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**Dexter, Missouri -** Three young men who are preparing to compete in the USA Districts in Ste. Genevieve in a couple of weeks did well over the weekend in St. Louis, Missouri.

Travis Waldner, Mason Keena, and Parker Vanslyke wrestle with the Jackson USA Wrestling Club. They were competing at AAU State Championships this weekend.

Travis placed 4th in the 75 lb weight class division with 16 other wrestlers in his bracket. Way to go Travis! After losing his first match he came back to win three matches to put him in the medal round. He then won his next match to place him in the 3 and 4 medal position. He was 4-2 for the day at AAU State Championships.

Mason Keena wrestled in the 80 lb weight class division and had 19 wrestlers in his bracket. He lost his bubble match and that put him in medal contention by a score of 1-2. Great job Mason!

Parker Vanslyke wrestled in the 95 lb weight class division and placed 6th. He had only 9 other opponents. He wrestled hard in his final match and it went into overtime. Unfortunately he lost that match, but what a day he had. Way to go Parker!

These three Dexter wrestlers will be competing very soon in the USA 8 District

Championships on Saturday, March 9th at the Ste. Genevieve High School. We wish them the best of luck.

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# Let's Go Lady Bearcats!

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**Dexter, Missouri -** Tonight is the Class 4, District 1 semifinals tournament game for the Lady Bearcats and the Perryville Lady Pirates.

The Lady Bearcats are the #1 seed for the tournament and have a record of 22-3 on the season. The Lady Pirates are 5th seeded with a record of 13-9. The Lady Pirates upset #4

seeded Kennett Indians to advance in the district tournament.

The second girls semifinal game on tonight will feature #2 seeded Notre Dame Lady Bulldogs against #3 seeded Cape Central Lady Tigers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center. Whoever wins this game will play the Bearcats or Pirates for the Championship on Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Please support the Lady Bearcats and cheer for them as they fight to play in the championship game for 1st place in the district!

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## **Tournament Opener**

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Indians Thump Bearcats in the Class 4, District 1 Tournament Opener

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**Dexter, Missouri** – The Class 4, District 1 Tournament was underway on Saturday night at the Bearcat Event Center with the Dexter Bearcats taking on the Kennett Indians.

The fourth seeded Indians were ready for action against the Bearcats. D.J. Dowdy shot for 15 points for the game, but it was not enough to beat the overwhelming scoring ability of Kevonte Mitchell who had an awesome 33 points in this district quarterfinal match-up.

With Kennett ahead in the first quarter by ten points, it was difficult for the Bearcats to keep the momentum going throughout the game. By half-time, the boys were down 28 – 11, scoring only 3 points in the second quarter. The Kennett Indians defense seemed unstoppable Saturday night and they wanted to win.

The Bearcats came out of the locker room at the half with more momentum than in the first two periods, scoring 13 points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The Indians offensive players maintained large leads throughout the entire game while the Indians defense kept the Bearcats from scoring.

Final Score Dexter Bearcats 36, Kennett Indians 73

This ends the season for the Dexter Bearcats but rest assured they will be ready again next year. They are losing some really good seniors this year, but keeping some top-notch juniors and sophomores. The Dexter community is very proud of the Bearcats and has enjoyed their basketball games throughout the season.

The Kennett Indian boys basketball team will continue on and play the #1 seeded Sikeston Bulldogs on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. in the district semifinal at the Bearcat Event Center.

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# Bernie Mules Win District Championship

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** – There was a lot on the line Friday night as the Bernie Mules were about to see just how bad they wanted the District Championship. It was an extremely fast paced game and two tough competitors were neck and neck throughout the entire game.

The #1 seeded Bernie Mules were up to the challenge and finally prevailed over the #5 seeded South Pemiscot Bulldogs to win their 4<sup>th</sup> District Championship since 2009.

"It was hard fought game from the get-go," Bernie Coach Brad Botsch said. "Hats off to South Pemiscot. I thought they really brought the intensity and played extremely hard. You have to give credit to the job Coach Bidewell has done and we feel fortunate to come out with a win!"

Bernie fans and South Pemiscot fans were on their feet most of the game cheering, screaming, and rocking the arena with music and chants.

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The Mules scored first with a 3 pointer, but the Bulldogs struck back with two of their own. They ran up and down the court so fast it was difficult to keep up with until time-outs were called or someone fouled. Even the referees were beginning to sweat a little trying to keep pace with the boys on the court.

Leading scorer for the Mules was David Baker, #31 who hit seven baskets and six points from the free-throw line, totaling 20 points on the night. Landon Woods, #10 had 11 points for the night including one 3-pointer and he was 2 for 2 at the free-throw line. B.J. Jennings, #12 contributed 8 points along with Sam Turner, #45 with 7 points including two 3-pointers and Joey Walker, #40 with 2 points.

Coach Brad Botsch said, "I'm really proud of our kids for gutting this win out. This was a tough, physical, defensive oriented game and you have to play gutsy basketball in order to pull out games like this. I'm really happy for our three seniors and all our guys for the hard work they have put in this season. Winning a district championship never gets old, and it makes all the time, hard work, and effort we put in to this season worthwhile."

Coach went on to say, "South Pemiscot really played hard. Coach Bidewell has done an excellent job down there and his kids pushed us to the limit. You have to give them a lot of credit for our struggles tonight offensively. They really played hard and hats off to them for the season they had."

"We had guys step up for us down the stretch when we really needed a key rebound, defensive stop, or bucket. Our entire team contributed in a positive way in some form. We're really proud of our kids, and hope to keep winning," stated Coach Botsch.

With just over a minute left in the fourth quarter, the Mules had their biggest lead of the game, 46-41. They won with a final score of 48-45. A very close win for the Bernie Mules and a heartbreaker loss to the South Pemiscot Bulldogs.

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The Bernie Mules will play Winona in the Class 2 sectional on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Three Rivers College Bess Activity Center in Poplar Bluff. Winona is top seeded and defeated the #2 seeded Thayer in the Class 2, District 2, title game Friday night.

"I don't think there is any team we cannot play with or beat on the way to Columbia," Botsch stated. "I really believe that and I think our kids believe that also. I don't know a whole lot about the teams yet, but I'll do a lot of scouting over the weekend and make some contact. We are going to do the absolute best job!"

The Bernie Mules will be signing District Championship T-shirts on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Bernie High School. Everyone is welcome to come out and get your autograph!

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# Fishing Permits Will Expire February 28th

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**Jefferson City, Missouri** – Many hunting and fishing permits will expire at the end of February, including 2012 permits for small game, fishing, trout fishing and

the combination permit for hunting and fishing. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their 2013 permits so they won't miss opportunities in the year ahead.

Conservation makes Missouri a great place to hunt and fish, and the Missouri Conservation of Department makes buying permits for these activities simple and convenient through its online system called e-Permits. E-Permits lets Missouri sport hunters; anglers and trappers purchase, print and immediately use most permits 24/7 from a personal computer with a printer.

Simply visit mdc.mo.gov and click on "Buy Permits" from the Missouri Department of Conservation home page.

All sport-fishing and sport-hunting permits are available through e-Permits, along with trapping permits and the Apprentice Hunter Authorization. Commercial permits and lifetime permits will continue to be sold through Missouri Department of Conservation's Central Office by calling 573-751-4115.

People can still buy permits from vendors, and by phone by calling toll-free 1-800-392-4115. Allow up to ten days for mail delivery of permits purchased by telephone. Phone purchases are subject to a \$2 convenience fee, while the fee for online permit purchases is \$1.

Mark Jacques, owner of the American Outdoors in Dexter, Missouri said, "You can always stop by and purchase a fishing license with us. The cost is \$12 and we have the equipment to print them right here." American Outdoors is located 2104 N. Outer Road or can contact them at 573-624-542."

E-Permits from the Missouri Department of Conservation are printed on regular printer paper and can be saved on a computer so extra copies of permits can be printed in case one is lost or destroyed. Permits may not be shared, and additional copies of a permit do not provide additional valid permits for the buyer or others to use.

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