit," Null said. "She was just pinpoint for the first five innings there. I think she kind of lost her control a little bit. ... Sophie is up there fouling off, fouling off, fouling off, and they ended up throwing a wild pitch and we score the run."

After a quick inning by the defense put Three Rivers back at the plate, the bases were loaded with nobody out after Carpenter hit a single, King followed with a double and Allison Pingel drew a walk. Carpenter scored the go-ahead run after Reed drew a bases-loaded walk to give the Raiders the lead. King scored an insurance run after Bisby grounded out to second base. A 1-2-3 inning by the defense wrapped up

the game.

Three Rivers will hold sophomore day Saturday during the final day of its four-game series against North Central. Sophomore day will begin at 11:45 a.m., and the opening pitch is set for noon.

"They're a good team, man. They'll be back tomorrow. We had two tight ones today, and I expect the same thing tomorrow," Null said.

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Liberal Arts week at TRC April 9-16

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Writing, theater, art and music will be represented during the Three Rivers College Liberal Arts Week, Tuesday, April 9, to Tuesday, April 16.

Students, TRC faculty and staff and community members will be participating in the events, which are open to the public.

Big G's Open Mic Fist Fight Poetry Slam is being held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 in the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center, Room 108, on the TRC Poplar Bluff campus.

This year's theme is "One Small Step"—based on the July 21, 1969, lunar landing. Readings may cover any topic. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend and participate.

"Confluence," the annual literary journal of Three Rivers College, will be distributed free of charge at the Tuesday, April 9 open mic poetry event.

Content for "Confluence" is selected from poetry, short stories and essays submitted by the college's students, faculty, and staff.

Center Stage, the Three Rivers College community theater group, will perform "Clue: The Musical" at 7 p.m. April 11-13 and 2 p.m. April 14 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the Three Rivers campus.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available online at trcc.edu/tinnin, and at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce and the TRC Student Accounts Office. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

Coinciding with World Art Day, the TRC Art Department will host its "Writing Rocks!" art activity at 6 p.m. April 15 in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. Admis-

sion is free.

TRC music students will share their musical talents and passions at the "Imagine: The Future," recital at 7 p.m. April 16 in the Tinnin Theater. Admission is free.

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Raiders sweep 3rd straight series

By **NATE FIELDS**
Sports Writer

Three Rivers baseball got some extra time off for the second day in a row.

After holding on for a 5-2 win in its first game of a doubleheader against Williams Baptist on Tuesday, the Raiders' offense put 10 runs on the board in the fourth inning of the second game to finish a 15-2 win in five innings.

The series sweep is the third in a row for Three Rivers (15-13-1), which climbed back over .500.

"We emphasized between games the importance of coming back out back-to-back days and keeping the mental edge, not looking too far

ahead and taking things for granted." Three Rivers coach Stacey Burkey said.

The day carried some extra emotion for pitcher Austin Williams, who

started the second game of the day. Williams transferred to Three Rivers this season after playing at Williams Baptist as a freshman.



Three Rivers' River Hunt, left, and Zane Wallace celebrate after the Raiders swept a two-game series against Williams Baptist Tuesday at Roger Pattillo Field.

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Going against a lot of old teammates and his former coaches was on his mind at first, but he had to focus on the game in his second start of the season.

“I was a little shaky in the first, this being my old team from college, so there’s a little nerves going into it playing them again,” Williams said. “In the second inning, my teammates just really got behind me and told me to pitch like I always do. They really helped me out in the second, so after that, it was smooth sailing from there.”

He allowed two runs in the first inning but followed up with three shutout innings. In four innings on the mound, Williams finished the day allowing two hits, two earned runs and four walks to go along with a strikeout and a 3.5 ERA.

“At the beginning when I was stretching and warming up, I was like, ‘I’ve gotta put up a big performance here,’ you know, being my old team,” Williams added. “I wanted to get in the zone early and start off early and just go at them. When I got on the mound, I did get a little

emotional and a little nervous pitching against my old friends and stuff like that. After that, I was like this is a new team and you’ve gotta move on from that.

“My teammates helped me get past that and do good after that.”

His teammates helped both in the dugout and on the field. The offense responded to the first two runs he allowed by scoring four in the bottom of the first to give him a cushion to work with. That allowed him to settle in and play with less pressure against his former team.

“It’s always easy to pitch with a lead. When our bats are performing like that and we start getting hits, scoring runs and putting 15 up a game, it’s easy to pitch with a lead and get in the zone early and just throw instead of thinking about everything,” Williams said.

Leading 5-2 in the fourth, Tony Rudd was hit by a pitch, setting up an implosion from the Williams Baptist defense that ended the game. With Roberto Mejia at the plate, Rudd stole second. Mejia singled on a full-count pitch to drive in

Rudd for the inning’s first run.

Reece Reading became the second player to get hit by a pitch. Reading and Mejia stole second and third, respectively, and Nick Fakouri drew a walk to load the bases with no one out. Kyle Clayton stepped into the box and became the third batter of the inning to get hit by a pitch, scoring Mejia in the process and keeping the bases loaded.

Beau Burson drew a walk after loading the count to score Reading. Zac Salyers ran for Fakouri and scored off a wild pitch to keep the runs piling up. After the Raiders eventually went around the order and began to make some substitutions, Henry Bournigal tallied his second hit of the year on a liner through the gap at second base, scoring Winston Welter.

Fakouri stepped up for his second at-bat of the inning and nailed a bases-clearing triple into the fence in left-center field to score Mejia and Bournigal and finish off the scoring in the inning.

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A.J. Calhoon came in for Williams in the seventh and had a 1-2-3 inning with three straight strikeouts to end the game.

In the first game, both teams tallied seven hits, but a four-run fifth inning from Three Rivers was the difference in the game.

Shelby Quiggins put in a quality start to open the day. He finished with six strikeouts in five innings, allowing three hits and an earned run with a 1.4 ERA.

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Three Rivers sweeps winless St. Charles

COTTLEVILLE, Mo. — Three Rivers softball wasn't playing it's strongest opponent of the season Wednesday. Still, the Raiders had to step on the field and take care of business, and that's what they did.

Against winless St. Charles (0-8, 0-8 Region XVI), Adrienne Stucker stepped into the circle and threw a one-hitter on the way to a 14-0 win. Stucker struck out 11 and allowed no walks, putting her on the verge of a flawless game. In the night-cap, Kristyn Carpenter had an inside-the-park home run and Gracie Gargac picked up her first pitching win as Three Rivers won 11-3.

"Adrienne was really strong," Three Rivers coach Jeff Null said. "She gave up one hit there to leadoff the second inning. Other than that, she faced one over the minimum."

The bats took a while to get going, though. The Raiders scored a run in the first inning before getting held scoreless

for the next three. Once they found the rhythm of opposing pitcher Belle Hargraves, the runs poured in. Three Rivers scored two runs in the fifth and 11 in the sixth inning to earn the shutout win.

"We played solid," Null said. "We didn't make any errors, and I think we walked one batter all day, so I was pleased we didn't give up nothing. In game one, it took us until the fifth inning to kind of bust it."

In the sixth inning, Three Rivers put six straight batters on base before the first out was recorded. Allison Pingel put up three RBIs in the sixth alone with two doubles, including the final hit of the game, which drove in Jenny Morey and Gracie King. King finished the first game 2 for 3 at the plate with three RBIs and two runs scored.

"I think we just kind of got her timed up," Null said. "First two times through the lineup, we didn't adjust very well, and that third time

through, we made some adjustments and started hitting the ball hard."

The damage could've been much worse, too, with Three Rivers stranding nine runners.

Three Rivers (19-2, 9-1 Region XVI) carried its momentum into the second game. The Raiders batted around the order in the first inning and put five runs on the board right off the bat.

Carpenter hit an inside-the-park home run on a 1-1 pitch to score the first pair of runs. King, Mary Yandell and Calli Gerber added runs in the inning.

Gerber had a solid second outing, going 4 for 4 with three RBIs and a double from the seventh spot in the lineup.

Gargac was given her first start of the season since Abbey Gann and Saje Kurpiela were given the day off. Gargac picked up her first win with a four-in-

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ning performance in which she allowed six hits and two earned runs, striking out one. Stucker pitched the final inning and struck out all three batters she faced.

“(Stucker) got an opportunity today to throw and we got to rest Gann and Saje, and she stepped up and played well,” Null said. “Gracie Gargac got her first college start and win, and I mean, she threw well, threw strikes and gave us a shot there.”

Three Rivers welcomed Lana Reed back into the lineup after she had missed some time for basketball season. Reed filled her usual spot at fifth in the lineup for the first game, going 1 for 5 with a single and an RBI. To get her some extra work, Null put Reed in the leadoff spot for game two. From there, she

went 2 for 3 with two RBIs, a run scored, a double and a walk.

“She had a couple shots. That’s kind of what we’re expecting from her. She gives us another bat in the middle of our lineup and lengthens our lineup out,” Null said.

Next up for Three Rivers, the Raiders will visit Lyon College JV for a two-game series, starting at 2 p.m. Friday.

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Raiders take win streak on road to Crowder

Sports aren't all fun and games. Well, they are when you're winning, and Three Rivers baseball has been doing a lot of that over the last couple of weeks after an up-and-down start to the season.

There's a palpable sense of looseness and lightheartedness in the dugout during each game.

"I think the camaraderie that our guys have with one another, I think they realize the benefit of playing the game the right way and having fun," Three Rivers coach Stacey Burkey said. "That's a productive way to play. It's something we've talked about a lot and certainly relieves a little stress and pressure.

"It's definitely a difference maker. I think we're in a good place right now as far as that goes, and hopefully we'll just keep building on what we've done recently."

Despite a stretch of 10 losses in 12 games, the players didn't overreact to it or put too much pressure on themselves.

After all, baseball seasons are a long grind. Now, the Raiders are in the midst of three straight series wins and enjoying themselves in the process. They joke around and sing along with songs in the dugout, but when their respective number is called, they go out and get the job done.

"It's a game, and when you start winning and playing good, you have fun," freshman Cade Kennedy said. "Everyone's getting along and everything is going our way. We had a little

rough patch and balls didn't fall. Now, balls are falling and we're playing good baseball."

The result is a 15-13-1 record that is already four wins away from matching last season's total with a month left in the regular season. The fun-loving demeanor has been there all season, but they're amplified when the wins start to

"Whenever we have the momentum, it's definitely an advantage for us, so we've just gotta keep playing good baseball, keep hav-



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In this March 25 photo, Three Rivers' River Hunt, right, Chase Hutson, middle, and Cade Kennedy, left, sing along to "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond, in the dugout during a game against Shawnee Community College at Three Rivers.

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The biggest change in the turnaround has been the defense, starting with the pitching.

"I think it just all starts on the mound. Whenever that pitcher brings that energy, they'll make pitches, we'll make plays and then we just start hitting and it all comes together," Mejia said.

During the previous string of six straight losses, the Raiders allowed at least nine runs in each of those games. Now, they've held teams to four or fewer runs in five of the last six outings with the exception being a 15-7 win against Shawnee Community College.

"The last three series, I think we've had a lot of energy on and off the field," Kennedy said. "Guys show up to the ballpark and we're ready to play; we're ready to win. When we had that little patch, some people, heads a little low but that's part of the game. Stuff happens."

Pitching and hitting tend to help one another. When the offense puts runs on the board, there isn't as much pressure on the pitching staff. Conversely, when the defense is shutting teams down, the offense has time to find its rhythm. Both have been working in tandem over the last couple of weeks for the Raiders.

They'll need this stretch to last a few more weeks, though, as they enter what could be considered the most crucial stretch of the regular season. The Raiders' next 12 games are against region opponents, meaning they could have a big impact on whether or not they make the Region XVI Tournament.

"We just have to keep going out there and competing," Kennedy said. "We've just gotta keep playing the game that we know. We work our butts off in the fall, and it all comes down to this. It's that little patch where you've gotta stay conditioned and stay in shape, just keep playing baseball."

The first task at hand is on the road at No. 16 Crowder for a four-game series. Crowder comes into the series on the opposite end of the spectrum. The Roughriders are 2-4 over their last six games with losses to Connors State and Johnson County and a four-game split with Mineral Area. They fell to No. 16 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll after previously holding the No. 7 spot. Still, Burkey knows his team has a challenge on its hands against a group with a collective batting average over .300.

"We'll have to play our best games of the year," Burkey said. "We kind of approach each day and each and every play as the most important games of the year, but as we get closer to the end of the season I guess that's more and

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Baptist. He's currently 1 p.m. Sunday, and the day-to-day and was scheduled for an MRI on Friday. Monday.

Rodriguez is third on the team in hits with 34, tied for fourth in RBIs with 18 and second in batting average at .425. Reece Reading currently leads Region XVI with 40 RBIs.

"Not sure if (Rodriguez) will be able to swing the bat either or not," Burkey said. "If he's not, that's going to give somebody else an opportunity to step up and do some things for us.

"But I feel good about our guys' attitude going into this series, and like I've mentioned before, we've been in the mode of playing two days in a row quite a bit this season."

The first doubleheader against Crowder starts at

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Raiders swept in 4-game series against Crowder

NEOSHO, Mo. — Three Rivers had its streak of three straight series sweeps come to an end Monday.

Three Rivers was rolling before getting steamrolled by No. 16 Crowder in a Region XVI matchup. The Raiders dropped a close first game 3-1 before falling 15-2 in five innings on the back end of a doubleheader Sunday. In Monday's doubleheader, Crowder carried that momentum into a pair of shutouts, winning the first game 10-0 before following up with a 12-0 win.

Three Rivers (15-17-1) kept Sunday's first game throughout. After hitting a leadoff single, Beau Burson scored on a sacrifice fly from Ty'Reik Thomas to get the

Raiders on the board first. In the bottom of the second, Colten Nix scored on a passed ball, a mistake in the midst of an otherwise good game defensively for the Raiders. Brinson Williams followed with an RBI single to put Crowder (27-9) ahead for good.

Cameron Tissue added an insurance run with a leadoff homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.

River Hunt fared pretty well in his start on the mound against a top-20 team. He allowed five hits in five innings of work, allowing three earned runs and striking out two.

"River competed well and gave us a quality start on the mound," Three Rivers coach Stacey Burkey said. "We

out-hit them 6-4 but stranded some runners that would have been nice to get across the plate in the fourth and fifth when it was a one-run game. One of those games that could have gone either way."

A.J. Calhoon gave up one hit in one inning on the mound with one strikeout.

The second game was much more lopsided.

Through two innings, Crowder had distanced itself from Three Rivers with a 9-1 lead on the way to a 15-2 win in five innings. The Roughriders scored in every inning except the fifth while holding the Raiders scoreless for four innings.

The Raiders committed two errors and couldn't make up for some inconsistency on defense, getting shut down at the plate, too. They tallied four hits and allowed 13. No one in the lineup recorded multiple hits for the Raiders.

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Elvin Diaz pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed six hits and five earned runs with one strikeout and a pair of walks. Nash Winters pitched an inning and gave up three hits, three earned runs and struck out a batter.

In Monday's first game, Three Rivers dug an early hole as Crowder amassed all 10 runs in the first two innings, including seven in the second. The Raiders were out-hit 10-3 while committing a pair of errors.

Shelby Quiggins pitched 1 2/3 innings in the first game and allowed six hits, six earned runs and three walks with two strikeouts. Braden Cox pitched the final 2 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and two earned runs.

"We got in an early hole by giving up seven unearned

runs in the second inning," Burkey said. "Their pitcher didn't walk anyone and we only had three hits. On top of the rough second inning, Crowder played well."

Freilin Cabrera led Crowder at the plate with a 3-for-3 game on three RBIs and two runs scored.

Game two wasn't much better. Crowder tallied 11 hits compared to two for the Raiders, who had as many errors as hits against a top-20 team in the country. The Roughriders again scored seven runs in the second inning, cruising to a five-inning shutout.

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NJCAA SOFTBALL

Lady Raiders keep rolling vs. Mineral Area

PARK HILLS, Mo. — Three Rivers softball's pitching power mixed with its explosiveness at the plate makes for a lethal combination.

The proof is in the 14 straight wins the Raiders have amassed along with their 23-2 record. The most recent two came in a conference matchup at Mineral Area, where Three Rivers walked away with a 13-0 win followed by a 19-2 win to keep its momentum going into a busy week ahead.

"It was a good day," Three Rivers coach Jeff Null said. "They got it going. Everybody swung it well. We were up and down the lineup in both games and the pitchers were solid."

Abbey Gann threw four shutout innings and struck out five batters to pick up a win in the front end of the doubleheader. Gann's record on the season is now 9-1, and her 1.41 ERA will continue to drop with Tuesday's performance.

At the plate, Zoe Bisby did some strong work, but so did just about everybody else. Bisby led the game with four RBIs on a 2-for-3 day, which included a solo home run in the top of the

sixth inning.

In fact, all three of Three Rivers' home runs in game one came in the sixth inning. Kristyn Carpenter hit a two-run shot to score Lexi Campbell and to start the scoring in the inning. Lana Reed showed signs of getting her groove back after a couple of off days at the plate since rejoining the team at the conclusion of basketball season. She hit a homer in the sixth to score Allison Pingel right after Bisby launched hers.

"She's figured it out," Null said. "... Man, she looked a lot better today at the plate. But heck, everybody looked pretty good today."

Reed finished 3 of 4 with three RBIs in the fifth spot in the lineup. Carpenter also added three RBIs.

The Raiders' offense stayed red-hot at the start of game two. They piled 12 runs on the board in the first inning on the way to a five-inning run-rule win. Kirstien Loman had a day at the plate. She hit two home

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runs and finished with three RBIs on a 3-for-3 day. Mary Yandell finished with six RBIs, boosted by a three-run homer in the top of the first inning.

Defense was a little shaky in the second game, gave up a couple unearned there, but you know, it's tough. We scored 12 in the first in the second game, so it's easier to lose a little focus," Null said.

Saje Kurpiela picked up her 10th win of the season with her start in game two.

She pitched three innings and allowed four hits, an earned run and a walk to go along with one strikeout. Adrienne Stucker pitched the last two innings and struck out two, allowing two hits and a walk.

"Man, the pitching's been solid," Null said. "All three got a little bit of work but not too much. We have a big week coming up. ... It's was nice to be able to get them all a little bit of work and not overwork them. Kind of a little tune-up for this weekend."

With 14 straight wins under its belt, Three Rivers will visit East Central College for the last of four straight series away from home. The first game of Thursday's doubleheader is set to start at 2 p.m.

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Poplar Bluff alum Ayetimiya wins 3 Raider awards

If Abiodun Ayetimiya had won many more awards at the annual Raiders basketball banquet Monday, he might've needed a wheelbarrow to haul all of his hardware back to his dorm.

Ayetimiya, a redshirt sophomore, won Three Rivers Booster Club Raider 110% award, the Jim Landrum Assist Leader award and the Roy Barham Raider Rebound award to take home the most awards at the banquet.

"I was really happy because last year, when we had the banquet I was seeing guys walking up to get most of the awards. I was telling myself then like this year, my sophomore year, I want to make a difference," Ayetimiya said. "So I was feeling really accomplished, although we didn't get what I really wish we'd get, like going to the national tournament, but I



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Three Rivers held its annual basketball banquet Monday in the Bess Activity Center. Pictured from left with their awards are freshmen Austin Parker, Khalil Johnson, Hayden Sprenkel, and redshirt sophomore Abiodun Ayetimiya.

still feel accomplished getting is an interesting story," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said. "These awards, some of my few awards in basketball in the United States."

Ayetimiya's production jumped exponentially in his third year with the program, as he transitioned into a consistent starter who did a little bit of everything and a lot of hustling. He averaged six points per game, five and a half rebounds and three assists in 20 minutes per night. His freshman year, he averaged one point, one rebound and less than one assist per game in one start. He made 23 starts as a redshirt sophomore.

"His entire venture here

you could tell it when we were out there playing. We weren't as talented as we have been, but it didn't keep (Ayetimiya) from playing his best." Freshmen Khalil Johnson and Austin Parker both won awards apiece. Johnson took home the Lonnie Davis Highest GPA award with a 3.4 GPA, and he won the Jack Cope "Raider Defense" award.

"I just always like to pride myself on working hard and stuff like that, so just to hear

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my name called, some recognition for the year feels good," Johnson said.

Parker earned the Roger Pattillo Drawing the Charge award and the Dr. H. Tudor Westover Field Goal Percentage award.

While the season didn't go quite as planned for Three Rivers, which finished with its second losing season in 49 years under Bess, the season served as motivation to get the program back to the national tournament for the first time since 2010.

"I would say the season in itself is motivation enough. I don't think anybody likes losing, you know, so we all want to come back with a desire. I feel like the region is really starting to open up, too, so to get a couple new recruits on board and get them to buy in. I feel like we realize the importance of working hard and having to buy in, and we see our weaknesses so we're just working to correct those," Johnson said.

To do so, Bess and his coaching staff have been trying to hit the recruiting trail to bring in players with good

attitudes from winning programs to build a culture that expects to win.

"In general, we're trying to get good attitudes and people that will come in here and understand the tradition that Three Rivers has and try to do their part to continue that," Bess said.

The cheerleaders were also recognized Monday in the Bess Activity Center. Anna Birdwell received the Best Backspot Cheerleader of the Year award.

Now, the focus turns to next year as the team tries to make a return to the national tournament in what will be Bess's 50th season.

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TRC registration opens Monday

Registration will open Monday for summer and fall classes at Three Rivers College for new and returning students at all of the college's locations.

Online and on-site registration will continue through May 31 for "A" and full summer sessions, June 27 for "B" summer session and Aug. 16 for fall classes at the Poplar Bluff campus and TRC locations in Sikeston, Dexter, Kennett and Cape Girardeau.

"A" and full summer sessions begin June 3, "B" summer session begins July 1 and fall classes begin Aug. 19.

"If you're wanting to start your education journey at Three Rivers, it's important to apply for admission as soon as possible," said Chris Adams, Director of Enrollment Services at Three Rivers College. "The sooner students can complete the application, financial aid and registration processes, the easier getting started becomes and the easier it will be to create a class schedule that works for them."

Registering early is especially important for returning students, according to Dr. Justin Hoggard, Dean of Instruction.

"We know our students have busy lives. Registering early is the best way to ensure their class schedules work well with their other obligations," said Hoggard.

Those interested in enrolling can browse available courses by clicking "Search for Classes" under "Admissions" at trcc.edu.

Current students, with advisor approval, can register online through the myTRCC system.

Prospective students must fill out a free application and attend a "ROCS" orientation session to be eligible to register for classes.

The Getting Started Checklist is a step-by-step guide through the admissions process and is available at trcc.edu/admissions.

Faculty and staff advisors are available in person, by phone or through email to assist students with career planning and progression.

For assistance or to schedule an orientation session, contact the Welcome Center at 573-840-9605.

To learn more about the college transfer and career-technical programs offered at Three Rivers, prospective students can create a personalized e-brochure at trcc.edu/ebrochure.

Adams also recommends everyone interested in enrolling should apply for financial aid as soon as possible.

For information on how to apply for financial assistance at Three Rivers, visit trcc.edu/financialaid. Pell grants are available for summer and fall to qualifying students.

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Austin awarded scholarship

Three Rivers College nursing student Meighan Austin was awarded the Florina Carlstrom Memorial Scholarship for the 2019 spring semester.

The scholarship was created in memory of Florina Carlstrom, to help fund the tuition of students in the Nursing and Allied Health Programs offered by Three Rivers College.

The scholarship is offered to participants in those programs who graduated from Malden High School or were students in Dunklin County schools.

Carlstrom had a long history in Southeast Missouri healthcare, beginning with her marriage to Dr. Graydon Carlstrom in the 1930s.



Austin

She worked as his nurse, office assistant and bookkeeper until his death in 1959, after which she attended the nursing program in Poplar Bluff.

After obtaining her LPN certification, she spent the rest of her career working in Southeast Missouri's healthcare industry.

She served on the State Board of Nursing and participated in the Missouri State Ombudsman program.

Carlstrom passed away in 1996.

A 2011 graduate of Twin Rivers High School, Austin is married to Jacob Redden of Clarkton and is the daughter of Tracie Austin of Poplar Bluff.

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Cornett awarded scholarship

Three Rivers College pre-engineering student Haley Cornett was awarded the Kay Porter Scholarship for the Spring 2019 semester.

The scholarship funds were endowed by Kay Porter, who gave back to several Poplar Bluff entities during her lifetime.

A 2017 graduate of Dexter High School, Cornett is the daughter of Chris and Nancy Cornett of Dexter.



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Photo provided

Pictured from left Keith Shelton of the Three Rivers Citizens Advisory Board and Philip Scott.

Scott awarded scholarship

Three Rivers College Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement student Philip Scott was awarded the James Kimbrow Criminal Justice Scholarship for the

spring 2019 semester.

The scholarship fund is named in honor of longtime law enforcement officer James Kimbrow.

Kimbrow was instrumental in the origin of the Three Rivers Citizens Advisory Board, which funded the scholarship. The scholarship fund was a way to honor the late Kimbrow for his service to the county and community.

A 2018 graduate of Neelyville High School, Scott is the son of Kimberly Marshall and Jacob Scott, both of Poplar Bluff.

For information on donating to scholarships, building projects or other college needs, contact the Three Rivers College Development Office at 573-840-9077.

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RICHARDSON HONORED BY COLLEGE AS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

'A SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT A THREE RIVERS ALUMNI CAN BE'



ABOVE: Todd Richardson (right) is presented with the Three Rivers College Distinguished Alumni Award by TRC President Dr. Wes Payne during a ceremony Friday evening. **RIGHT:** Todd Richardson speaks during Friday's award ceremony.



Kathy Richardson, longtime Three Rivers College employee and mother of Todd Richardson, cries as he announces a large donation for the development of a new scholarship at Three Rivers College in her honor.



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he said.

In a reception meant to celebrate Richardson, the honoree thanked his father, Mark; wife, Amber; and uncle, Matt; for their dedication to the college and helping make his service in Jefferson City possible.

As a special thank you went to his mother, Kathy, who is one of the longest tenured employees at TRC.

Richardson presented the college with a check for \$10,000 as the first step for a fully endowed Kathy Richardson Scholarship, leaving his mother in tears.

"I cannot begin to tell you how proud we are as a college and how proud I am personally that Todd is an alumni," Three Rivers College President Dr. Wesley Payne said. "I am proud to say there are many and Todd is a shining example of what a Three Rivers alumni can be and frequently are."

In addition to receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, Richardson will serve as the speaker for the Three Rivers 2019 Com-

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Friends and family gathered at Three Rivers College on Friday afternoon to celebrate the highest honor awarded by the college to an alumni in recognition of their achievements and accomplishments.

Todd Richardson was presented with the 2019 Three Rivers College Distinguished Alumni Award.

The former Speaker of the Missouri House was the college's fourth recipient of the award and was honored during a reception at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

"One of the things I enjoyed most during my time

in the General Assembly was the chance to represent the community that I call home," Richardson said. "And there is no bigger part of our community that Three Rivers College."

While serving in Jefferson City, Richardson said people sometimes don't think about the opportunities a community college offers people to build a better life for themselves.

"That is what happens here every single day and the people here who dedicate their lives and careers to this institution are the ones who make it happen,"

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mencement ceremony, which will be May 17 at the Libla Family Sports Complex.

Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development for Three Rivers College, said having the Distinguished Alumni recipient speak at commencement sets the bar high for current students and shows what is possible after graduation from TRC.

“They are able to see the talent and success that follows our alumni and see hard work and perseverance lead to huge rewards,” she said.

Representative Hardy Billington and Senator Doug Libla also presented Richardson with Resolutions during the ceremony.

Libla added it was impossible to include everything on a Resolution which Richardson had accomplished for Poplar Bluff, even before his time in the House of Representatives.

“He has done some things behind the scenes that the public will probably never know about to help individuals in our community to make sure they have the opportunities to be the best they can be, get a good job and supply for their family,” Libla said. “You have always been such a supporter of Three Rivers College.”

Richardson, a Poplar Bluff native, currently serves as the Director of MO HealthNet. Prior to that appointment, he was first elected to the House in 2010 and was appointed Speaker of the House for the State of Missouri in 2015.

In his role in Missouri government, he helped secure funding and recruited legislators to make the new Excel Center in Poplar Bluff possible.

Richardson was also responsible for securing funding for the Crisp Tech-

nology Center expansion on the Three Rivers campus.

In addition to attending Three Rivers College, Richardson also taught Business Law and Government classes as an adjunct instructor.

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ONE MORE YEAR

Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk announces he will retire following next season



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Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk claps while walking down the sideline during the first round of the NJCAA Tournament against Jones County on March 18, 2019, in Lubbock, Texas.

Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and District K Coach of the Year.

This season, he made his first trip to the NJCAA Tournament as the coach of Three Rivers and the third in the program's history, leading the team to a 27-4 record, which included a run of 20 straight wins, finishing ranked No. 22 in the final NJCAA Division I poll.

At times when he was speaking during the banquet, you could hear the emotion in Walk's voice as he reflected back on what was a special season for the program.

"You wait 31 years, you're just glad to be around such a great group of kids," Walk said. "How they act on the floor, off the floor, it's like how I mentioned in the program, they knocked a pretty good team out of that top spot."

At the annual Lady Raiders banquet Thursday, Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk announced that next season will be his last year with Three Rivers. Next year will be Walk's 12th year with the program.

"This was all set in motion three years ago," Walk said. "I'd go three more years, go part time, and next

year is it."

Walk has had a successful career in 31 years of coaching at Twin Rivers and Three Rivers. He's built a total career record 403-179 in his career. He's a five-time Ozark Foothills Conference Coach of the Year and this year he won Region XVI Coach of the Year, Missouri Community College

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Once next season ends, current co-head coach Alex Wiggs will take over as the new head coach. This season was Wiggs's third with the program.

"Really didn't have a time frame whenever I took the job," Wiggs said. "Whenever I took the job, he did tell me that he didn't know how long he'd be doing it. Then as we got going, as we got talking more, with his wife retiring last year, he decided that he wanted to do it for three more years.

"Whenever he approached me, I mean, I'm honestly ecstatic. It's one of my goals, especially to be at a program like Three Rivers an hour and a half from home."

Prior to his time at Three Rivers, Wiggs had spent three years as an assistant coach at Moberly Area and three years as an assistant coach at Lincoln University.

Along with that experience, he said he'd learned a lot from Walk the past three years with the Lady Raiders.

"I think the biggest thing I learned is every young coach has that fire, you know, has that energy where they want to be the best," Wiggs said. "He showed that there's different ways to go about it to still be successful. He's been doing it for 31 years, and I just hope that I can be half the coach in 30 years as far as how he handles everything from the kids on a daily basis to issues. He's taught me a lot."

The players knew, as Walk told them he'd be leaving when the current freshman class graduates.

"I feel like we're going to work hard for him in his last year," redshirt freshman Deanay Watson said. We all want a championship ring,

so that's what we're going to try our best to do just to give him a good year for his last year. I think with coach Wiggs's takeover, I think the program will be pretty nice, especially with the freshmen that are coming in next year."

When Walk started to get emotional during the banquet, the players had to try to hold back their own emotions, too.

"I was thinking, 'Oh my gosh,' you know, I'm not going to be able to (keep it together)," sophomore Hail-ee Erickson said.

Added Watson, "I was like, turn away, turn away, Deanay. It's not a time for sad moments. It's a happy moment. I can't do all that."