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Charleston, Missouri – The Charleston Fighting Squirrels were on a roll a few weeks ago and won the nutsbaseball.com Fighting Squirrel Classic earlier this month at Hillhouse Park.

The Squirrels opened the tournament with an 8-1 victory over Scott County Legion. **Brad Potts** of Dexter, Missouri threw a complete game working all seven frames. He struck out ten and walked one and allowed just four hits.

During the second day of the tournament, Charleston defeated Dunklin County Legion 5-3. **Potts** led the offensive attack with a 2-for-3 performance. They also were able to knock off Poplar Bluff 5-1 behind the 3-hit performance of Trey Tigart.

In the championship game the Squirrels knocked off the high-powered Festus Post 253 Legion baseball team 7-6. The championship marks the first time in program history that the Squirrels have won their own tournament.

Trey Tigart had the game winning RBI in the bottom of the 7th as he drew a bases loaded walk scoring Caleb McCord to earn the victory. Doug Still worked the first 6 2/3 innings allowing just two earned runs. He struck out seven and walked five while allowing six hits. Cord Sheehy came in to record the final out of the 7th. He allowed a hit. He received the win in relief of Still.

Congratulations to the Fighting Squirrels for their tournament win!

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The Hunt for Jumpin' Jack Splash

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Missouri - Frogs are mysterious creatures. They inhabit places humming with mosquitoes, yet thousands of Missourians visit such places—in the dark—to pursue them.

In spite of their oozy haunts and slimy skin, these amphibians find a place on the menus of five-star restaurants. Can the ounce or two of flesh on their legs really account for frogs' popularity?

Here is one man's theory: Frogs are the legendary "Fountain of Youth." That's right; Ponce de Leon waded right past the object of his quest without a second look. It took someone more interested in fun than fame to recognize that tramping around in shallow water at night chasing frogs brings out the 6-year-old in us.

Frogging and giggling go together like mud puddles and mud pies. You might even experience the urge to skip instead of walk. If you have never tapped this fountain of youth, read on. Here is everything you need to know to join the Ever-Youthful Fraternity of Froggers.

Missouri is home to two delicious members of the hopping tribe that may legally be harvested for the table. By far the most coveted is the bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*). Size is its primary virtue. The bullfrog is North America's largest native frog. A real monster can measure 8 inches all scrunched up and ready to jump. When it springs into action, you get a fleeting look at the real attraction, 7 to 10 inches of legs.

The other game species is the green frog (*Rana clamitans melanota*). Its meat tastes the same as the bullfrog's, but this species tops out at just 4 inches from nose to vent. Although they provide less meat, a possession limit of 32 petite frog legs is enough to justify getting in touch with your inner child.

Almost anyplace with enough water to float a canoe is likely to harbor at least a few frogs. Places that thaw early and freeze late generally have larger frogs, but you can find decent frog populations in farm ponds and huge reservoirs, creeks, drainage ditches and rivers, sloughs, marshes and swamps statewide.

Season begins at sunset June 30th and runs until October 31st. The daily limit is eight of these tasty critters. For sunrise and sunset times in our area, see the U.S. Naval Observatory website: aa.usno.navy.mil.

Hunting permit methods are .22 or smaller caliber rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, bow, crossbow, atlatl and by hand or handnet.

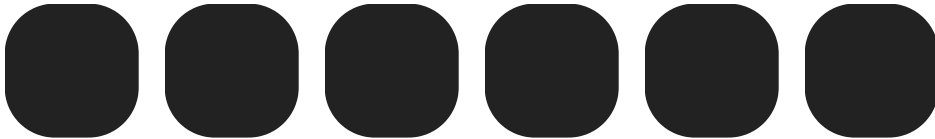
With a Fishing Permit bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, trotline, throwline, limb line, bank line, jug line, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line. An artificial light may be used.

Please check with the Missouri Department of Conservation for complete regulations at www.mdc.mo.gov.

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Are You Ready for Some FOOTBALL?

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Kennett, Missouri – The Dexter Bearcats will be competing in a seven-on-seven scrimmage Saturday, June 22, 2013 in Kennett at the Metz Cherry Stadium.

The Kennett Indians are co-hosting the event with the Dexter Bearcats and will be joined by the Chaffee Red Devils and the Caruthersville Tigers.

This will be the first competition for Dexter under their new head coach, Justin Peden. Peden was recently hired taking over for long-time coach Aaron Pixley. Pixley is now the head coach for Kennett.

The seven-on-seven scrimmage begins at 10 a.m. Coach Pixley stated there will be no rushing the quarterback and should provide players an opportunity to work on their passing game, passing defense, and adapt to playing in the heat.

The Dexter Bearcats will compete in a full contact camp on June 27th and 28th in Sikeston, Missouri.

DHS Varsity Schedule for the 2013-2014 School Year

August 23, 2013 Football JAMBOREE @ Kennett Game Time 6:00 p.m.

August 30, 2013 Home Game vs Ste. Genevieve 7:00 p.m.

September 6, 2013 Away Game @ Poplar Bluff High 7:00 p.m.

September 13, 2013 Home Game vs Sikeston 7:00 p.m.

September 20, 2013 Home Game vs Caruthersville 7:00 p.m.

September 27, 2013 Away Game @ Kennett 7:00 p.m.

October 4, 2013 HOMECOMING vs NMCC High 7:00 p.m.

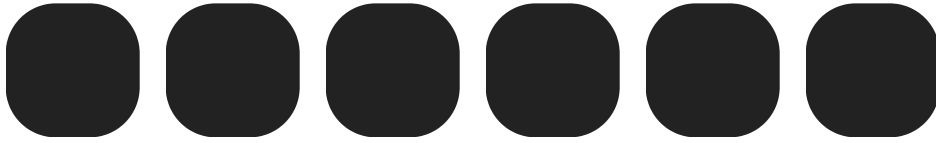
October 11, 2013 Away Game @ Charleston 7:00 p.m.

October 18, 2013 Away Game @ Park Hills Central 7:00 p.m.

October 25, 2013 SENIOR NIGHT vs Malden High School 7:00p.m.

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Dexter, Missouri - There is no doubt that dancing is a form of exercise and studies have shown it is an excellent way to tone your body and keep your mind active. It also builds your confidence, self esteem, and stamina as you dance your way to better health.

Many of you have traveled down Business Hwy 60 in Dexter and have noticed a rather well fit, athletic man dancing as he jogs his way past many of the restaurants and businesses. Ever wondered just who this man was? Why is he dancing and waiving at everyone?

Is he crazy? Perhaps, who would run in the middle of the afternoon in the hot sun

wearing all black?

The mystery has finally been solved. His name is Lou and he is from Brentwood, Missouri. He is an engineer for Union Pacific Railroad and while he is on layover here in Dexter he chooses to exercise to his own fun routine.

Lou said, "I am truly blessed to be able to exercise and I just love this little town of Dexter." When told he has become famous dancing in the streets and waiving at the folks driving by he just grinned with embarrassment and shook his head. "I feel so blessed if I have made people smile. I had no idea they knew I was out here exercising. I love music, I love to dance and I enjoy exercising."

Lou listens to 60's, 70's and 80's classic rock and R&B style music. He has to get into the groove and works up quite a sweat while he exercises.

He originally grew up in Alabama, moved to New Jersey and now lives in the St. Louis area. He said it wasn't uncommon to see people running and dancing at the parks in New York. We might find it a little odd here in the Heartland, but he does make people happy and we enjoy seeing his fantastic dance routine.

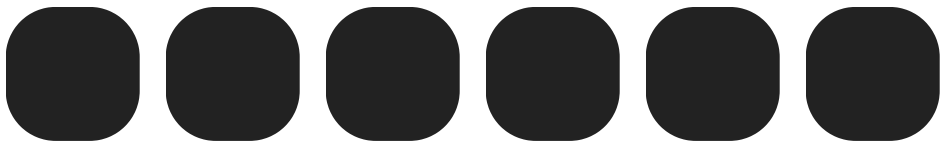
He is also married and has children. Though he isn't in Dexter daily he said when he has to stay for a day or two he tries to hit the streets running and dancing.

If he doesn't take notice of your honk of the horn that's because he can't hear you over his music, just waive at him and he is sure to waive back with a smile!

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Great American Backyard Campout

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Missouri — "Whether it's your first time camping or you're following a long-standing tradition, the Great American Backyard Campout is a great opportunity for families to get outdoors and experience nature," said Bill Bryan, director of Missouri State Parks, a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. "There are a variety of events at parks and historic sites throughout the state to give you the chance to come out and enjoy a fun camping adventure."

You can camp primitive, use a modern tent or even drive a camper right into the part. Doesn't matter your mode of sleeping quarters as long as you get out there and enjoy nature.

On June 22, the Missouri State Parks invites you to experience an outdoor adventure under the stars with friends and family during the **Great American Backyard Campout**.

The Great American Backyard Campout is a nationwide initiative by the National Wildlife Federation to encourage families and communities to reconnect and experience the outdoors. To help you celebrate, Missouri State Parks is offering

special programs and activities to make this night one to remember.

Activities will vary from park to park with programs ranging from night hikes and camping demonstrations to overnight campouts and storytelling. Programs will appeal to all ages, including kids who may be experiencing nature for the first time. All parks will offer a camping tradition — *sitting around a campfire and making and enjoying s'mores*. Some programs are offered during the day and other parks offer overnight camping. Call the individual parks or visit mostateparks.com for more details.

Following are the parks and historic sites participating in this year's Great American Backyard Campout.

Trail of Tears State Park, Jackson, 573-290-5268.

Mastodon State Historic Site, Imperial, 636-464-2976.

Fort Davidson State Historic Site, Pilot Knob, 573-546-3454.

Crowder State Park, Trenton, 660-359-6473.

Wallace State Park, Cameron, 816- 632-374.

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, Middlebrook, 573-546-2450.

Sam A. Baker State Park, Patterson, 573-856-4514.

Pomme de Terre State Park, Pittsburg, 417-745-6909.

Roaring River State Park, Cassville, 417-847-3742.

Weston Bend State Park, Weston, 816-640-5443.

Current River State Park, Salem, 573-858-3015.

Van Meter State Park, Miami, 660-886-7537.

First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site, St. Charles, 636-940-3322.

Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and Historic Site, Lawson, 816-580-3387.

Felix Vallé House State Historic Site, Ste. Genevieve, 573-883-7102.

A visit to any of these state parks is also a great opportunity to log miles as a part of the Governor's 100 Missouri Miles challenge.

To celebrate Missouri's distinction as the "Best Trails State" by American Trails and to encourage Missourians to enjoy the outdoors, Governor Jay Nixon and First Lady Georganne Nixon are inviting Missourians to join them in completing 100 Missouri Miles of outdoor physical activity by the end of the year.

For more information and to take the Challenge, visit 100MissouriMiles.com. Participants can also share adventures, post photos and learn about upcoming events by connecting with 100 Missouri Miles on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

If you are not planning to go to a state park for a special program on June 22, visit any Missouri state park this summer and begin your own camping tradition with family and friends. For more information about the 40 state parks with campgrounds, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Shown in the picture is Ken Laffoon of the Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club of Dexter, Missouri demonstrating Primitive Camping at a local Rendezvous.

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