

A G E N D A
REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
12:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 1. Consideration and Approval of Agenda
 2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the November Board Meeting
- III. 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
- IV. President's Report**
- V. 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.)
- VI. Items for Consideration, Discussion, and Vote**
- VII. Consideration and Approval of all Personnel Actions and Associated Documents**
 1. **Acceptance of Employment**
 1. **Joseph Giossi – Instructor, Life Science**
 2. **Jamie Laxton – Outreach specialist/ETS**
 3. **Brice Matson – Temporary Instructor, English**
 4. **Richard Rossi – SkillUp Recruitment/Retention Specialist**

2. Transfers

1. **Dawn Price – Program Academic Counselor to Outreach Specialist/ETS**

3. Position Review – Critical Shortage

1. **Kathy Richardson – System Administrator**

4. Resignations

VIII. Appendix

1. **Information Items**
2. **Upcoming Events**
3. **Recent Newspaper Articles**

IX. FY19 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, February 20, 2019
- Wednesday, March 20, 2019
- Wednesday, April 17, 2019
- Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019

X. Adjournment

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
November 28, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:00 p.m. at the Board Room in Tinnin Center on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER

Those present included: Trustees: Darren Garrison, chairman; 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(absent); Janine Heath, recording secretary, (absent); Edie Dilbeck, acting recording secretary.

ATTENDANCE

Coach Gene Bess 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 Featherston made the motion to approve the October 2018 minutes. With a second by Trustee Schalk, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER
2018 MINUTES**

Charlotte Eubank reviewed October financials. We are 33% into the fiscal year and have recognized 50% of revenues and obligated 31% of the budgeted expenses. The Capital Budget was reviewed with Ms. Eubank outlining the projects currently underway.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND
BID REPORT**

Trustee Schalk made the motion with a second by Trustee Hager to accept the financial report and sidewalk lighting bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Payne presented the President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The sports complex continues to progress toward completion. Currently working on the installation of the bleachers.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Imagination at Play was a TRC Music Department Student Recital. The day performance was organized by ETS and 400 fourth graders enjoyed the performance.

**IMAGINATION AT PLAY
MCCA TECHNOLOGY
AWARD**

The evening performance was for the community audience.

During the MCCA Annual Conference, the following was awarded to the college:

- Technology Award to our technology department for their innovation
- Excellence in Teaching was awarded to Liz Deken
- The Senior Service Award was given to Coach Gene Bess

The Veterans Day Program was well attended by the community.

The college received the MORAP grant that will be used to expand our workforce development program.

Patrons of the Arts continues providing Children's plays to the local schools. The shows were sponsored by the Daily American Republican and 1st Midwest Bank.

Kennett Trivia night was a success.

- POTA – All is Calm, the Christmas Truce of 1914 – 7pm December 6
- Employee Christmas Breakfast – Friday, December 7 at 8:30am
- Christmas Break – December 19 – January 1
- Spring Convocation – January 7

Heather Cornman presented our Early Childhood Development explaining to the board the opportunities for students within the program.

Trustee Featherston made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:26pm. 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, yes.

Each year the college engages an outside firm to conduct the required annual audit. Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder, LLC performed the audit this year and gave an unqualified opinion once again.

MCCA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
MCCA SENIOR SERVICE AWARD

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

MORAP PRESENTATION

PATRONS OF THE ARTS – CHRISTMAS SKATES

KENNETT TRIVIA NIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE COLLEGE AUDIT

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve the Audit Report. With a second by Trustee Hager the board was polled as follows: Trustee Schalk, yes; Trustee Williams, yes; Trustee Featherston, yes; Trustee Richardson, yes; Trustee Hager, yes; Trustee Garrison, yes.

The AQHA requires a resolution giving the President of the College authorization to sign registration papers for the horses on behalf of the college.

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

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

There being no further business, Trustee Schalk made the motion to adjourn at 1:48 pm and with a second by Trustee Richardson, the motion passed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

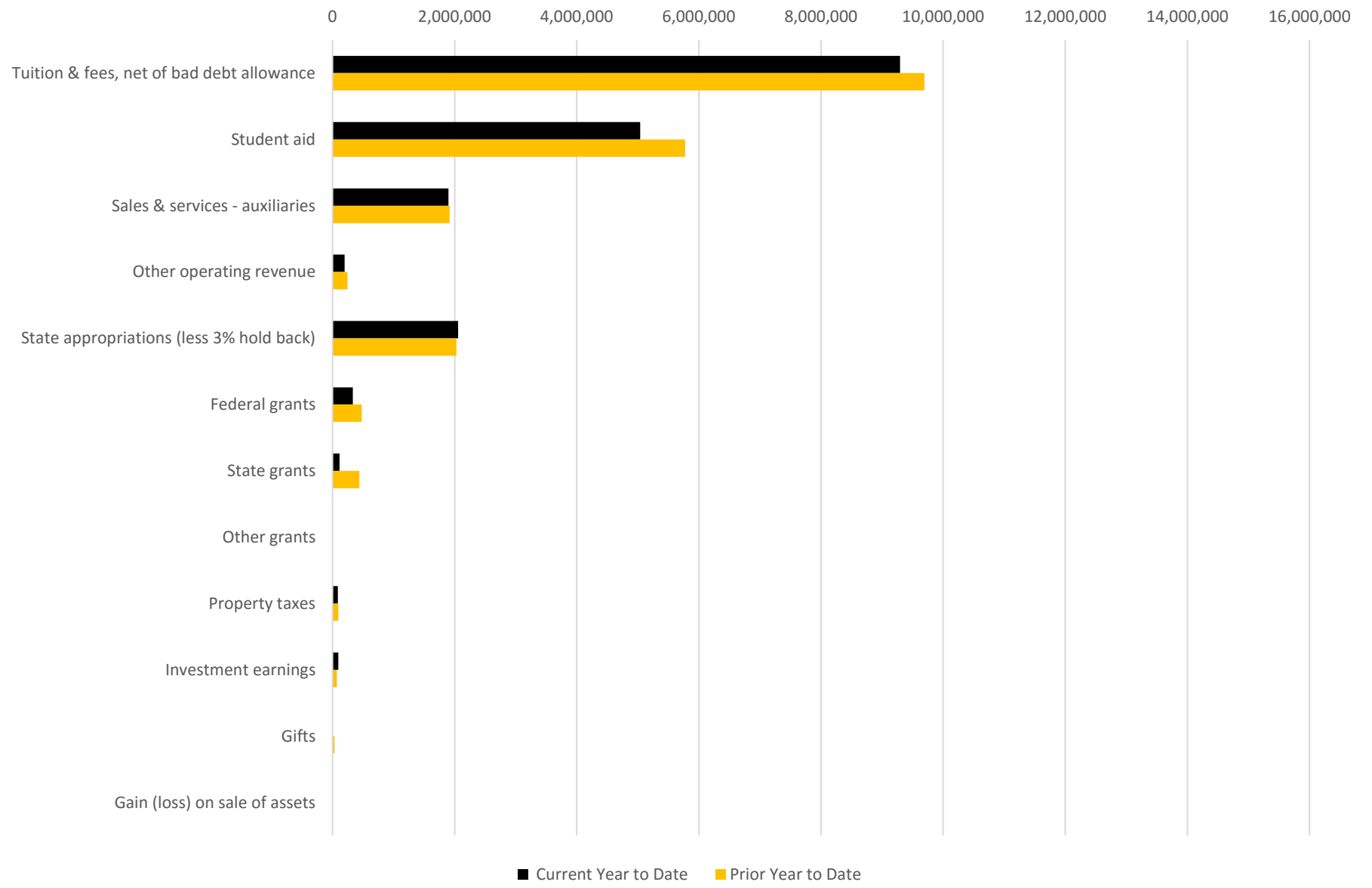
CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL DATE

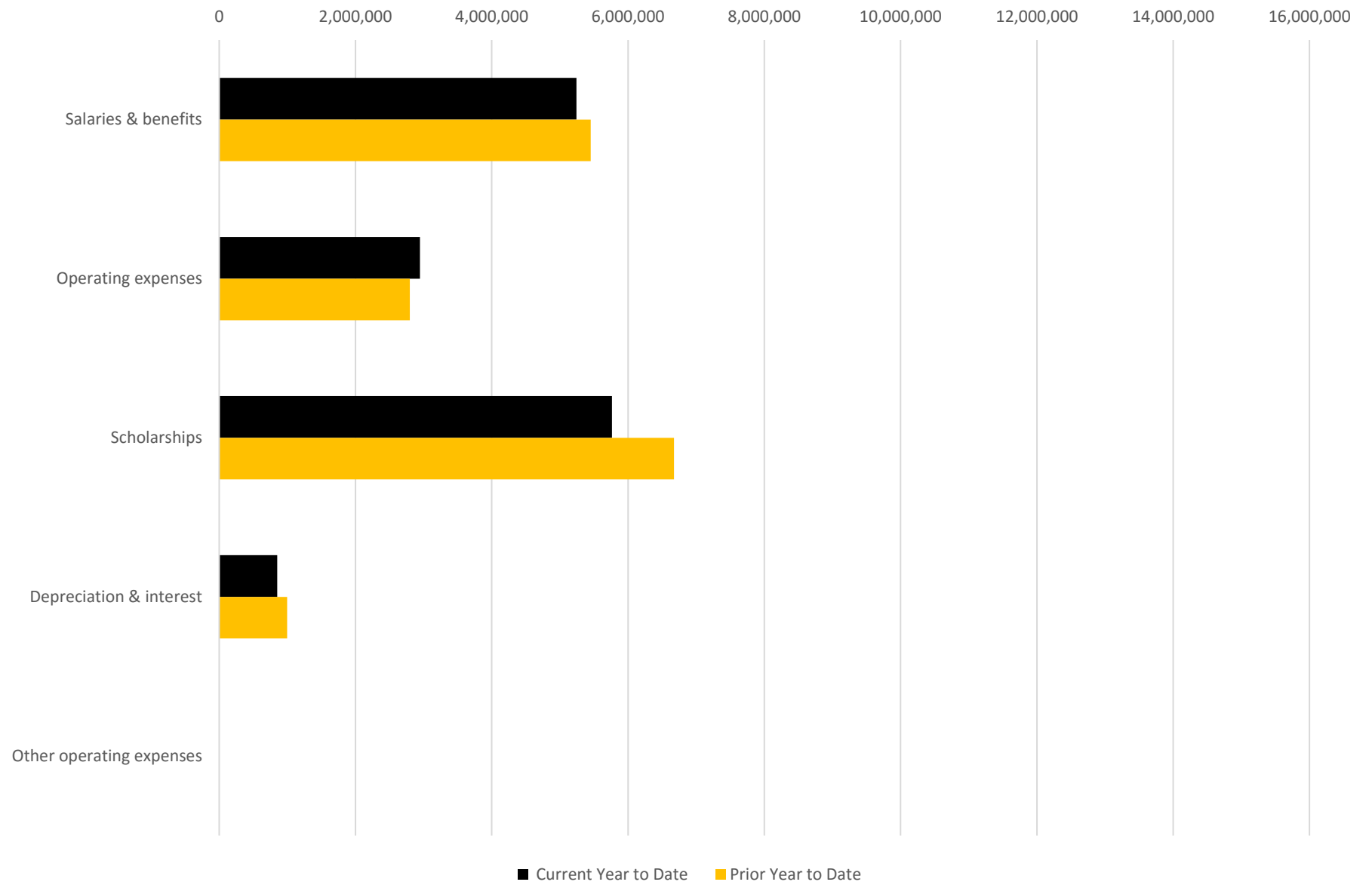
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APPROVAL DATE

YTD Comparison to Previous Year 11/30/18



YTD Comparison to Previous Year
11/30/18



YTD Comparison to Previous Year
11/30/18

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CHANGES IN NET POSITION



■ Current Year to Date ■ Prior Year to Date

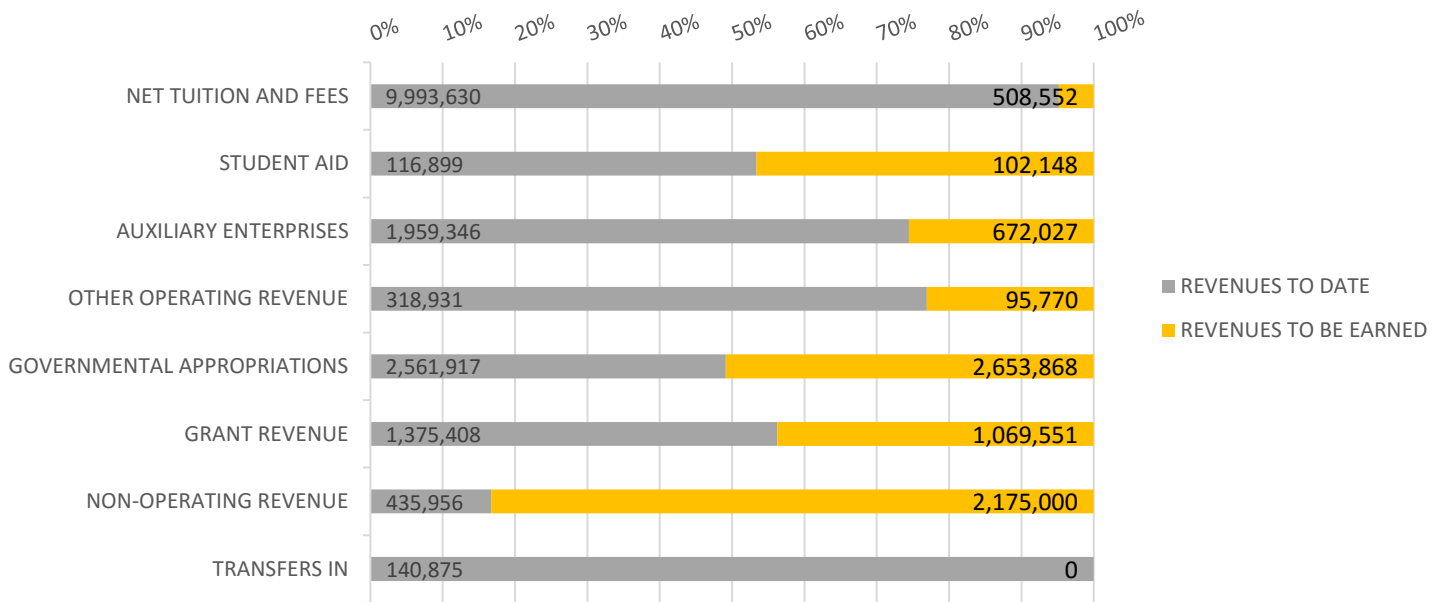
Three Rivers College
Statement of Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
November 30, 2018

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	13,644,825	Accounts Payable	726,654
Student Account Receivables, net	7,082,418	Accrued Vacation	304,740
Property Tax Receivable	115,904	Student Deposits	27,950
Other Receivables	5,308,193	Deferred Tuition & Fees	0
Investments	0	Scholarships	60,046
Inventory	128,027	Total Current Liabilities	1,119,390
Prepaid Expenses	197,319		
Total Current Assets	26,476,687	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		Retirement Incentive Payable	0
Land	5,490,786	Other Post Employment Benefits	15,857,963
Capital assets	68,244,922	Bonds, Notes and Leases Payable	21,478,972
Plus: Current year additions to capital assets	665839.56	Accrued Interest	0
Accumulated Depreciation	(28,782,914)	Agency	226,366
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	0	Total Non-Current Liabilities	37,563,301
Total Non-Current Assets	45,618,634	Total Liabilities	38,682,690
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	8,271,641	DEFERRED INFLOWS	9,947,763
		NET POSITION	
		Beginning Balance	27,428,611
		Changes in Net Position	4,307,898
		Total Net Position	31,736,509
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	80,366,962	TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	80,366,962

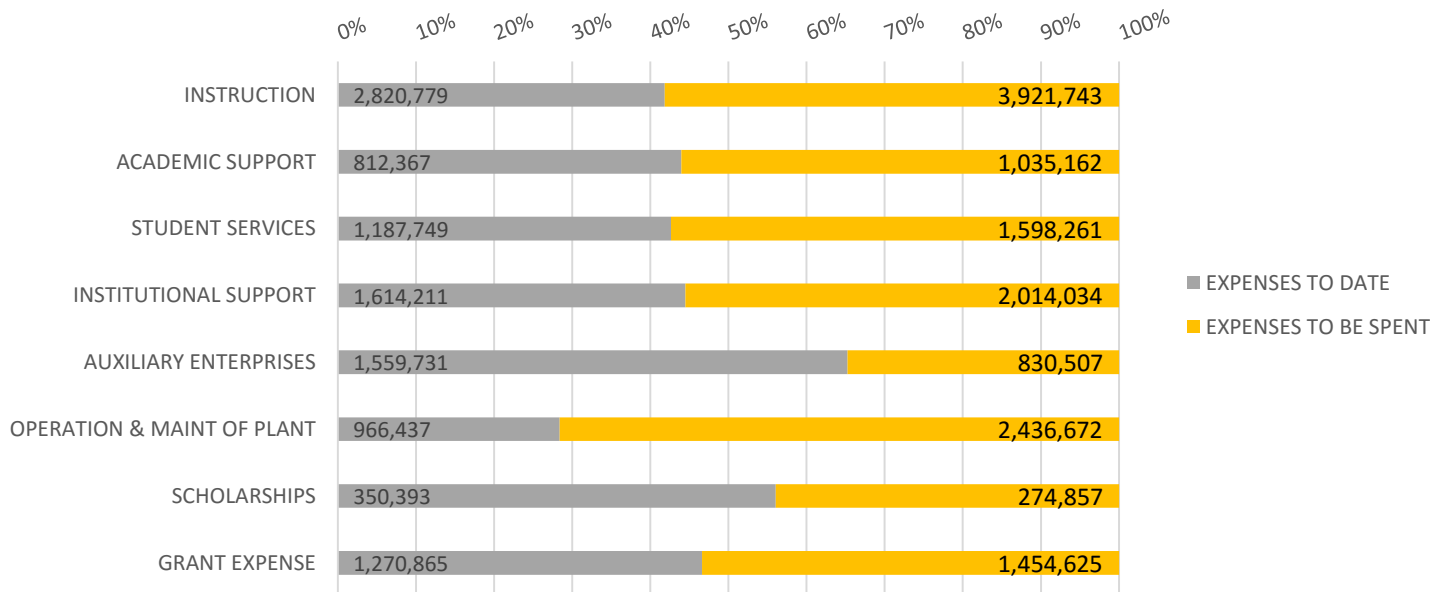
Three Rivers College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
November 30, 2018

	July	August	September	October	November	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	9,296,758	9,693,139	(396,381)	(4.09)%
Student aid	229,430	29,626	3,714,071	810,656	255,284	5,039,066	5,774,939	(735,873)	(12.74)%
Sales & services - auxiliaries	747,710	419,460	101,748	227,784	400,477	1,897,178	1,918,511	(21,332)	(1.11)%
Other operating revenue	2,502	2,754	2,337	189,577	1,564	198,733	247,053	(48,320)	(19.56)%
Total Operating Revenue	6,462,097	873,553	3,566,348	3,363,148	2,166,589	16,431,736	17,633,642	(1,201,906)	(6.82)%
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Salaries & benefits	902,920	1,029,174	1,193,363	1,067,502	1,050,020	5,242,980	5,453,021	(210,041)	(3.85)%
Operating expenses	667,367	547,391	506,052	729,506	494,143	2,944,458	2,796,548	147,910	5.29%
Capital equipment	794	45,733	99,543	49,740	470,029	665,840	1,421,947	(756,107)	(53.17)%
Less: Transfer to capital assets	(794)	(45,733)	(99,543)	(49,740)	(470,029)	(665,840)	(1,421,947)	756,107	(53.17)%
Scholarships	320,479	74,200	4,130,275	928,146	308,765	5,761,865	6,676,012	(914,147)	(13.69)%
Depreciation & interest	(22,798)	388,477	161,452	164,796	158,364	850,292	995,527	(145,236)	(14.59)%
Other operating expenses	0	0	(50,000)	0	(5,000)	(55,000)	0	(55,000)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenses	1,867,969	2,039,242	5,941,143	2,889,950	2,006,292	14,744,594	15,921,108	(1,176,514)	(7.39)%
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)									
State appropriations (less 3% hold back)	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	2,055,975	2,029,187	26,788	1.32%
Federal grants	38,579	160,607	96,105	97,883	(60,528)	332,647	479,319	(146,672)	(30.60)%
State grants	0	(10)	101,198	59,251	(44,237)	116,202	439,765	(323,563)	(73.58)%
Other grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Property taxes	21,535	23,138	22,420	7,813	13,463	88,369	95,884	(7,515)	(7.84)%
Investment earnings	26,663	18,111	16,353	19,193	16,351	96,671	69,874	26,797	38.35%
Gifts	2,650	650	(55,755)	25,800	(42,453)	(69,108)	32,117	(101,225)	(315.18)%
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	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	2,620,756	3,146,146	(525,390)	(16.70)%
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	5,094,750	(551,997)	(1,783,278)	1,094,333	454,089	4,307,898	4,858,680	(550,782)	(11.34)%

Budget to Actual Revenues 12/31/2018 (50%)



Budget to Actual Expenses 12/31/2018 (50%)



Three Rivers College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes In Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
December 31, 2018
Fiscal Year Benchmark: 50%

REVENUES	BUDGET	REVENUES TO DATE		REVENUES TO BE EARNED
		REVENUES TO DATE	%	
NET TUITION AND FEES <i>Tuition, Student Registration Fees, Net of Bad Debt & Scholarship Allowances</i>	10,502,182	9,993,630	95%	508,552
STUDENT AID <i>Federal Pell, Student Loans, SEOG, ACG, Work Study</i>	219,047	116,899	53%	102,148
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES <i>Housing, Bookstore, Testing & Assessment, Tinnin Center Operations, License Bureau Rental</i>	2,631,373	1,959,346	74%	672,027
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE <i>Athletic Ticket Sales, Fines, Transcript Fees, Other Income</i>	414,700	318,931	77%	95,770
GOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS <i>State Aid, State Maint. & Repair</i>	5,215,785	2,561,917	49%	2,653,868
GRANT REVENUE <i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>	2,444,958	1,375,408	56%	1,069,551
NON-OPERATING REVENUE <i>Taxes, Interest Earnings, Gifts</i>	2,610,956	435,956	17%	2,175,000
TRANSFERS IN <i>General funds - prior year transfers in (Reserves)</i>	140,875	140,875	100%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	24,179,876	16,902,960	70%	7,276,916

NOTE: We have recognized a total of 70% 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 BE SPENT
		EXPENSES TO DATE	%	
INSTRUCTION <i>Business, Education, Math, Science, Technology, Humanities, Social Science, Health & Human Services</i>	6,742,522	2,820,779	42%	3,921,743
ACADEMIC SUPPORT <i>Academic Resource Commons, Academic Outreach Services, Career Education, Off Campus Center Support</i>	1,847,529	812,367	44%	1,035,162
STUDENT SERVICES <i>Recruiting, Enrollment Services, Advising, Retention, Financial Aid, Student Life, Athletics, Disability Services</i>	2,786,010	1,187,749	43%	1,598,261
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT <i>Board of Trustees, Executive Management, Financial Services, Human Resources, Technology, Communications</i>	3,628,245	1,614,211	44%	2,014,034
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES <i>Housing, Bookstore, Tinnin Center Operations, Testing & Assessment, License Bureau Rental</i>	2,390,238	1,559,731	65%	830,507
OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT <i>Maintenance, Custodial, Groundskeeping, Campus Safety, Utilities, Insurance, Mail Services</i>	3,403,109	966,437	28%	2,436,672
SCHOLARSHIPS <i>Institutional Scholarships, Federal Student Aid Disbursed, Tuition Remission</i>	625,250	350,393	56%	274,857
GRANT EXPENSE <i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>	2,725,489	1,270,865	47%	1,454,625
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,148,392	10,582,532	44%	13,565,860

NOTE: We have obligated 44% of our budgeted expenses at 50% into the fiscal year. December payroll and 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.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION	31,484	6,320,429
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Three Rivers College
 Capital Budget - Unaudited
 December 31, 2018
 Fiscal Year Benchmark: 50%

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

	USES OF FUNDS	USES TO DATE			
		BUDGET	USES TO DATE	USES TO DATE %	USES UNSPENT
	<i>Sports Complex</i>	2,196,822	181,323	8%	2,015,499
	<i>Crisp Technology Center addition and remodel</i>	3,000,000	0	0%	3,000,000
	<i>Westover Administration Building repairs</i>	200,000	3,063	41%	29,402
	<i>Landscaping and Lighting</i>	50,000	20,598	41%	29,402
	<i>Student Housing repairs</i>	127,000	0	0%	22,646
	<i>License Bureau roof</i>	30,000	0	0%	30,000
	<i>Campus Safety improvements</i>	22,646	0	0%	22,000
	<i>Kennett External Location parking repairs</i>	27,568	0	0%	27,568
	<i>Tinnin Fine Arts Center repairs</i>	22,000	0	0%	22,646
	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,676,036	204,984	4%	5,471,052

NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	2,471,052
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**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

January 3, 2019

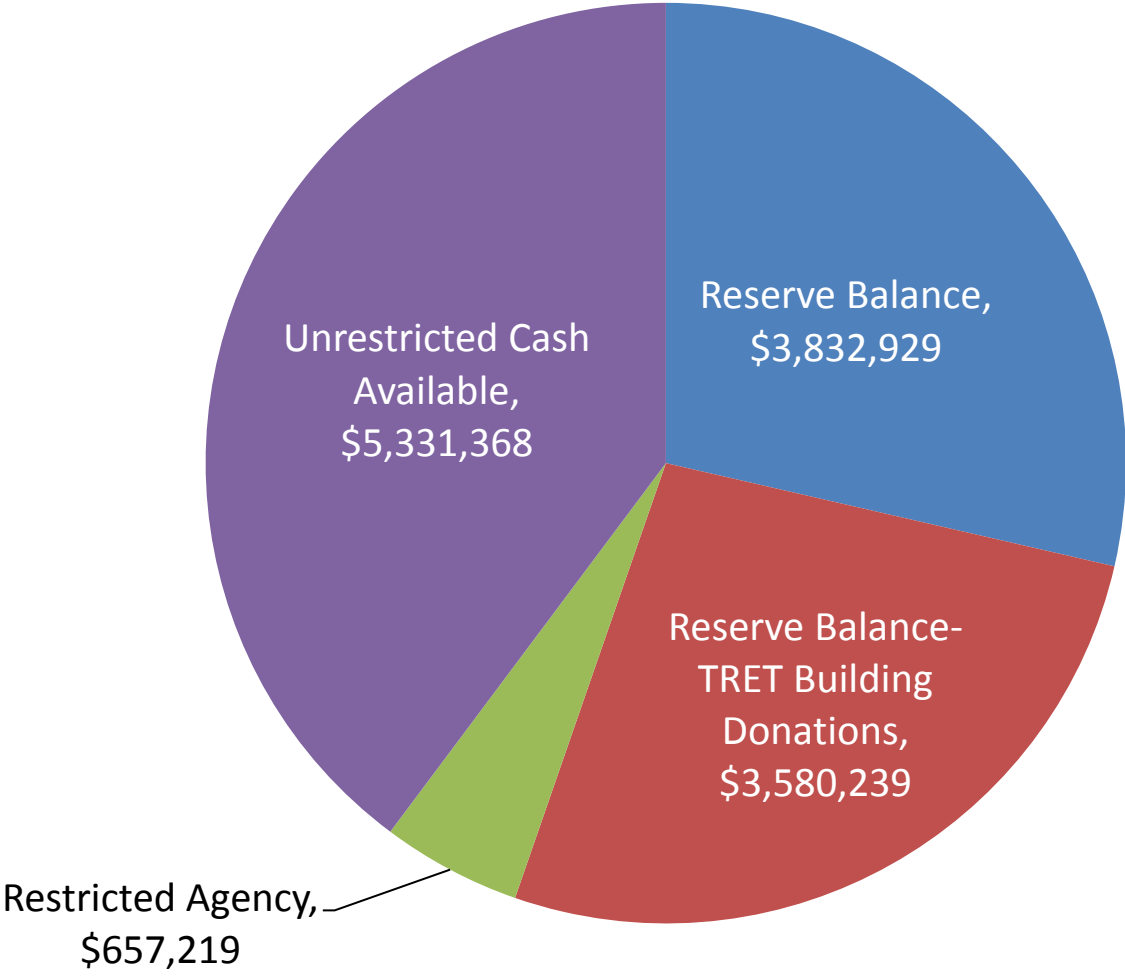
	<u>12/05/18</u>	<u>01/03/19</u>
CURRENT FUND		
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Bookstore	1,800.00	1,800.00
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Vending Machines	224.55	224.55
Business Office	2,088.00	2,088.00
<i>Total Cash Funds</i>	4,312.55	4,312.55
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Southern Bank - General Funds	5,589,017.70	4,914,415.65
Southern Bank - Credit Cards	157,095.28	127,434.39
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	5,746,112.98	5,041,850.04
<i>Restricted Bank Accounts</i>		
Payroll Account - Southern Bank	20,612.39	20,698.42
Federal Clearing Account	-	-
Flexible Spending Account	12,565.57	12,580.60
<i>Total Restricted Accounts</i>	33,177.96	33,279.02
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	5,783,603.49	5,079,441.61
 HOUSING FUND		
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Rivers Ridge Account - Southern Bank	271,030.48	251,926.84
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	271,030.48	251,926.84
TOTAL HOUSING FUND	271,030.48	251,926.84

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

January 3, 2019

	<u>12/05/18</u>	<u>01/03/19</u>
PLANT FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Plant Fund - Southern Bank	6,851,513.36	5,858,972.18
<i>Total Bank Accounts</i>	6,851,513.36	5,858,972.18
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Bank of Grandin #16126	142,404.63	142,404.63
First Missouri State Bank #22132	104,328.96	104,328.96
Bank of Grandin #17002	1,307,462.57	1,307,462.57
<i>Total Certificates of Deposit</i>	1,554,196.16	1,554,196.16
TOTAL PLANT FUND	8,405,709.52	7,413,168.34
AGENCY FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Agency Account - Southern Bank	262,711.18	254,170.70
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Restricted CD's & Savings	403,048.26	403,048.26
TOTAL AGENCY FUND	665,759.44	657,218.96

**TOTAL CASH IN CHECKING AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
\$13,401,755 AS OF 01/03/19**



**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

December 5, 2018

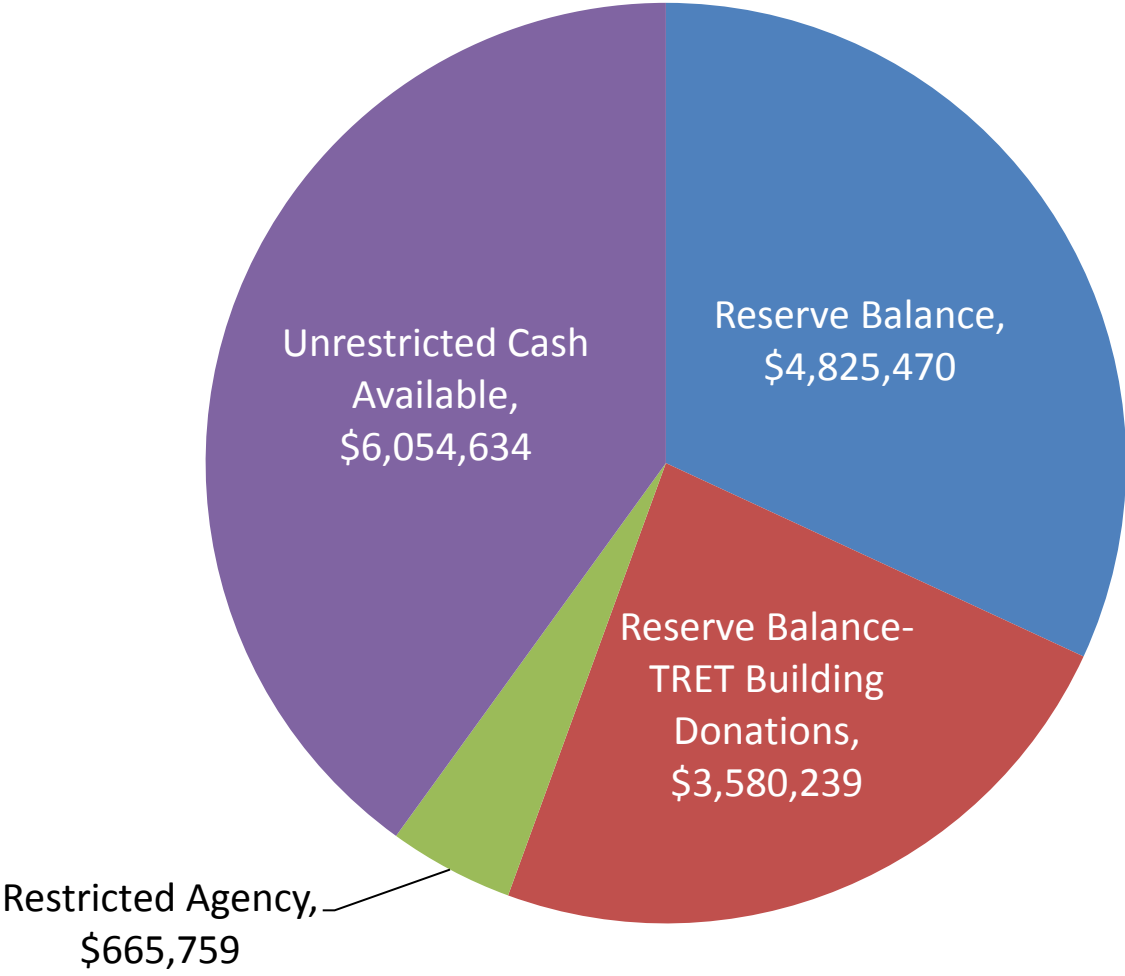
	<u>11/02/18</u>	<u>12/05/18</u>
CURRENT FUND		
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Bookstore	1,800.00	1,800.00
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Vending Machines	224.55	224.55
Business Office	3,088.00	2,088.00
<i>Total Cash Funds</i>	<u>5,312.55</u>	<u>4,312.55</u>
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Southern Bank - General Funds	5,871,571.37	5,589,017.70
Southern Bank - Credit Cards	132,359.54	157,095.28
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	<u>6,003,930.91</u>	<u>5,746,112.98</u>
<i>Restricted Bank Accounts</i>		
Payroll Account - Southern Bank	20,337.65	20,612.39
Federal Clearing Account	160,187.75	-
Flexible Spending Account	12,534.53	12,565.57
<i>Total Restricted Accounts</i>	<u>193,059.93</u>	<u>33,177.96</u>
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	<u><u>6,202,303.39</u></u>	<u><u>5,783,603.49</u></u>
HOUSING FUND		
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Rivers Ridge Account - Southern Bank	279,715.84	271,030.48
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	<u>279,715.84</u>	<u>271,030.48</u>
TOTAL HOUSING FUND	<u><u>279,715.84</u></u>	<u><u>271,030.48</u></u>

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

December 5, 2018

	<u>11/02/18</u>	<u>12/05/18</u>
PLANT FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Plant Fund - Southern Bank	6,429,775.91	6,851,513.36
<i>Total Bank Accounts</i>	6,429,775.91	6,851,513.36
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Bank of Grandin #16126	142,404.63	142,404.63
First Missouri State Bank #22132	104,328.96	104,328.96
Bank of Grandin #16103	-	-
Bank of Grandin #17002	1,307,462.57	1,307,462.57
<i>Total Certificates of Deposit</i>	1,554,196.16	1,554,196.16
TOTAL PLANT FUND	7,983,972.07	8,405,709.52
AGENCY FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Agency Account - Southern Bank	268,453.51	262,711.18
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Restricted CD's & Savings	436,318.08	403,048.26
TOTAL AGENCY FUND	704,771.59	665,759.44

**TOTAL CASH IN CHECKING AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
\$15,126,102 AS OF 12/05/18**



THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AS OF December 31, 2018

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
16126	Bank of Grandin	1.85	02/22/19	12 mths	142,404.63	Contingency
17002	Bank of Grandin	1.29	08/14/19	12 mths	1,307,462.57	Contingency
22132	First Missouri State Bank	1.89	11/01/19	12 mths	104,328.96	Contingency
Total Unrestricted Designated Reserves					\$ 1,554,196.16	

SCHOLARSHIP/ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATES AS OF December 31, 2018

110239662	Southern Bank	1.00	01/05/91	01/05/19	1,412.53	Bulow Mem.
2213401	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.85	01/08/98	01/08/19	10,000.00	Jerome Burford
21031513	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	01/19/95	01/19/19	12,868.64	Kim Mosley
352394707389	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	08/19/88	02/18/19	2,061.55	James Warren
63761112	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	02/23/89	02/22/19	2,500.00	A. Garner
2224601	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	02/25/98	02/25/19	1,658.87	Missy Braden
3568803469	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	09/26/00	02/26/19	9,674.10	Wm. D. Becker
21025365	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.00	03/05/90	03/05/19	5,000.00	Mack Whiteley
2136801	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	03/05/97	03/05/19	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
63760768	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.24	03/06/89	03/05/19	6,468.04	Butler Co Co-op
423137249	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	04/06/19	2,833.00	Combined Sch
423137256	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	04/06/19	1,024.34	Fred Morrow
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
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

THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
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
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
423137157	Regions Bank	1.24	01/14/85	01/14/20	2,500.00	Dr. Miller
2012008112	Commerce Bank	0.30	08/11/92	02/11/20	1,000.00	Myra C. Hays
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
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

\$ 403,048.26

Three Rivers College
CD Report
As of December 31, 2018

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	People's Community Bank	First Missouri State Bank	The Bank of Missouri	Commerce Bank	Southern Bank	Bank of Grandin
Contact	Christina Sullivan	Renea King	Stephanie Patterson	Margaret Mack	Dan Sanderson	Teresa Hoefer
Comment						
Amount	104,328.96	104,328.96	104,328.96	104,328.96	104,328.96	104,328.96
3 months						
6 months	2.50%					
9 months	2.65%					
10 months						
1 year	2.80%	2.89%	1.75%	2.38%	2.35%	2.45%
18 months						
2 year						

CDs Transferred

\$104,328.96 placed with First Missouri State Bank @ 2.89% for 12 months.

Endowment CDs Transferred to Endowment Trust

CDs Maturing

Bank	Certificate Number	Endowment	Maturity Date	Amount
US Bank	451037941	william Becker	11/16/2018	17,800.00
US Bank	451038829	william Becker	11/17/2018	15,469.82
Total				33,269.82

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Summary of Checks Issued
Months of November & December 2018

Current Fund:	General Fund - Southern Bank	\$ 2,545,349.97
	Electronic Student Refunds - Higher One	<u>264,890.98</u>
	Total Current Fund	2,810,240.95
Housing Fund:	Rivers Ridge - Southern Bank	30,477.16
Plant Fund:	Construction Account - Southern Bank	-
Agency Fund:	Agency Account - Southern Bank	<u>45,170.96</u>
	Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 2,885,889.07</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 16th day of January 2018.

_____ Chairman, Board of Trustees

_____ Secretary, Board of Trustees

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

WELDING EQUIPMENT

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 11/9/2018
 Close Date: 11/27/2018
 Funding Source: Enhancement Grant
 Bids Submitted:

Metalweld Inc.	Dexter, MO
Praxair	Cape Girardeau, MO

Bid Awarded: Metalweld \$200,859.27

Athletic Insurance

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 12/11/2018
 Close Date: 1/4/2019
 Funding Source: General Revenue
 Bids Submitted:

K & K Insurance Group, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN
Dissinger Reed	Overland Park, KS
Gallagher Student Health and Special Risk	Quincy, MA

Bid Awarded: No
 Recommendation: Gallagher Student Health and Special Risk \$87,939

Extrication Equipment

Status: Open
 Open Date: 1/4/2019
 Close Date: 1/11/2019
 Funding Source: Enhancement Grant
 Bids Submitted: N/A
 Bid Awarded: N/A

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR ATHLETIC TEAMS INSURANCE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HISTORY

The College advertised for bids for both Basic Sports Accident and Catastrophic Sports Accident policies. Responses were received as follows:

Bidders Meeting Bid Specifications:

<u>Name of Broker</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Basic Sports Accident Policy</u>	<u>Catastrophic Sports Accident Policy</u>
Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk				
	Arch	\$0	\$ 105,152.00	
	Catlin Insurance Co.	\$0	\$ 83,000.00	
	National Guardian Life	\$0	\$ 88,125.00	
	QBE	\$0	\$ 112,071.00	
	Berkley Accident & Health	\$0	\$ 124,923.00	
	Starr Indemnity	\$0	\$ 137,566.00	
	Mutual of Omaha			\$ 5,608.00
	National Union Fire Insurance Company			\$ 4,939.00
K & K Insurance Group				
	AXIS Accident & Health	\$0	\$ 84,856.00	\$ 5,601.00
Dissinger Reed				
	Pan-America Insurance Company	\$0	\$ 98,785.00	
	Mutual of Omaha			\$ 5,608.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Our current policy has a zero deductible and premiums for the 12 month period for 2018 were \$80,406.00 for the Basic Sports Accident Policy and \$5,608 for the Catastrophic Policy, totaling \$86,014.00. Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk's total submitted bid, with a zero deductible, would result in a \$1,925.00 annual increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

As Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk is the incumbent and they are offering the best, comparative pricing, based on a zero deductible, it is recommended that the College accept the Basic Sports Accident policy bid from Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk through Caitlin Insurance Company as well as their proposed Catastrophic Sports Accident policy through National Union Fire Insurance Company.

January 2019 President's Report

- Construction Update
 - Libla Family Sports Complex
- Employee Christmas Breakfast – December 7
- Nursing and LPN Pinning Ceremonies – December 7
- Spring Convocation – January 7
- First day of Spring Semester

- Upcoming Events
 - Rose Anne Barbour Huck exhibit in Tinnin Gallery through February 22 (Huck is local from old PB family)
 - POTA Russian National Ballet performing Cinderella, 7 p.m. January 28
 - Ribbon Cutting and Alumni Reunion at Libla Family Sports Complex – February 2 @ 3pm
 - Jazz Festival – Tinnin Center – February 7 and 9
 - POTA - Dailey & Vincent – Rodgers Theater – February 21, 7pm

- CMU Partnership

A G E N D A
Executive Session
Wednesday, January 16, 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

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
Instructor, Life Science

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

X Faculty – Replacement for Dr. Leslie Gragg; transfer to Department Chair 12/08/18

_____ Support Staff

_____ Federal Program: _____

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Joseph Giossi

POSITION TITLE: Instructor, Life Science (Anatomy & Physiology)

SALARY: \$32,864

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months X 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months _____

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: January 7, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
BS	South Dakota State University Brookings, SD	Biology
MS	The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA	Physiology

EXPERIENCE

<u>10/2017 - present</u>	<u>Allegany College of Maryland</u> <u>Bedford, PA</u>	<u>Adjunct Instructor/Tutor</u>
<u>08/2018 - present</u>	<u>Reading Area Community College</u> <u>Reading, PA</u>	<u>Adjunct Instructor</u>
<u>01/2018 – 05/2018</u>	<u>Penn Highlands Community College</u> <u>Somerset, PA</u>	<u>Adjunct Instructor</u>

(01/16/2019)

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
Outreach Specialist/Educational Talent Search

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

_____ Faculty

X Support Staff – replacement Rose Maxwell; resignation approved 10/17/18

X Federal Program: Grant funded by the US Department of Education

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Jamie N. Laxton

POSITION TITLE: Outreach Specialist/Educational Talent Search

SALARY: \$13.00/hour

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months _____ 10 months X 11 months _____ 12 months _____

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: January 22, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
AA	Three Rivers College Poplar Bluff, MO	General Education
BA	Southeast Missouri State University Cape Girardeau, MO	General Studies

EXPERIENCE

<u>08/2014 - present</u>	<u>Poplar Bluff R1 School District</u> <u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	<u>Paraprofessional</u>
<u>08/2009 – 07/2016</u>	<u>Sacred Heart Schools</u> <u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	<u>Teacher Aide</u>
<u>12/2010 – 07/2014</u>	<u>Colton’s Steakhouse</u> <u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	<u>Waitress, Bartender, Trainer</u>

(01/16/2019)

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
Temporary Instructor, English

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

X Faculty

_____ Support Staff

_____ Federal Program: _____

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Brice Matson

POSITION TITLE: Temporary Instructor, English

SALARY: \$35,604

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months X 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months _____

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: January 7, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
AA	Centralia Community College Centralia, WA	Electrical Engineering
BA	University of Missouri Columbia, MO	English
MA	Washington State University Pullman, WA	English

EXPERIENCE _____

<u>2013 - present</u>	<u>Three Rivers College</u>	<u>Adjunct Instructor/</u>
	<u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	<u>Instructional Assistant</u>
<u>2010 – 2012</u>	<u>Poplar Bluff R1 School District</u>	<u>Special Education Teacher</u>
<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	<u>Substitute Teacher</u>
<u>1997 – 2009</u>	<u>Self-Employed</u>	<u>Framer</u>

(01/16/2019)

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
SkillUp Recruitment/Retention Specialist

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer
 X Professional Staff - new grant funded position
_____ Faculty
_____ Support Staff
_____ Federal Program: _____
_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Richard Rossi

POSITION TITLE: SkillUP Recruitment/Retention Specialist

SALARY: \$30,500

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months _____ 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months X

Other: Grant funded position

STARTING DATE: January 2, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
AAS	Three Rivers College Poplar Bluff, MO	EOSH

EXPERIENCE _____

<u>1994 - present</u>	<u>Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center</u>	<u>Radiology Technician</u>
	<u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	
<u>03/2012 - present</u>	<u>Three Rivers College</u>	<u>Adjunct Instructor</u>
	<u>Poplar Bluff, MO</u>	

(01/16/2019)

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Transfer of Position
Program Academic Counselor to Outreach Specialist/Educational Talent Search

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HISTORY

Due to the resignation of Rebecca Hutson, the Outreach Specialist position became available. In conjunction with GAR1120 College Reorganization, the President has recommended the appointment of Ms. Marsha Dawn Price to this position. Ms. Price will assume the new duties effective January 21, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a ten-month, non-exempt, grant funded position through the US Department of Education.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Approve the internal transfer of Ms. Marsha Dawn Price.

(01/16/2019)

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Position Review – Critical Shortage Need
System Administrator

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HISTORY

The System Administrator is a critical position to the institution and impacts all departments. The position has been advertised on a national level, local papers as well as the college web site since mid-October 2018. This position requires a specific skill set and experience with responsibility for the operation, maintenance, development, implementation and security of the college's administrative/student information systems. The insufficient number of qualified applicants leads the college to request the Board of Trustees to declare a shortage of certificated applicants for this position.

Kathy Richardson has been employed with the college in this role since August 1983. She retired from the institution as of October 31, 2019. Mrs. Richardson has the knowledge and experience to resume this role and assist the college with an immediate need. She will assume the role under critical shortage, effective January 8, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a twelve-month, professional staff position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Declare a critical shortage of certified applicants for the System Administrator position and approve the full-time appointment of Kathy Richardson in compliance with all Public School Retirement System guidelines.

(01/16/2019)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Power of Nature to Transform, presented by Poplar Bluff native, Rose Anne Barbour Huck, January 12-February 22, Tinnin Gallery; free. Artist lecture is at 12 p.m., January 25 in the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center, Room 108.

Russian National Ballet performing Cinderella, presented by Patrons of the Arts, 7 p.m. January 28, Tinnin Theater; tickets \$15,

Libla Family Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m., Saturday, February 2, Libla Family Sports Complex; free and open to the public. Plan to stay for the inaugural Lady Raiders and Raiders basketball games as we take on State Fair Community College at 5 and 7 p.m., respectively.

Three Rivers College Alumni Reunion, 5 p.m. February 2, Libla Family Sports Complex; free for alumni.

28th Annual Jazz Festival 7 p.m. February 7 and 9, Tinnin Center; free. The Three Rivers College Music Department's Annual Jazz Festival features two concerts showcasing young musicians from throughout Southeast Missouri. The February 7 concert (Cool Imagination 1) features area junior high and high school jazz bands and the TRC Jazz Band. The February 9 concert (Cool Imagination 2) features an evening of jazz with the Southeast Missouri All-District High School Jazz Band and the TRC Jazz Band.

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

RAIDERS ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball @ Home

1/19-7 p.m. – vs. MO State Univ. – West Plains
1/26-7 p.m. – vs. Moberly Area CC
1/29-7 p.m. – vs. Nation Wide Academy
2/2-7 p.m. – vs. State Fair CC
2/12-7 p.m. – vs. AR Baptist College
2/19-7 p.m. – vs. Southern AR Univ. Tech.

Women's Basketball @ Home

1/19-2 p.m. – vs. Crowder College
1/22-6 p.m. – vs. AR Baptist College
1/26-5 p.m. – vs. Moberly Area CC
2/2-5 p.m. – vs. State Fair CC
2/9--2 p.m. – vs. Jefferson College

Nov. 25, 2018

Daily American Republic

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TRC to host WWI musical

The Patrons of the Arts will present "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914," performed by the acclaimed Theater Latté Da of Minneapolis at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the campus of Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff.

"All is Calm" is a true tale from World War I. The dramatic musical takes place in

1914 when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas together.

"This highly-celebrated musical tells the story of an extraordinary moment in history, and it is beautifully performed by Theater Latté Da," said Robert Abney, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. "Thankfully, we are able to offer this amazing play at

a very affordable price. It's a Christmas show people will not want to miss."

The performance is sponsored by Dental Arts Group.

Tickets are \$15 each and are 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.

Jan. 3, 2019

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BADGE OF HONOR BENEFIT RUN SPONSORS



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Several local businesses have been named as sponsors for the 5th annual Badge of Honor Benefit Run, which is scheduled for April 6. Pictured are (front row, from left) Spoutheast Signs and Graphics' Robert Helton, Hefner Furniture's Amanda Proctor, Cypress Creek Motorsports' Matt Griffin, First Midwest bank's Ashley Proctor, Hefner Furniture's Amy Luke, Ozark Federal Credit Union's Davine Conover, Three Rivers College's Chuck Stratton, Poplar Bluff Fire Chief Ralph Stucker, (back row) Poplar Bluff Police Patrolman Jeff Hovis, Sterling Bank's Todd Talkington, Missouri State Highway Patrol's Clark Parrott, Adam Whittom and Jon Pruiett and Long John Silvers/Foster Refrigeration's Danny Foster. Other sponsors include the Daily American Republic, Artisan Contracting, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Dr. Michael Mpenney Family Eye Care, John Sumrall Construction, Spectra-1 Trophies, Rowland Family Dentistry and Harry Blackwell, Inc.

Dec. 26, 2018

Daily American Republic

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BESS RECEIVES MCCA SENIOR SERVICE AWARD

Photo provided

Three Rivers College Men's Basketball Coach and Professor of Physical Education Gene Bess (left) recently received the Senior Service award from the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA). The award is presented to long-serving employees of Missouri community colleges. Pictured are, from left: Bess and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College.



Nov. 28, 2018

Daily American Republic

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FIRST MIDWEST BANK HELPS PLAY



Submitted photo

Three Rivers College and Patrons of the Arts presented The Imaginary Theatre Company production of "The Christmas Skates" at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on Nov. 13 to children from the Poplar Bluff R-1 School District. The afternoon show was sponsored by First Midwest Bank. From left, Brock Littles of First Midwest Bank and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College.

Dec. 2, 2018

Daily American Republic

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DAR SPONSORS PRODUCTION



Submitted photo

Three Rivers College and Patrons of the Arts presented The Imaginary Theatre Company production of "The Christmas Skates" at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on Nov. 13 to children from the Poplar Bluff R-1 School District. The morning show was sponsored by the *Daily American Republic*. From left, Cynthia Coleman of the *Daily American Republic* and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College.

Dec. 30, 2018

Daily American Republic

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Three Rivers College Dean's list

Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

Butler County

Broseley

Shelby Fratesi, Bailey Knight, Taylor Lourance, Cade Lowe, Jasa Wayne and Jarrica Williams.

Fisk

Makenna Estes, Emily Joiner, Amy Ramback, Heather Waddell and Casey Wayne.

Harviell

Cammie Ferguson, Natalie Flanigan, Rebekah Hill and Ashley Sheppard.

Neelyville

Amy Hogan, Malinda Jeffries, Wyatt Moon and Carter Petty.

Poplar Bluff

Briar Alford, Niccle Allen, Michael Anagnostopoulos, Michael Anderson, Kara Baker, Mark Bales, Zachary Batton, Anna Bidwell, Madison Blasingain, Shelby Bollinger, Robin Boswell, Henry Bournigal, Eve Brazel, Logan Brown, Cara Bubanovich, Libby Burdin, Michelle Burkett, Tanner Canoy, Roy Cleghorn, Ka-

olds, Taylor Rice, Trenton Riggs, Kysha Riley, Jenna Robbins, Samuel Roth, Kaitlyn Ruminer, Darby Scott, Garrett Shackelford, Kristin Smith, Jerrica Starnes, Javian Sterling, Skylar Still, Autumn Stimmell, Christopher Stocks, Autumn Strickland, Adrienne Stucker, Amanda Tenney, Kara Thomas, Kyle Thompson, Shelly Thurman, Tyson Tibbs, Riley Tilley, Forrest VanDover, Vance Vela, Tiffany Wagner, Michael Wall, Joshua Webb, Savannah Weitzel, Jessica White, Adam Woodard and Joshua Woods.

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Patterson

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Joshua Bishop, Darrel Ellis, Jackie Griffith, Keiara Lee, Alyssa Nepean, Jillian Noles and Elisabeth Smith.

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DEKEN EARNS MCCA AWARD

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Retired Three Rivers College Professor of Industrial Technology, Elizabeth Deken (left), recently received the Excellence in Teaching award from the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA). The award is presented annually to outstanding instructors from Missouri community colleges for work done during the previous year. Pictured are, from left: Deken and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College.



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Lady Raiders win with defense

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Three Rivers shifted gears in less than 24 hours. The Lady Raiders went from scoring 85 points and dominating the glass against Lewis and Clark Friday to grinding out its first single-digit win of the season.

Three Rivers got in a dogfight with Southwest Tennessee and came out on top with a 64-55 win in its lowest scoring game of the season.

On a day where consistency shooting the ball came at a premium for two teams struggling from the floor, freshman An'Nayah Pettus was the only Lady Raider to shoot above 50 percent from the field. A day removed from earning a double-double in her debut after a wrist injury sidelined her for the first 12 games of the season, she dropped her second in as many days. This time, Pettus scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, nine on the offensive end.

"It's been pretty awesome effort for two days. Back-to-back games getting a double-double. She just kept us in the game," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said.

Everytime the Lady Raiders (11-3) needed a basket, Pettus was right there. When Three Rivers lost a lead it had held since the 3:25 mark of the first quarter, she went on a personal 8-0 run to put Three Rivers back in front for good.

The composure from a freshman in her second collegiate game impressed Walk.

"How she handles the pressure from being down (is impressive). Same emotion all the way through, you know, not letting things bother her," Walk said.

The Lady Raiders trailed 37-34 in the third quarter when she grabbed one of her offensive rebounds and scored a putback. She then drew a foul attacking the basket on the ensuing possession and split a pair of free throws to tie the score.

The next trip up the floor, she earned an and-one with a layup through contact and buried the free throw to bring the Lady Raiders back up by three. She scored another putback to cap her run.

The Lady Saluqis (6-5) broke Three Rivers' press and scored a layup to end the run in the final moments of the third quarter, but Katelyn South responded by slicing through the lane for a 3-point play with seconds remaining. The 3-point play put Three Rivers ahead by five entering the final frame.

"We switched presses and kind of got them sped up, and that's really what got us back in the ball game and got us the lead," Walk said. "Katelyn South had an and-one with about 1.5 seconds to go that really changed how we ended that

quarter, and that just kind of gave us the momentum going into the fourth."

Pettus picked up where she left off to start the fourth when Hannah Thurmon blocked a shot, grabbed the rebound and threw a home run pass down the court. Pettus caught the

pass, pump-faked to get a defender in the air and finished the layup for another and-one.

Thurmon was a defensive force all day, finishing with six blocks to complement her 12 points. The Lady Raiders again shot 80 percent from the free-throw line, going 20 for 25.

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Lady Raiders don't show any rust in first game after 3 weeks off

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — After more than three weeks off, Three Rivers was back in action Friday and looking like the same team that posted nine wins in its first 12 games, aside from two additions.

Freshman An'Nayah Pettus made her collegiate debut after missing the team's first dozen games with a wrist injury, and redshirt sophomore Casey

Douglas returned from a foot injury that kept her out for nine games.

Pettus posted a double-double in her first collegiate game, scoring 10 points on 5 for 7 from the field and grabbing 13 rebounds in 18 minutes.

"She just dominated the glass, came back with 10 points and 13 rebounds," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said. "That just takes a load off other people. Now, one of our kids inside get winded or get in foul

trouble, we've got somebody that can go in and get it."

Jordan Little, Deaney Watson and J'Kayla Fowler were their usual selves, helping Three Rivers get on a game-clinching run in the third quarter to put away Lewis and Clark for an 85-68 win.

Balance was key for the Lady Raiders (10-3), who finished the game with five players in double figures, led by Fowler's 18 in 22 minutes off the bench. Hav-

ing its full rotation back is a big benefit for Three Rivers with region play starting Jan. 5.

"It's just going to make us better all the way around. I mean, the kids can just go as hard as they can go and play harder than the other team," Walk said.

Three Rivers put on a dominating performance on the glass, finishing plus-21 with a 51-30 edge.

The Lady Raiders started strong in the first half, steadily building a 13-point

lead through minutes.

In the third quarter, that 13-point lead shrank down to seven as Lewis and Clark (10-2) had momentum on its side thanks to six points from Alexus Williams and four from Jocelyn Anderson. Williams finished with a game-high 22 points.

Three Rivers took a couple of timeouts in the third quarter to try to figure out how to stem the tide, and Watson, Little and Fowler all took turns

briefly taking over the scoring load on offense to solve that problem.

The Lady Raiders went 18 for 21 from the free-throw line for an 85.7 percent performance, large improvement over their 62.5 percent mark entering the game.

Lewis and Clark cut the Three Rivers lead down to 13 points near the end of the fourth quarter, but the Lady Raiders answered every challenge they were dealt in the game.

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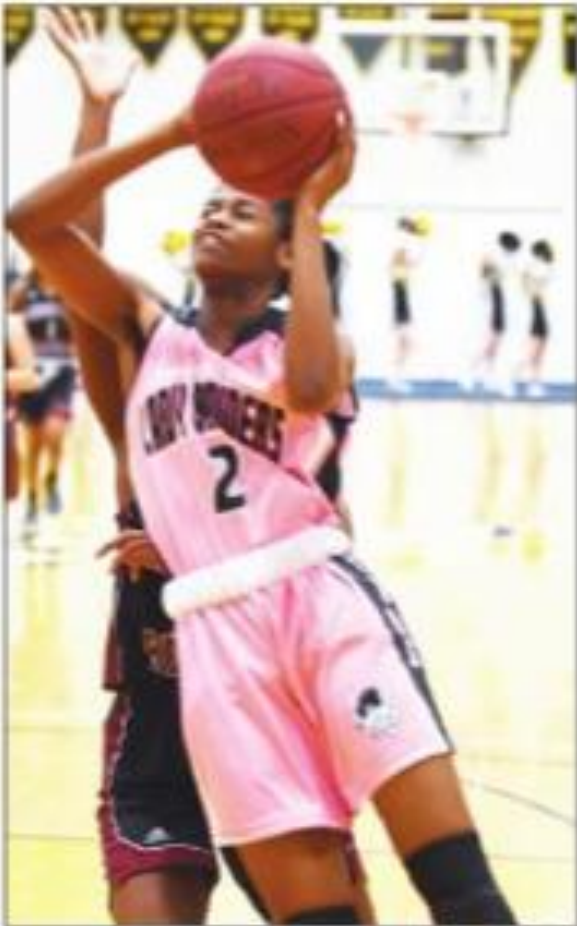
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DOUBLY DOMINANT



Three Rivers freshman, Kayla Fowler, attempts a layup on a Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, in the final minutes of the game against Lindenwood-Belleville. (By Nate Fields for Daily American Republic)

Lady Raiders put together a 2nd 76-point win against an overmatched JV opponent

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Three Rivers won a game by 76 points for the second time in a week.

The Lady Raiders forced 35 turnovers, which led to 54 points, in a 106-30 demolition of Lindenwood-Belleville JV Saturday night in the finale of

The Shelter Insurance Lady Raiders Classic.

"The main thing I noticed from tonight versus (Friday) was tonight when they stepped on the floor, they were more aggressive, offensively and knew when they got in there they were going to be able to score," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said. "(Friday), I

didn't feel like they had that look in their eye."

Deanay Watson was the beneficiary of many of those points off turnovers. She finished with 24 points and a season-high 12 rebounds, earning her fifth double-double of the season.

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"Again, it was going up and just trying to finish, trying to score," Walk said. "Baby steps along and then hopefully that'll get us where it'll be an every-game occurrence.

Freshman J'Kayla Fowler and Jordan Little were anchors on the defensive end, coming up with six steals apiece to spark a lot of transition layups. Freshman Hannah Thurmon totaled 9 points, eight rebounds and eight assists in a consistent all-around performance for the Lady Raiders.

Freshman Katelyn South found her groove offensively after struggling Friday against Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, scoring 23 points on a red-hot 9-of-12 clip from the floor.

"For Katelyn, when she gets her elbow underneath the basketball, it goes in," Walk said. "When she's just throwing it up there like darts, it never gets above the rim. That's just getting used to the college game and the quickness of kids running out to you."

Three Rivers (5-3) was

all over Lindenwood-Belleville in the wire-to-wire win. Little and Watson both got on the board less than a minute into the game when Little sank a layup with her left hand and Watson converted a steal into an easy finish on the other end.

Watson scored seven of the first nine points for the Lady Raiders. The Lady Raiders' largest run was 27-4 to end the first half.

During the run, sophomore Kim Shaw scored nine of the final 11 points to close the half. She started with a wide open 3-pointer on the wing, then caught an outlet pass from South, who was still on her knees after diving to get a steal, and scored an open layup. Shaw finished the run with a steal and score with under five seconds in a dominant first half for the hosts, who led 63-14 at the intermission.

Shaw finished with 11 points, five assists, four rebounds and a pair of steals.

The easy passes after each steal led to the Lady Raiders piling up 31 assists. The Lady Raiders' bench scored 41 points, six of which came from freshman Jenny Morey,

who is on the Three Rivers softball team and was recently added to the squad for depth. Freshman Lana Reed missed the game due to drill obligations with the National Guard.

The second half was al-

most equally as lopsided despite Three Rivers backing out of the full-court press and working on its half-court defense.

"We set some goals at halftime that we didn't want to let them accom-

plish," Walk said. "That's what you do in games like this, you set goals like we don't wanna let them get so many offensive rebounds or we don't wanna let them score so many points here and things like that."

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Lady Raiders enter new year with healthy roster

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

The Region 16 schedule has arrived for the Lady Raiders at the perfect time.

Three Rivers finished 2018 at 11-3 despite missing some pieces for long stretches of the first semester.

Freshman An'Nyah Pettus dealt with a wrist injury that sidelined her for the team's first 12 games, and redshirt sophomore Casey Douglas missed nine games with a foot injury. Both players practiced fully after Christmas and played in the Lady Raiders' final two non-region games last week, and Pettus made her presence known immediately.

The North Little Rock, Arkansas, native posted 10 points and 13 rebounds in 18 minutes in her debut against Lewis and Clark. She followed

“No injuries right now, and we're all back, so that's good for us right now at the beginning of the region.”

—Casey Douglas

that performance with 24 points and 10 rebounds in 22 minutes in a win over Southwest

Tennessee, proving she could be a problem for opponents down the stretch. Pettus said she was always in the gym during Christmas break trying to get ready to go.

“Just being in the gym every day during Christmas break trying to get my right hand back strong and trying to get healthy and help my team out and get higher in the region,” Pettus said.

Now at full strength, the Lady Raiders bring a roster full of balanced production into Saturday's Region XVI opener against Mineral Area at 5 p.m. at the Bess Activity Center.

“That's huge,” Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said. “The second part of that is we've got to stay healthy between now and the first of March. There's going to be 15 or 16 games played, and hopefully, we can make it through that with no major injuries or any injuries because that can win or lose a region tournament.”

Added Douglas, “My main goal was just trying to get healthy, so I'm glad that I'm good now and that we're all good. No injuries right now, and we're all back, so that's good for us right now at the beginning of the region.”



Three Rivers' J'Kayla Fowler, right, collides with Deanay Watson (1) during a drill at Monday's practice in the Bess Activity Center.

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LADY RAIDERS

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Three Rivers has six different players averaging double figures in scoring, led by Pettus at 17 per game in her two appearances. Hailee Erickson averages 13.8 and Deany Watson posts 13.7 points per game. Jordan Little (12.2), J'Kayla Fowler (11.6) and Katelyn South (11.5) add to a balanced offense.

Each season, it is always an open question on how the freshmen will handle the increased intensity of region games.

“It's always tougher and more physical,” said Douglas, one of two returning players along with Erickson. “And there's a little bit more pressure.”

On top of that, the mental preparation increases dramatically at this time of the year. Walk said he watches 200 percent more film when the region schedule approaches.

“We have to practice every day and go hard every day just so we can get ready for the

region schedule). We're trying to practice like we're trying to play,” Pettus said.

With every team preparing for the region schedule to begin, here's how each Region XVI team has fared heading into the start of the new year.

Mineral Area

Mineral Area (10-3) is the only other team in the region with 10 or more wins.

The Cardinals average 67.1 points per game compared to the Lady Raiders at 86.7.

Mineral Area sophomore Holly Forbes is averaging a double-double for the year with 15.9 points and 10 rebounds per game while shooting a shade under 54 percent from the floor. Freshmen Natalia Lalic and Masyn McWilliams are the Cardinals' other double figure scorers at 12.3 and 11.2 points per game, respectively.

The Cardinals defeated Southeastern Illinois twice, a team which the Lady Raiders lost a double overtime thriller to at the buzzer.

Three Rivers and Mineral Area will play at 5 p.m. Satur-

day and again at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Park Hills.

“This first game with a bunch of freshmen, we're testing the waters. Both teams will test the waters,” Walk said. “That second one in February, when we play MAC at their place, it'll all but be a brawl.”

Crowder

At 5-8, the Roughriders enter January averaging 64 points per game but are shooting 37.8 percent from the floor and 32.9 percent from 3-point range.

Sophomore Elle Williams is the only Crowder player averaging double figures in scoring with 13.4 points per game while shooting 35 percent from the floor in 29 minutes per game. Sydney Limy and Maegan Bandimeric both average nine points per game.

Three Rivers and Crowder don't share any common opponents so far and will matchup at 2 p.m., Jan. 19, at Three Rivers, and again at 2 p.m., Feb. 23 at Crowder.

Jefferson

Jefferson has dealt with

many of the same struggles plaguing Crowder. With a 5-8 record, Jefferson averages 65 points per game, shoots 41 percent from the floor and 26 percent on 3-pointers.

Briar Johnson leads the team with a 15.8 points per game average while doubling as its best free throw shooter at 88 percent on the year.

Both Jefferson and Three Rivers enter January with wins over Rend Lake. John A. Logan defeated Jefferson twice, while the Lady Raiders defeated Logan twice by double figures.

The first matchup between Three Rivers and Jefferson will be at 5 p.m., Jan. 30 at Jefferson. The two teams will meet nine days later at 2 p.m., Feb. 9 at the Bess Activity Center.

Moberly Area

Moberly Area (7-7) is in the midst of a three-game losing streak. Four of the Greyhounds' losses have come by single digits and they are shooting 37.6 percent from the floor. Free-throw shooting has been a struggle with the team

shooting 55 percent from the stripe. To make matters worse for the Greyhounds, they average fewer than 10 assists per game.

The Greyhounds have three players averaging double figures, led by Kezia Holmes at 15.4 points per game on 45.7 percent shooting. Mauecia Mathis and Chatori Tyler average 11.8 and 11.6 points per game, respectively.

Moberly Area's worst loss came against No. 7 Wabash Valley by 51 points. The Lady Raiders lost to Wabash Valley by 21 points in November.

State Fair

State Fair (4-8) enters the new year with the worst record among Region 16 teams. The Roadrunners are led by sophomore guard Jazzayn Elston, who averages 16.8 points per game and shoots just under 85 percent from the free-throw line. Freshman Nokoya White is the only other State Fair player in double figures at 10 points per game.

State Fair played Wabash Valley twice, losing by 21

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Team	W	L	PCT.
Mineral Area	10	3	.769
MSU-West Plains	11	4	.730
Moberly Area	12	5	.706
State Fair	7	8	.467
Three Rivers	8	8	.500

Sunday's Games

Moberly Area 34, Henry Ford 67

Monday's Games

Moberly Area 78, John Wood 83

Tuesday's Games

No games

Wednesday's Games

Mineral Area vs. Park Prep, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

No games

NJCAA WOMEN'S REGION XVI

Team	W	L	PCT.
Three Rivers	11	3	.785
Mineral Area	11	3	.785
Moberly Area	7	6	.538
Jefferson	5	8	.385
Crowder	5	8	.385
State Fair	4	8	.333

Sunday's Games

No games

Monday's Games

No games

Tuesday's Games

Mineral Area 65, Henry Ford 72

Wednesday's Games

Crowder at Redwood, 6 p.m.

Thursday's Games

No games

points and 22 points in November. Both the Roadrunners and the Lady Raiders have played at Park Hills and Lake, while both teams lost to

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Lady Raiders just keep winning

Three Rivers rolls, hasn't lost since November

By SCOTT BORKGREN
Sports Writer

It's been two months and counting since Three Rivers lost.

The Lady Raiders doubled up Dyersburg State's scoring throughout the first half to pull away and comfortably win 96-61 on Monday at the Bess Activity Center.

The Lady Raiders have now won six in a row dating back to November. Their last loss was by four points to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Nov. 30, and two of their three losses were by four points or less.

"We just keep learning from our wins. Not every game is perfect. We have things every game we have to work on," Three Rivers' Hailee Erickson said.

From a 4-2 lead, to 8-4, to 18-9, and eventually 46-27 at halftime, the Lady Raiders never allowed the Lady Eagles any momentum.

"We ran pretty much 5-out tonight and we had kids stepped up and made shots," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said.

Dyersburg's biggest run against Three Rivers' full court pressure was four points late in the second quarter. It was the only time the Lady Eagles (10-6) scored unanswered buckets in the first half.

"We took advantage of our quickness tonight, and just communicating and getting together as a team," Three Rivers' Deany Watson said.



See STREAK/PAGE 11A Three Rivers' Hannah Thurmon, left, dribbles past Dyersburg State's Tasia Bland on Monday at the Bess Activity Center. DA/Scott Borkgren

Neither team scored a point in the final 3 1/2 minutes of the first quarter, but Three Rivers (13-3) burst into the second.

Katelyn South, who finished with 14 points and four assists, sank a 3 on Three Rivers' first possession of the second quarter and Erickson, who led Three Rivers with 19 points, followed with another.

Ahead by 14 with eight minutes left in the half, Three Rivers put together a nine-point run, its biggest of the first half.

"Just getting up and getting pressure, making them feel panicked and rushed and make passes they don't want to pass," Erickson said.

Hannah Thurmon started it off with a spin move on the block that knocked down her defender.

After Watson made a free throw, Olivia Sadler drove left and down the lane for a layup, and J'Kayla Fowler finished a runcut with a layup about 25 seconds later.

Not done, South drove for another layup to finish the run and put Three Rivers ahead 41-18, its biggest lead of the first half.

Three Rivers earned a new largest lead stat early in the second half and pushed its lead to 30 points after Fowler stole and inbounds pass, was fouled on a missed layup, and swished the backend free throw midway through the third quarter.

Three Rivers eventually backed out of its press in the fourth quarter and led by as much as 36 in the game.

Four Lady Raiders finished in double figures.

Along with Erickson (19 points) and South (14 points), Watson earned her sixth double-double of the season with 14 points and 11 rebounds on 6 for 9 shooting, and Jordan Little finished with 11 points.

"It means a lot," Watson said of her six double-doubles in 16 games. "I was a redshirt last year, so coming in and doing this for me and for our team, to work to get us to the national tournament, it means a lot."

Three Rivers forced 30 turnovers and had 27 points off turnovers to go with a plus-18 rebounding advantage and three extra second-chance points.

Both teams made seven 3-pointers, but Three Rivers attempted 10 fewer and finished 39 percent on 3-pointers while Dyersburg was 25 percent.

Three Rivers outscored Dyersburg by at least nine points in each of the first three quarters while it was pressing. After pulling out of the press in the fourth, Dyersburg scored 21 points to Three Rivers' 20.

The Lady Raiders outscored Dyersburg 30-13 in the third quarter to take their 36-point lead going into the fourth.

"We were trying to work on some stuff in the fourth quarter," Walk said. "There is going to be a team somewhere down there we won't be able to press and we have

to work on our halfcourt defense. I'm hoping that team is in the tournament somewhere, because we can flat guard you when we want to."

Miyah Ursery led the Lady Eagles with 12 points and was Dyersburg's only player in double figures.

Three Rivers next plays at 5:30 p.m. Friday at State Fair, followed by a 5 p.m. game Saturday at Moberly Area.

"We're focused for it," Watson said. "Everyone is focused to take it on and we're ready to bat-

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Lady Raiders can't contain NJCAA 'Player of the Week'

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Sometimes, one player can make the difference in a game. Friday night, that difference was Northeastern Oklahoma A&M forward Bethy Mununga.

Three Rivers had no answer for Mununga in her 33 minutes on the court. The previous NJCAA Player of the Week racked up a game-high 24 points and 17 rebounds on a nearly perfect 12-of-14 shooting night from the floor as NEO outlasted Three Rivers 82-72, ending the Lady Raiders' four-game winning streak.

The Three Rivers zone had trouble keeping up with NEO's offense at times throughout the night. Crisp passing, side-to-side movement and timely cuts through the lane and along the baseline kept the Lady Raiders off balance.

"They moved the ball well," coach Jeff Walk said. "They got us caught in a couple rotations in our zone defense that's their. If they make those quick passes, it's hard to get people where they need to get in to cover shots and get rebounds."

NEO's defense slowed down Three Rivers' attack and had the hosts settling for 3-pointers and caused them to turn the ball over 21



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Three Rivers sophomore Hailee Erickson (13) dribbles past Northeastern Oklahoma defender Megan Jackson during the first half Friday. Erickson led Three Rivers with 20 points.

times, leading to 26 points off turnovers for the Lady Norsemen.

The third quarter is where NEO created enough separation to survive a late comeback attempt from Three Rivers.

After trailing by 9 points at halftime, Three Rivers stormed out of the locker room with the first seven points of the third quarter behind a 3-pointer from freshman Jordan Little and baskets by sophomores Kim Shaw and Hailee Erickson that cut the deficit to 33-31.

NEO took the body blow and responded with an 11-2 run that was sparked by a pair of mid-range jumpers by Mununga. All night, Mununga and the NEO offense

were making 15-footers — a shot that isn't often relied on nowadays — look like layups.

"That's on them for making good shots, but it's hard to win those games when it counts, though," Walk said. "That mid-range game is hard to come across."

Kiara Brooks picked off a pass and took it coast-to-coast for a layup to finish the run and score a pair of her 19 points, putting NEO up by double figures for the first time with just over seven minutes left in the third quarter.

A 14-4 run by the Lady Norsemen put the Lady Raiders in their biggest hole of the game in the fourth quarter.

Jo'nah Johnson started the fourth by nailing a triple on a sequence in which every Lady Norsemen on the floor touched the ball before finding her alone on the wing near her bench. Two plays later, Brooks was waiting in the corner when a defender deflected the ball right into her shooting pocket for another 3. Four straight made free throws from Johnson put Three Rivers down 25 points.

"They were a good team, and lately, we haven't been playing teams like that," Erickson said. "It was just different playing teams that would back off and wouldn't be up on us as much."

The Lady Raiders missed a comeback once Mununga went to the bench for the final five minutes of the game. As soon as she took a seat, Three Rivers exploded on a 12-0 run.

The Lady Raiders began attacking the paint and drawing fouls to try and get back in the game, and it almost worked. Erickson and freshman Lana Reed each hit a pair of free throws to pull within 20 points. Freshman Katelyn South drove the line and faked a pass before hitting a layup through contact, drawing a foul.

"We were just getting into the flow and figuring things out and able to get to

the rim and get fouls," Erickson said. "Coach said we need to start getting to the rim and scoring when the clock is stopped so we can cut into the lead faster."

Three Rivers made another defensive stop, and Erickson took an outlet pass from South all the way to the rim for two. Erickson made two more free throws on the ensuing possession, forcing a timeout from NEO.

Erickson put the onus on herself to score late as she attacked the rim again for another layup. She nearly had a steal seconds later, but she was whistled for a foul on what would've been an easy layup for the Lady Raiders with a minute left.

"She's a sophomore; she's been through this," Walk said. "That's what we expect her to do, and she kind of stepped up to the plate today. We went four low with her getting to the basket, and she's not the fastest kid in the gym, but she's the best free-throw shooter we have."

With the clock working against them, time ran out on Three Rivers as the comeback attempt fell short.

"The kids worked hard," Walk said. "We're still young. We still revert back to some high school stuff. But we learn from games like this."

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Three Rivers freshman J'Kayla Fowler, right, dives for a loose ball against ASU Mid-South guard Briana Stewart during the first half of Tuesday's game. Fowler finished with four steals, tying the game-high.

"If you move the ball plenty of times, it's going to be hard to keep up with, so we like to do that," Little said.

The only offense ASU Mid-South generated typically came from Tatyana Burks on the baseline for mid-range jumpers. Burks finished with 9 points but shot 4-of-23 from the floor.

Tori Foster knocked down a 3-pointer and Javia Wilson added a jumper to put the score at 10-7 after freshman Hannah Thurmon split a pair at the free-throw line, but that's the closest the visitors would get for the remainder of the game.

A 20-4 run to finish the first quarter put the game well out of reach and had the Lady Raiders coasting to the finish line.

After a one-sided second quarter saw the Lady Raiders leading 50-19 at the half, the hosts backed out of their normal full-court press and worked on half-court defense.

"Whether we're pressing or not, we want to go hard, but in circumstances like these, we don't need to press, so we just have to go hard in our half-court defense as well. Our communication has helped us know where the pass is going and get to it first."

The Lady Greyhounds didn't score a point through the first 6 minutes of the third quarter when Burks banked in a desperation 3 late in the shot clock.

Three Rivers responded with another big run, this time at 12-2. With the Lady Greyhounds playing with four players, the fourth quarter became somewhat of a practice drill with finding open space on the floor for 3s and layups and forcing some turnovers.

"We've been working the last two or three weeks on moving with the basketball (on defense), moving the ball from side to side, being there early (and) give them that perception that they're open but we're quick enough that we're getting those passes, and that's starting to happen," Walk said.

Lady Raiders win by 76 points against Arkansas Mid-South

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders could've stopped scoring after the first quarter and still won.

After leading 30-11 after the first quarter, Three Rivers allowed a combined 11 points throughout the remainder of the game Tuesday at the Bess Activity Center as it dismantled Arkansas State Mid-South 104-28, its largest margin of victory since a 113-41 win over Missouri Baptist JV on Dec. 1, 2017.

ASU Mid-South was short-handed, dressing five players and playing with four after Nariah Matthews fouled out with just under 8 minutes left in the third quarter, but Three Rivers got everything it wanted at will and topped its 100-64 win over ASU Mid-South in the season opener.

Six players scored in double figures for the Lady Raiders, led by sophomore Hailee Erickson's 21 on five 3-pointers and nine assists.

Sophomore Kim Shaw finished a rebound and an assist

shy of a triple double, tallying 14 points, nine assists and a game-high nine rebounds in a team-leading 34 minutes.

"We had 42 makes on 28 assists, and that's pretty good sharing the ball," coach Jeff Walk said. "That's going to beat some good teams. ... We're starting to figure it out. It's good to see that they're moving from practice to games and applying it. So, baby steps."

The rebounding battle was as one-sided as it gets: Three Rivers was plus-37 on the glass (52 to 15), grabbing more offensive rebounds (19) than the visitors had total rebounds.

Freshman Jordan Little knocked down a trey off a skip pass from Shaw 31 seconds into the game and the rout was on. Erickson followed up with a 3 in the corner on the ensuing possession courtesy of another pass from Shaw.

Little knocked down the second of her four 3s on a fast break to give Three Rivers three made triples in two minutes and a 9-2 lead.



Three Rivers freshman Deany Watson (1) drives to the basket against ASU Mid-South guard Briana Stewart during Tuesday night's game. Watson tallied 16 points and eight rebounds.

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In their first game in a week, the Lady Raiders were on the right end of a 37 to nothing advantage in points off turnovers.

The Lady Raiders will play their second of four straight games at home at 8 p.m. Friday against Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

Twin Rivers alum South nets best game of her freshman season

By NATE FIELD6 Sports Writer

Whether at home or on the road, the Lady Raiders twice have been too much for John A. Logan to handle this season.

After a 93-74 win at John A. Logan on Nov. 17, the Lady Raiders throttled the Lady Volunteers even worse with an 87-57 win Tuesday at the Bess Activity Center.

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DAR Nate Field6

Three Rivers freshman Karellyn South drives down the lane to attempt a layup in the first half of Tuesday's game against John A. Logan. South scored a season-high 27 points.

The Lady Raiders were balanced offensively with every player in uniform scoring at least a point. Freshman Karellyn South led all scorers with a season-high 27 points, six steals, five rebounds and three assists in 29 minutes in her most complete game of the season so far.

"(South) has had a couple in the 20s, but tonight, she shot the ball really well," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said. "She's got active hands; she can shoot the ball; she can make free throws. It was just a great performance."

South didn't see her performance coming. Her shots weren't falling in the pregame warmups, but she found her groove at the perfect time.

"In warmups, my shot was completely off and I was getting so mad, but I don't know, I guess it worked out," South said.

Freshman Joetan Little knocked down four triples on her way to 17 points and five assists.

The common theme in Three Rivers' successful games has been defensive tenacity. The Lady Raiders brought that on Tuesday as the full-court press forced turnovers and allowed the hosts to run in transition and get easy layups. Little showed a perfect example of that tenacious style of play in the third quarter when she deflected two passes and got on the ground for a loose ball less than a minute into the half.

"Effort wins ballgames. That's not changed since elementary, junior high, high school, college, or even pro," Walk said. "If you put forth effort, good things will happen to you. They understand that, and they're going to sacrifice little lugs and bruises, you know, getting on the floor just for the team. That's great to see."

South had a knack for finding the ball all game. In the third quarter after a missed free throw, she souck up behind a much bigger ZaKyra Stallworth and ripped the ball right from her hands and dished it to Lana Reed for a layup.

"Coach yells at me quite a bit to get up and stay up, so that kind of keeps me motivated to stay up on defense and it helps me get more steals when I'm up," South said.

The Lady Raiders scored the first eight points of the game and never looked

back in the wire-to-wire win.

Freshman Hannah Thurmon scored the first two points of the game, and South pushed the lead to double digits almost immediately with a layup off of an assist from sophomore Hailee Erickson after freshman J'Kayla Fowler came up with a steal, pushing the score to 13-2. South went on a personal 7-0 run with a steal and score in the backcourt and a try in transition on the next possession.

Thurmon finished with eight points, 10 rebounds and five assists in a well-rounded performance.

"I know how to get other people open, and getting a rebound provides more opportunities for my teammates," Thurmon said. "I have to get in there and get it done on the inside if the shots aren't falling on the outside."

The Lady Raiders' defense was so consistent it held the Lady Volunteers to 15 points in the first half.

"It was just a great defensive effort," Walk said. "We held them to 15 points at half. That's pretty good defense. Granted, we didn't score enough points for me, but yet, 15 points at the half, that's pretty tough."

Three Rivers maintained a consistent lead all the way through the second half until a 15-0 run in the fourth put them ahead by over 30 points.

South started the run with a pull-up 3-pointer to stretch the lead above 20. Another steal and score from the Twin Rivers alum

added two more, and Little scored got a layup and a foul on a fast break on the next possession. South added back-to-back 3s before Kim Shaw finished the burst with a layup from Little on a four-on-one fast break.

The win is the fifth by 30 or more points for Three Rivers this season, and all but one of its wins have been by 20 or more.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Crowder College to open the Crowder Classic against Lyon College JV at 5 p.m. Friday.



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Three Rivers freshman Deany Watson (1) attempts a layup against John A. Logan defender Alicia Hornbuckle during the first half of Tuesday's game. Watson scored eight points.

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TRC students go through mass casualty training
'WE PREPARE THE STUDENTS FOR ANYTHING'

TRAINING

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and actually participate in the pre-hospital event that we have set up for them," said TRC EMS Coordinator Tami Cunningham.

Previously discussing the lecture portion of what to do during a mass casualty, Cunningham said students went directly into "action mode" and put everything they have learned into the practice portion of the lesson.

During the mass casualty training, students are not told what the scenario will be ahead of time and could range from an active shooter to a multiple vehicle car accident.

Held twice a year, Cun-

ningham said the scenario is changed each semester.

"Any type of medical or traumatic emergency, we train for that," she said.

The event is set up very realistic and includes participants donning life-like injuries and casualties created with makeup.

Patients suffered burns, impelled objects and, head and crush injuries, Cunningham said.

To keep the training as realistic as possible, vitals were even reported as if the participants had actually suffered their mimicked injuries.

"The event went very well," she said. "We had several students in different roles such as leadership and transport roles."

Five ambulances and two Air Evac helicopters on scene transported patients to the hospital along with a student and duty crew from agencies in attendance. The transport as well as on-scene care gave students the opportunity to train with professionals in the field they are working toward.

When the students returned from transporting patients to the hospital, Cunningham reported they were excited and had learned a lot through the opportunity to practice what they were learning in the classroom.

"We prepare the students for anything," Cunningham said. "We want to prepare them for when they are out of the program and go to work."



By CHRIS KRAMER Staff Writer

Three Area College (TRC) EMS students were part of a mass casualty training exercise at Three Rivers College (TRC) on Nov. 22. The students, who were part of the TRC EMS program, were trained by TRC EMS Coordinator Tami Cunningham and other staff members.

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The scene simulated a mass casualty incident with several patients lying on the ground. TRC EMS staff members, including TRC EMS Coordinator Tami Cunningham, TRC EMS staff members, and TRC EMS staff members, were part of the training exercise.

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Raiders lose two players for season during break

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

The Raiders will be missing a couple of starters for the remainder of the season.

During Christmas break, redshirt sophomore Chris Stocks quit the team for unspecified reasons. He'll leave behind 8.8 points per game and a 22 minutes per game average.

"I wish him well," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said.

Freshman Jay Hines is also lost for the season due to academic ineligibility. In 14 games this season, he averaged 7.4 points and five rebounds on 55 percent shooting from the field.

"He didn't make it academically, and that kind of shocked me because he's one of our best people from the standpoint of he goes to class every day," Bess said. "I got no bad feedback from him on his grade checks, but apparently he just didn't do his work down late."

Freshman Austin Parker will miss a game while he completes a class to meet his requirement of at least 12 credit hours to keep his academic eligibility.

"He withdrew from a class. He has to have 12 hours and he's at 11. He's taking an intersection class, which he seems to be doing pretty well in, so that would get him to 14 since it's a three-hour class, so I think he's going to be all right," Bess said.

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"I've seen it happen positively, and that's my thinking going into this semester is that we're just going to get together and everybody's going to fill in around our lost players and by season's end we're going to be right in the hunt."
— Gene Bess



Three Rivers' Khalil Johnson, right, holds the ball while Aaron Tait, left, and another player hit him with pads during a post drill at Monday's practice in the Bess Activity Center.

When he returns, Parker could be a player Three Rivers (6-8) looks for to help fill the void.

In 16 minutes per game and 11 games played this season, Parker averaged 5.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game on just under 57 percent shooting from the floor while his season-high in shots taken is six.

"I've just been getting into the gym more and preparing myself for the load I'm about to overtake, so just been getting in the gym more, getting more reps in and just being able to take that load on myself, on my mind and get my mind more ready for it and get ready to play hard and get myself more conditioned for it, too," Parker said.

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Rebounding woes worsen or Raiders

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

CAMDEN, Ark. — The Raiders came up just short in a game of runs against Southern Arkansas University Tech.

After the Raiders had taken a four-point lead with an 11-0 run that started with around six minutes left in the game, the Rockets responded with an 18-4 run to close out the game and deal the Raiders their fourth straight loss, 92-82.

Freshman Tallen Fonda dislocated his finger early in the second half and was sidelined for the remainder of the game. Fonda had gotten off to a strong start with 12 points on a 5 for 9 shooting clip in 17 minutes.

"We actually took him to the ER down there, and they already have it set and everything. It wasn't broken, so I don't know what that means (for his status) exactly, but I would say he'll be able to play pretty quick," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said.

After he went down, the short-handed Raiders (6-9) had no answer for Jalund Mitchell inside and on the glass. Mitchell tallied his second double-double of the year, scoring 37 points and grabbing 16 rebounds for season highs in both categories.

"We just didn't have anybody to guard him," Bess said. "We tried everybody. We were trying to figure out who to guard him, and about everybody took turns trying to guard him. It wasn't that he was very big, but he was bigger than us and a pretty good player."

Tristan Jarrett took a couple of falls in the first half and had to exit the game momentarily but didn't sit out for long as he logged 32 minutes. The nation's leader in scoring average scored six points in the first half but caught fire in the second. He scored 20 points in the second half to bring his total to a team-high 26, two below his season average of 28.2 coming into the game. He added seven rebounds and five assists to lead the Raiders in both categories.

Down 12 points, Jarrett scored 12 straight for the Raiders to pull them back within striking distance. Sheldon Stevens kept knocking down 3s, though, to match Jarrett's production, and Mitchell kept working inside as the two were able to keep the Rockets (7-6) ahead.

Three Rivers took the lead and had all of the momentum on its side after a 14-0 run gave the visitors their first lead since the score was 33-32 late in the first half. Miganeh Jama and Mandarius Dickerson buried back-to-back 3s to get the run started, and Jama finished it off with a layup to put the Raiders ahead by four points late in the game.

Then, the Rockets began to double-team Jarrett and continued to rely on Mitchell inside since the Raiders didn't have any bigs left to matchup with him, and the 11-0 run to clinch the game followed.

Seventeen offensive rebounds from the Rockets hurt the Raiders, leading to 17 second-chance points for the hosts and 14 more shot attempts. The Raiders were also hurt by 27 turnovers, which led to 31 points for the Rockets.

"They pressed us, and we've got guys playing out of position," Bess said. "We had to play (guard Abiodun Ayetimi) in the post, you know, a 6-foot postman. We had them playing positions that they've never played in their life. I guess, and we didn't handle the ball well, and we didn't rebound well."

"Those are two things in basketball you've got to do."

With an increased workload due to the absence of Jay Hines, Austin Parker and Chris Stocks, Jama and Khalil Johnson saw a boost in their minutes and production. Jama finished with a season-high 13 points in 25 minutes. Johnson tied his season-high with 13 points in a starting role.

RAIDERS DROP FINALE

Three-game winning streak ending by NEO

By NATE FIELDS Sports Writer

The Raiders' longest winning streak since February 2017 will have to come at a later date.

After the Raiders held a 12-point lead in the first half and were looking to extend their winning streak to four games, Northeast Oklahoma A&M (8-4) punts Ravel Moody and Kyle Lukasiewicz combined for 51 points to lead the Norsemen past the Raiders 79-69.

"I was just kind of disappointed that we didn't show any pose attacking the zone," coach Gene Bess said.

Three Rivers (5-5) trailed by as many as 13 points with around 6 minutes to go in the game, but a 10-3 run gave the Raiders hope late.

Sophomore Tristan Izoretz tried to take over, scoring seven of his team-high 26 points during the run. He drove through contact for a layup, nailed a fadeaway along the baseline after covalling an errant pass and stepped into a 3-pointer that was a couple of feet beyond the arc to pull the Raiders within six with under 2 minutes to play.

The defense wasn't as solid as it'd been during the previous three games, though, and it hurt the Raiders late. Valentin Van Putten got open along the baseline and Moody dropped it off to him for a layup to stretch the lead back to eight. Two possessions later, Moody capped his 28-point performance with a drive and two-handed dunk from the baseline.

"We didn't do our jobs," red-shirt sophomore Abiodun Ayetimiyi said. We didn't really attack the zone. We were out there relaxing and believing in our shot. We should've cut up the zone more, but we didn't, so I feel that really affected us."



Three Rivers freshman Austin Parker tries to block a shot attempt from Kyle Benford in the first half of Saturday's game against Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

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Despite the late struggles, Three Rivers played a determined first half.

The 3-pointers were falling early and often for the Raiders, who used a barrage of six early triples to jump ahead 22-10 just 5 minutes into the game. New starters Hayden Sprinkel and Ayetimiyi made the most of their early minutes by connecting on four of those early shots from beyond the arc.

"We jumped out and got off to a good lead like we have been, but that zone really syrnied it," Bess said. "We just don't have enough leadership out on the court. ... It was a step moving forward and about two steps back tonight because we just didn't come and compete like we could."

NEO took the punch and came back with a shot of its own, rattling off a 10-0 run to pull within a point. Moody went off in the first half, scoring 19 points and sparking the run with a pump fake into a 3-pointer to pull back within single



PHOTO BY NATE FIELDS

Three Rivers sophomore Chris Stocks gathers the ball and prepares to rise up for a layup in the first half of Saturday's game against Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

digits. Moody then drove to the lane and missed a layup, but the ball bounced right back to him for a putback. Moody then stepped into a triple and knocked it down, scoring eight of the 10 points on the run.

Three Rivers never lost its lead in the first half, leading 42-35 at the intermission but NEO started to take over in the second

20 minutes. During that stretch, the absence of a player like sophomore Willie Lucas, who has averaging 16 points per game before getting put in a walking boot with an ankle injury.

"If we have Willie in there, he has size," Ayetimiyi said. "He can play in and out, so we really miss his impact on the game. We really need him and his shooting ability. Guys thought they were going to make more shots, but it didn't work out that way, and that really brought us down."

An 11-2 run put the visitors up 10 points with under seven minutes remaining. Throughout the second half, NEO's 2-3 zone forced the Raiders into errant passes and led to easy baskets on the other end of the court.

Kyrele Benford started the second-half run with a putback in the paint after a missed shot. During the sequence, freshman Jay Hines caught an elbow to the chin trying to contest the shot.

After a turnover, Kyle Lukasiewicz scored an easy layup on the other end for two more. Moody stepped into another 3-pointer to give NEO its first double figure lead of the night.

The scoring from both sides slowed down briefly, but Jarrett cut the NEO to eight points with a fadeaway jumper on the baseline. Moody answered the call once again, though, working to the corner and getting wide open for a triple.

The Raiders finished the game with 21 turnovers, leading to 20 points for the Norsemen, arguably the biggest difference in the game.

"I have about 15 hours of tape to show them because we haven't played this bad since we played Wabash (Valley)," Bess said.

Three Rivers will have a game at 11 a.m. on Nov. 27.

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Raiders sink 18 3-pointers, beat North Arkansas

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

HARRISON, Ark. — It was raining 3s in Harrison, Arkansas, Saturday afternoon.

Three Rivers knocked down 18 3-pointers against North Arkansas (6-5), including five each from sophomore Tristan Jarrett and Hayden Sprenkel in a 122-86 victory for the Raiders.

"We shot the 3 really well," coach Gene Bess said. "I show us hitting 18 out of 30."

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Jarrett finished with 27 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, giving him eight straight games with more than 20 points and seven straight with 25 or more. He also finished with his fifth double-double.

"He's just pretty much at another level," Bess said. "It's been heartening for us. We didn't really know exactly what we had coming into the season, and he's really been a spark plug for us."

Sprenkel's 19 was a season-high for the freshman.

"(Sprenkel's shooting) just really lifts us up," Bess said. "It's like putting a dagger in someone's heart. You've got a little lead going and you hit a big 3 like Hayden has been hitting, it's really hard to explain but it really was helpful this afternoon. (North Arkansas) is pretty good."

Three Rivers (6-5) began the game in dominant fashion with a 16-4 run out of the gate in a wire-to-wire victory. Jarrett drew a foul on a shot and knocked

down a pair of free throws to start the game, and Sprenkel made it sprinkle with a trey on the next possession to put the Raiders up early.

After freshman Jay Hines scored an easy deuce courtesy of a pass from Jarrett, freshman Tallon Fonda took over briefly.

"We had a little size advantage on the team we were playing, and we've got some guys who rebound pretty good," Bess said.

Fonda drew a foul and split a pair at the charity stripe, but when he missed the second, he got his own rebound and threw down a putback dunk. He added two more on the ensuing possession for a quick five points.

"He's probably our most athletic player," Bess said. "He's making progress. He's come a long way since the first part of the season."

Just over five minutes into the game, the 3s started dropping for Three Rivers. Jarrett corralled an offensive rebound and dribbled out for a triple. That one wasn't enough as he added another on the next possession when he got down the

floor. Sprenkel followed his lead with a shot from well beyond the arc to continue the downpour. Jarrett raised him another 3 on the next possession, and Khalil Johnson came in the game and knocked one down to raise the streak to five straight 3-pointers for Three Rivers.

Freshman Austin Parker broke the streak with a left-handed layup off the glass, but two more 3s by Miganeh Jama made it seven triples on eight made baskets during a 23-10 spurt for the Raiders.

The Raiders carried that momentum into a 22-point halftime lead, and the start of the second half wasn't much different.

Three Rivers came out of the locker room and poured in three more 3s, picking up right where they left off. Redshirt sophomore Abiodun Ayetimiyi nailed a triple to start the half, and Sprenkel drilled two more from way beyond the arc to give the Raiders a 25-point lead.

The Raiders cruised to the finish line for an easy win to finish off their first game in a week.

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Tristan Jarrett finishes 1 point shy of Raiders' scoring record

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Sophomore Tristan Jarrett put on a Herculean effort Tuesday in an attempt to upset No. 13 John A. Logan, and he and the Raiders almost pulled it off. Jarrett went bonkers in the second half on his way to scoring a season-high 44 points and 10 rebounds, the second-most points in school history behind Latrell Sprewell and Cory Johnson's 45.

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DAR/Nate Fields

Three Rivers sophomore Tristan Jarrett shoots a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer during Tuesday's game against John A. Logan. Jarrett finished with 44 points, one shy of the school record.

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Sprewell set the record during the 1989-90 season and Johnson matched it in the 1966-67 season. Jarrett secured his sixth double-double of the season by adding 10 rebounds.

"My mom, they want me to score because they know I can score, but I don't really try to score a lot of points. I try to get my teammates in it, too," Jarrett said. "I already know what I can do. I just want to make my teammates better and get the W."

"So, the points don't matter if we don't get the W. We lost, so I don't really care about this one."

Thirty-one of Jarrett's points came in the second half and overtime, but the 13th-ranked Volunteers closed the game on a 13-5 run to beat the Raiders 98-95.

The Raiders (6-7) led by seven in the second half on multiple occasions after Jarrett and freshman Tallon Fonda caught fire.

At one point in the second half, Fonda and Jarrett combined to score 27 straight points for the Raiders, 21 of which came from Jarrett.

Fonda finished with a season-high 22 points in 34 minutes.

"Tristan just kept hitting big shots," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said. "And Tallon picked up the lead pretty well. Everything I see out of Jar-



Three Rivers freshman Miganeh Jama, right, drives down the lane against John A. Logan defender Jonah Jackson (3) during the first half of Tuesday's game.

rett) is new because I hadn't seen him play before, but I like his competitive spirit."

A sixth-of-3-quarter late in regulation looked to have Three Rivers in good shape with a five-point lead, John A. Logan (9-1) guard David Sloan wouldn't miss a shot.

Sloan scored 33 points and added 11 assists on 9-of-12 shooting and six made 3s to

lead the Volunteers, who shot just under 46 percent from the 3-point line and 53 percent from the floor. Sloan sparked the comeback with a couple of free throws after drawing a foul inside, something he did consistently on the way to a 12 of 17 clip from the free-throw line.

"I thought the biggest difference in the game was

(Sloan), but I thought (freshman Abiodun Ajerimay) did a great job at times on him, and I thought we kind of had him stymied," Bess said.

After Fonda answered by converting an and-1 to push the lead back to six, Sloan drove the lane and kicked out to Christopher Harris for a corner 3. Logan barely took the lead with a minute remain-

ing, but Jarrett drew a foul and sank two free throws to tie the game. The Raiders got a stop on defense and had the ball with a chance to win, but a floater from freshman Mardarius Dickerson bounced off the rim at the hoop.

Sloan started overtime by getting to the rack and drawing a foul, but Jarrett responded with a pull-up 3 on the

wing to retake the lead. A few possessions later, though, the Volunteers regained the lead for good when Sloan kicked out to Harris for a nearly identical corner 3. "We didn't get stops," Jarrett said. "We talked about it in the huddle, but we didn't get the stops we needed down in the clutch. They hit a big 3, then we all had our heads down and thought it was over, so it was over."

When it was all going right for the Raiders, Jarrett and Fonda were catalysts for the offense. Jarrett started the stretch of 27 straight points between the two with a stand-down triple as he walked the ball up the court. He then added 3 more with a pull-up try on the wing.

After six straight free throws for the Brownsville, Tennessee, native, he sank a fadeaway jumper on the baseline to make it eight straight points. Fonda then got involved by sinking a 3 on the wing near the Three Rivers bench, and Jarrett calmly walked up and drilled a 3-pointer, saying, "My bad" to his bench after not running a free break when he got the ball.

Three Rivers sophomore Chris Stockis sat out with a stress fracture in his foot.

Three Rivers will host Sunrise Christian Academy at 5 p.m. Thursday before getting four weeks off for Christmas break before region play begins.

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Raiders lose lead, game late for 3rd straight loss

Three Rivers freshman Aaron Tait drives to the basket as Sunrise Christian Academy defenders Nathan Johnson (21) and Max Vosloh (3) guard him during the first half Thursday.

DA/Max Fields



By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Three Rivers held the lead Thursday night for all but four minutes of its game against Sunrise Christian Academy.

Those four minutes would cost them another chance to win over a tough opponent.

With under five minutes to go in the second half, Sunrise guard Swareef Mitchell scored two of his 21 points to cap an 8-0 run and put the Buffaloes ahead for the first time at 76-75.

As usual, sophomore guard

Tristan Jarrett had an answer. He made his defender fall to the ground with a crossover, took some time to admire his work and nailed a 3-pointer to give the Raiders the lead once again.

Sunrise (11-3) responded with six straight points as the Three Rivers (6-8) defense struggled to get steps inside.

"It was the same as the last game," Jarrett said, referencing Three Rivers' 98-93 overtime loss to No. 13 John A. Logan Tuesday.

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"We didn't get stops. We couldn't make a bucket. They were getting the points and we weren't scoring. You're always going to lose games like that."

Jarrett tried to conjure some heroics again. He sank a layup high off the glass, and on the next possession, he drilled a pull-up jumper at the free-throw line to tie the game with 36 seconds remaining.

Mitchell wouldn't be denied, though. He went around a screen and banked home a floater with less than 15 seconds left, and guard Carlos Paez stole the ball on the ensuing possession to seal an 86-82 victory for Sunrise.

"We just weren't funda-

mentally sound," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said. "We're missing a key piece or two in the situation. He had to play a player or two too long."

Despite the loss, Jarrett continued his historic season for Three Rivers. He led all players with 37 points, 13 rebounds and six assists in 38 minutes.

"I think we're probably asking too much of Tristan," Bess said. "He's having to do everything, but he's doing a good job leading. We're just going to have to get some more guys fundamentally sound enough to where we can finish games off."

It was Jarrett's sixth time scoring 30 or more this season and his fifth double-double. Jarrett entered Thursday's game averaging 27.5 points per game. If he holds

that pace, he'll finish with the highest points per game average in Three Rivers history, Lutrell Sorewell set the record at 26.6 in 1990.

"I'll be tired sometimes, but I gotta do what I gotta do for the team," Jarrett said.

Three Rivers led by as many as 10 points in the first half after a 23-13 start to the game. Freshman Aaron Tait pump faked and nailed a 3-pointer as his defender flew past him to put the Raiders ahead by double figures.

"We start out the games hot, but we've gotta finish the games. We've gotta learn how to finish the games, play harder when you're tired and play smarter when you're tired," Jarrett said.

The Buffaloes cut the lead to four points late in the half after Paez knocked down four straight free

throws. Jarrett responded with two of his own before knocking down a pull-up triple with under five seconds left in the half, sending the Raiders to the locker room up by eight points.

Jordan Smith came out of the locker room on fire for the Buffaloes. He scored nine of his team's first 11 points to start the second half, bringing the visitors within two.

The Raiders built the lead back up to seven with the help of 3s from Tait and redshirt sophomore Abiodun Ayetimiyi, but with just over 12 minutes to go in the game, Ayetimiyi clapped in the face of Paez after knocking the ball away from him and was issued a technical foul. Ayetimiyi sat out the rest of the game, and his defense was missed as the

Buffaloes started getting penetration from Paez, who consistently dropped off passes to the open man for layups for 3s.

"(Ayetimiyi) is our defensive ace," Bess said. "I'm really disappointed that he would do that. He's a great young man and he didn't mean to do anything like that, but that was big."

Three Rivers has dropped three straight but will have one more chance to add a win before region play starts. After getting a four-week break, the Raiders will face Southern Arkansas University Tech on the road at 3 p.m. Jan. 2 for their final game before region play starts.

"We're getting better game by game, but we've gotta pick it up before it's too late," Jarrett said.

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Raiders chop down taller Tennessee

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Having a height disadvantage was no problem for the Raiders on Friday.

Despite going up against Tennessee prep, which had four players on its roster listed at 6-foot, 7 inches or taller — including a 7-1 Eric Rustin — Three Rivers finished plus-7 in the rebounding margin (44 to 37) and scored 18 second-chance points in a 97-76 victory in the Peoples Community Bank Thanksgiving Classic.

The Raiders' three-game winning streak is their first since last year's Thanksgiving Tournament.

Sophomore Tristan Jarrett continued his torrid scoring run. He put up 26 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals, shooting 12 of 22 from the field and bringing his scoring average up to 24.9 points per game. He is now 10th in the nation in scoring after earning 25 points or more in his past six games.

With no one on the roster taller than 6-6, going up against a 7-footer in Rustin called for schematic adjustments from the team. When Rustin tried to post up, Three Rivers often fronted the post with the interior defender and put help on the backside. As a result, Rustin finished with 8 points in limited opportunities at the rim, shooting 4 of 8 from the floor.

"That's the way we tried to play. Maybe the post man isn't a great scorer in there,

but ... one reason I don't like letting the post man catch the ball is he can kick it to the other side," coach Gene Bess said.

Guards were consistently crashing the glass and making an effort on the boards, something Bess said he'd wanted to see all season.

"Coach always lets us know we don't really have size, but we're all we have, so for us to win we have to crash to the boards," redshirt sophomore Abiodun Ayetimiyi said. "You want at least three people to be on the boards and to just keep pushing and no matter what, we'll get there."

Ayetimiyi made his first start of the season, and the Poplar Bluff alum scored 5 points to complement four assists. His contributions go well beyond the stat sheet, though.

"I just felt like I needed to bring the energy early," Ayetimiyi said. "We need energy. I know that was one of the reasons they had me there starting. I just want to win no matter what it takes. Me being a sophomore and being one of the leaders on the team, I just have to show it by example."

Bess said the intensity Ayetimiyi brings to the team is vital, and it's needed, especially as players try to make up for the absence of the team's second leading scorer, sophomore Willie Lucas, who is expected to be out until at least January with a foot injury.

"He guarded the point guard, he put pressure on

the ball and we'd really had a hard time doing that this year," Bess said. "I felt all along that (Ayetimiyi) could be the key to that. He works so hard and he's smart. He's got that great attitude, that winning attitude."

Both teams were battling early with Three Rivers holding a small lead. With the Raiders in front 31-25 with 6:34 left in the first half, they ended on a 16-6 run to take control of the game.

Freshman Hayden Sprekel started the run with a deep 3-pointer that hit nothing but net from the top of the key. After a steal by Aaron Tait, the ball came loose in transition and was knocked around to freshman Austin Parker, who scored an easy layup to give Three Rivers its first double digit lead.

Rustin responded with a reverse layup along the baseline for one of his four field goals to bring Tennessee Prep back within nine points. Jarrett scored a smooth fade-away along the baseline to put the Raiders up 11 again.

"We know if we don't really have size, we just have to have the right rotation and just know the help side and stuff like that," Ayetimiyi said. "We just make sure we focus and know when to help. We're not going to help when they don't need help."

Ayetimiyi stole the ball from Kohen Thompson and maced down the floor before dishing a no-look pass to Parker for a one-handed dunk to complete the three-in-one

fast break. Sprekel followed up with another 3 that was nothing but the bottom of the net, and Jarrett followed up with another baseline jumper, drawing a foul from behind in the process.

Freshman Mandarius Dickerson finished off the run with a coast-to-coast layup with four seconds left in the half, putting the Raiders up 16 at halftime.

The Raiders claimed their largest lead of the game with under five minutes to go.

After holding a steady lead, Tennessee Prep point guard Tyrone Montgomery was called for a technical foul after being whistled for a foul while guarding sophomore Chris Stocks.

Sprekel made both technical free throws, and Stocks drained both of his freebies for an easy four points. Parker then drove the lane for a dunk to add to the lead. A few possessions later, freshman Tallon Foncia put home a corner 3 to put the Raiders up 30 with four minutes left to complete a 13-2 run.

Three Rivers finished with four players in double figures.

Stocks went 5 of 8 from the floor with 15 points. Parker finished with 12 points and nine rebounds on an efficient 5 of 6 shooting, and Sprekel added 11 with three triples.

"I thought this was our best game; we'd played all year," Bess said. "This is the level we have to play at if we're going to compete in the region. We have to build on this."

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Missouri State	10	0	1.000
Missouri State	8	2	.800
Missouri State	7	3	.700
Missouri State	6	4	.600
Missouri State	5	5	.500
Missouri State	4	6	.400

Friday's Games

Missouri State vs. East St. Louis
Missouri State vs. Missouri State
Missouri State vs. Missouri State
Missouri State vs. Missouri State

Saturday's Games

Missouri State vs. Missouri State
Missouri State vs. Missouri State
Missouri State vs. Missouri State

Sunday's Games

Missouri State vs. Missouri State
Missouri State vs. Missouri State

Team Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Three Rivers	42	30	.586

Player Statistics

Jarrett	26	8	5	3
Ayetimiyi	5	4	1	0
Stocks	15	5	2	1
Sprekel	11	3	2	2
Parker	12	9	0	0
Parker	4	0	0	0
Dickerson	16	0	1	2
Montgomery	14	1	2	0
Tait	15	2	0	1
Foncia	15	3	1	4
Rustin	8	0	0	0
Thompson	22	5	0	1
Lucas	30	18	3	1

Offensive Rebounds

1. Jarrett 2
2. Foncia 2
3. Stocks 1
4. Dickerson 1
5. Parker 1
6. Thompson 1
7. Ayetimiyi 1
8. Rustin 1
9. Sprekel 1
10. Parker 1

Technical Fouls

1. Montgomery 1
2. Parker 1
3. Rustin 1
4. Thompson 1
5. Parker 1
6. Thompson 1
7. Parker 1
8. Thompson 1
9. Parker 1
10. Thompson 1

Offensive Rebounds

1. Parker 9
2. Thompson 5
3. Rustin 4
4. Jarrett 3
5. Thompson 3
6. Parker 3
7. Thompson 3
8. Parker 3
9. Thompson 3
10. Parker 3

Offensive Rebounds

1. Parker 9
2. Thompson 5
3. Rustin 4
4. Jarrett 3
5. Thompson 3
6. Parker 3
7. Thompson 3
8. Parker 3
9. Thompson 3
10. Parker 3

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Registration Rush at TRC features giveaway

Staff Reports

Registration for the Three Rivers College spring semester will end Jan. 11 for new and returning students. The spring semester will begin Jan. 14 at locations in Poplar Bluff, Sileston, Dexter, Kennett, Piedmont and Cape Girardeau.

New this year during Winter Break, students will be able to email EnrollNow@trcc.edu for assistance with registering for the Spring semester. TRC Enrollment Services staff will be checking the account daily between December 19 and January 1 when college offices are closed and will respond within 24 hours. Normal business hours will resume on Jan. 2.

To help make the registration process more enjoyable, TRC is holding Registration Rush events in December and January.

- **Chromebook Giveaway** 5 p.m. Friday: Everyone who registers for Spring 2019 classes by Dec. 14 will be entered to win one of two Chromebooks.

- **Wrap Up Registration** 2-5 p.m. today: Come register for spring, or bring your spring schedule and the office will wrap up to five gifts for you.

- **Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus** 3-5 p.m. Friday: Bring your kids and a camera and take your holiday photos.

- **Tech Thursday, Jan. 3:** Get help setting up TRC email on your phone and get answers to questions about myMail and myTRCC. Staff will also be available to help new and returning students register for classes.

- **Financial Aid Friday, Jan. 4:** From 9 a.m. to noon get help with FAFSA veri-

fication issues, and from 2 to 5 p.m. get help completing your FAFSA. Get a list of documents to bring at: <https://trcc.edu/financialaid/aid.php>. If students can't make it during those times, email questions to financialaid@trcc.edu, call 573-840-9606, stop by the Financial Aid Office in the Westover Building on the Poplar Bluff Campus, or ask the staff at our locations.

- **Welcome Day, Jan. 8:** Come to the college to tour campus, get questions answered, register for spring classes and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

- **Wednesday Wellness Day, Jan. 9:** Prepare for a better life by registering for spring classes. While on campus, take part in wellness and fitness activities available throughout the day.

- **Registration Fair, Jan. 10:** Meet the faculty, learn more about programs, take part in fun activities and register for classes.

- **Final Push Friday, Jan. 11:** The final day to register for spring. Staff will be available all day to answer questions, help with issues and prepare to start the spring semester. Food will also be available.

In addition to the planned events, faculty and staff advisors will be available in person, by phone, or through email to assist students with career planning and progression Dec. 18 through Jan. 2 and after.

For assistance or to schedule an orientation session, contact the Welcome Center at 573-840-9605. For assistance during Winter Break Dec. 19 through Jan. 1, email EnrollNow@trcc.edu.

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.

Prospective students can learn more about the college transfer and career-technical programs offered at TRC by creating a personalized e-brochure at trcc.edu/ebrochure.

New students needing financial aid should begin the application process as soon as possible. For more information on how to apply for financial assistance at TRC, visit trcc.edu/financialaid.

"If you're wanting to start your education journey at Three Rivers, time is running out to apply for admission," said Chris Adams, Director of Enrollment Services at Three Rivers College. "Students need to complete the application, financial aid and registration processes now. The sooner they get started, the easier it will be to get them ready for the first day of classes on January 14."

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

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

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Christmas cheer



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Stan Atchison drops change into the Salvation Army bucket outside Popular Bluff's Walmart Supercenter as Rocky Rider and Brittany Jones ring bells for the organization.

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In this Nov. 22, 2018 photo, Chris Stocks dribbles past Wilbur Wright's Kente Rushing during a Raiders game at the Bess Activity Center.

Three Rivers' Stocks transfers to Evangel

By NATE FIELDS
Sports Writer

Chris Stocks has started the next chapter of his basketball career at Evangel University.

Stocks, a former Raider, decided to transfer for the second semester of this season after graduating from Three Rivers with his general education requirements completed. Multiple things factored into Stocks' deci-

sion to join the Crusaders.

"Some of it was outside of basketball," Stocks said. "I'm moving closer to some family; my fiancée is going to be there in the fall. I was also graduating from Three Rivers, so with my academics I could progress a little better. ... It just felt like a good opportunity and I just felt led to make this decision."

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Stocks will have two more years of eligibility left after this season ends, and academically, he plans to study sports medicine.

Having started his collegiate career at Austin Peay, Stocks knows the challenges a transfer can bring. He said he has to take the time to get familiar with his new teammates and coaches and develop relationships with them, as well as learn the team's system.

In 11 appearances in the 2018-19 season for the Raiders, Stocks averaged 8.8 points and shot 39.8 percent. He missed Three Rivers' last two games of 2018 with a foot injury. He returned to game action Jan. 3, making his debut for the Crusaders. It didn't take long for Stocks to get acclimated to the team's system. He scored 14 points on 5 for 9 shooting from the floor in 26 minutes, helping lead Evangel to its second win of the season against Culver Stockton.

Stocks said his time at Three Rivers helped him grow as a player and de-

velop more toughness.

"I'd say I definitely was able to grow a lot, I think. I definitely became a tougher individual from a mental aspect," Stocks said. "You learn to be tough playing for the coaches over there at Three Rivers, whether it's on the court or off the court, and that's probably the biggest takeaway I had. It grew me up in a lot of different ways.

"Now, if you can play for a guy like (Three Rivers) coach (Gene) Bess, you can play for anybody or you can work for anybody."

The transfer came as a surprise to Bess, who had hoped Stocks was going to finish the remainder of the season with Three Rivers before completing his transfer.

"It shocked me when we were down in Arkansas when I found out that he's actually going off to (Evangel). Some others knew about it, but he didn't mention that when he and I had talked," Bess said. "I just thought he had taken a sabbatical or was going to not play anymore."

Stocks said he didn't go

into too much detail when he talked to Bess prior to transferring because he was trying to keep the situation low-key.

"I just told him I wasn't returning for a lot of personal reasons. I didn't try to get too much into detail because I didn't know how he would respond to it," Stocks said. "I guess he already knew I was going to Evangel or something, but I pretty much just told him I wouldn't be returning for a lot of issues.

"I tried to keep it low-key for the most part. It was really just a decision for me personally and my family."

Bess said Evangel landed a solid player and his production will be missed.

"He's really a fine young man; I want the best for him, and I was happy he's going over there to Evangel," Bess said. "... We wished both sides would've waited until the season was over because that puts us in a little bind, but other than that, I thought that was an excellent choice for him. ... He was a top six or seven guy, so he was important to us ... but he'll make them a good player over there."

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TRC TECH TEAM RECEIVES AWARD



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Three Rivers College Chief Technology Officer Steve Atwood (left) recently accepted the Technology award from the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) on behalf of the TRC Technology and Computer Services team. The award is presented to recognize and encourage creative and effective use of technology at Missouri community colleges. Pictured are, from left: Atwood and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College.