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## 7th Grade Wrestling Team

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**Dexter, Missouri** - T.S. Hill Middle School Wrestling season is over, but these students deserve some recognition! Their home match was cancelled due to weather, but Michelle Cannon was able to get a group photo for the yearbook and share it with us.

Congratulations on your season! Shown in the photo are: Back row left to right: Taylor Kallio, Sam Rowland, Tyler Winters. Middle row: James Robinson, Caleb Hoggard, Brock Simmons, John Tucker. Bottom row: Waytt Greenfield, Jett Featherston, Corbin Strong, and Colton Gibson.

You all did a wonderful and we look forward to next season. Go Bearcats!

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## Alternative Method Deer Harvest Comes to a Close

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**Missouri** - Hunters checked 11,967 deer during the alternative-methods portion of Missouri's firearms deer season Dec. 21 through 31. That figure is 20 percent fewer than in 2012.

Top counties for the alternative-methods portion were Oregon, with 437 deer checked, Howell with 360, and Shannon with 298.

Resource Scientist Emily Flinn with the Missouri Department of Conservation said the decrease was expected.

"The decrease in alternative-methods harvest is close to the declines in this years' November and antlerless portions," said Flinn. "The decrease in this year's total harvest statewide is primarily a result of a reduction in deer numbers that resulted from continued doe harvest, last year's widespread outbreak of hemorrhagic diseases, and record-low acorn production."

Flinn said reduced deer numbers will be one factor considered by the Conservation Department's Regulations Committee when developing

recommendations for 2014 deer-hunting regulations.

“We continually consider regulation changes, including reducing the availability of antlerless permits and the antlerless portion of firearms deer season in places where regulation changes are necessary to allow the population to recover,” said Flinn.

The alternative methods portion replaced the muzzleloader portion of firearms deer season in 2012. Hunters are allowed to use muzzle-loading firearms, center-fire pistols, air-powered guns, bows, crossbows, or atlatls during the alternative-methods hunt.

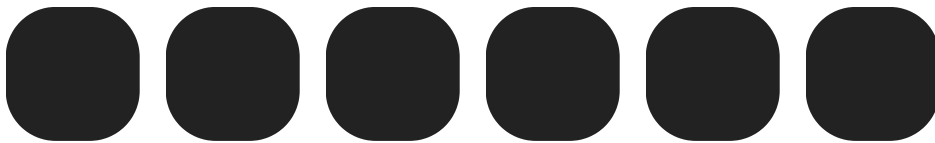
***The only remaining portion of firearms deer season is the late youth portion Jan. 4 and 5. Archery deer season runs through Jan. 15.***

Shown in the photo are Brett Dorton and son, Carter Dorton with his very nice buck during the 2013 deer season.

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# Battle for the Braggin' Rights - Bernie vs Oran

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Battle for the Braggin' Rights - Bernie vs Oran

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** – It's the first time ever for the Bernie Mules to travel to the Show Me Center! On Tuesday, January 7th they take on Oran at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now!

Each year, both Sikeston and Charleston have had the opportunity to play at the Show Me Center. They seem to produce some of the most talented high school athletes in the area. This year is no different and on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> these two teams will match up once again on the hardwood at the Show Me Center. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The night will begin with the Bernie Mules taking on Oran. Oran is coming off of one of their most successful seasons with an appearance in the MSHSAA state tournament and has started this year strong.

Bernie, who finished 20-6 last year is also coming off a state tournament appearance and just finished 2<sup>nd</sup> only to the Kennett Indians in the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament. They are currently 10-1 this season.

The Oran vs Bernie game will add some history to the Show Me Center as this is the first appearance by the Bernie Mules who have never played a game on the big court!

Tickets are on sale now. You can purchase tickets in advance online at [www.ShowMeCenter.biz](http://www.ShowMeCenter.biz) or in person at the Show Me Center box office. Court-side is limited and the cost is \$25.00 for a ticket. Reserved Seats at mid-court in sections 106-109 & 121-124 are just \$12.00 each and general admission for adults is \$7.00 and for students \$5.00.

Come out and support the Bernie Mules as they play in front of one of the biggest crowds ever. Come early and get your seating!

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## MO and OK Governors Make Friendly Wager

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**Jefferson City, Missouri** – Gov. Jay Nixon has made a friendly wager with Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin on the outcome of Friday night's Cotton Bowl game between their respective alma maters, the Missouri Tigers (#8 BCS ranking) and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys (#13).

Both Governors are wagering food products from their states, with the food to be donated to a food bank or pantry in the state of the winning team. Gov. Nixon is staking [a spiral sliced city ham \(with homemade honey ham glaze\) and a smoked turkey](#), delicacies from [Burgers' Smokehouse](#), located in California, Mo. Gov. Fallin is wagering a food basket with about 50 pounds of products donated by the Made in Oklahoma Coalition.\*

When the Tigers win, the food from Oklahoma will be donated to the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri. In the highly unlikely event that the Cowboys prevail, the ham and turkey will be donated to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

“Our Tigers have had an outstanding 11-2 campaign in only their second year in the premier football conference in the country,” said Gov. Nixon, a 1978 graduate of the University of Missouri and a 1981 graduate of the University’s School of Law. “I look forward to watching the Tigers claim the Cotton Bowl title on Friday, and sending the Cowboys home empty-handed across the Red River.”

Fallin, a 1977 OSU graduate, said she is confident the 10-2 Cowboys will be able to corral the Tigers.

“It is definitely an exciting time for both universities to be playing in a historic bowl game like the Cotton Bowl,” Gov. Fallin said. “I appreciate Governor Nixon for showing good sportsmanship by participating in this friendly wager as we continue to raise awareness about hunger in both states. I look forward to the delivery of these goods when the Cowboys win!”

***The game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (CT) on Friday (Jan. 3), and will be shown on Fox.***

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## Kennett Indians Win Bloomfield Christmas Tournament

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - For the fourth time in five years, the #1 seed Kennett Indians walk away with the first place trophy. This year it was #3 seed Bernie who fell short of the victory and the opportunity to beat a bigger school.

"That's pretty special," stated Jim Vaughan, Kennett's head basketball coach. "It's a great accomplish for us. Winning it again is always going to be special."

The Bernie Mules knew the difficulty that lay ahead. The house was packed full of Mule fans. It's always a large crowd at Bloomfield, but this year seemed even larger with Kennett and Bernie on the court.

The Indians simply owned the court. They held the Mules to less than 10 points in each quarter and right from the gate began scoring and playing their defense well.

"Our biggest concern today was not letting their shooters get open, commented Vaughan. "How impressive of our kids to recognize that. We jumped a little bit in the half-court

and would double the ball and run to a shooter. We just didn't give them time to set up and get one off. That was our biggest key defensively against the Mules tonight. Our kids executed well and got it done. That's on them for taking what they knew they had to do and making sure they got it done."

The Indians ended the half with a 29-13 lead over Bernie and quickly squashed their hopes of winning the title. Kennett came out of the locker room psyched for the 2nd half. They scored 15 unanswered points in the first few minutes of the 3rd quarter jumped to a 44 - 15 lead with about four minutes still remaining in the period.

"We have traditionally had some lackluster 3rd quarters," continued Vaughan. "We guarded the first three possessions and I think we got three turnovers right away. That right there gave us momentum the rest of the quarter. We always say the first two or three minutes out of halftime is going to tell the tale of the second half. Our first three possessions kind of set the tone for how we finished the game."

Akeem Nelson recorded the game-high 20 points for Kennett with 2 treys. Senior Kevonte Mitchell tallied 18 points and was 8 for 10 at the charity stripe.

Caleb Ellenburg recorded a team-high 17 points.

Kennett has been impressive during tournament play at Bloomfield. Winning four out of the last five years and only losing to Holcomb last year.

"That's pretty special," Vaughan said of the winning streak. "I don't care what size schools are in it when you get in this tournament there are small schools and a mixture of us and Dexter in Class 4. You get teams, coaches and the atmosphere that is competitive. Winning this is still a good accomplishment for us regardless of who is playing it. Obviously, you have got to come and play every night."

"South Pemiscot gave us a really good game Saturday night. I really think that helped boost us and kind of worked our kids up a little going into the championship game. We really came to play and winning it again is always going to be special."

"We play New Madrid County Central next Tuesday in New Madrid. They have a special guard and some others who can rebound well. They are active and tough. It will be a game of skill and who can just come out on top."

**Final Score Kennett Indians 59 Bernie Mules 27**



Kennett 15 16 19 9 - 59

Bernie 6 9 6 6 - 27

**Kennett (59)** - Antavies Drake 9, Rantrell Caruthers 4, Akeem Nelson 20, Kevonte Mitchell 18, Andre Oliver 4, Materion Jones 4. FG 23, FT 10/16, F 18. (3-pointers: Drake 1, Nelson 2. Fouled Out: none)

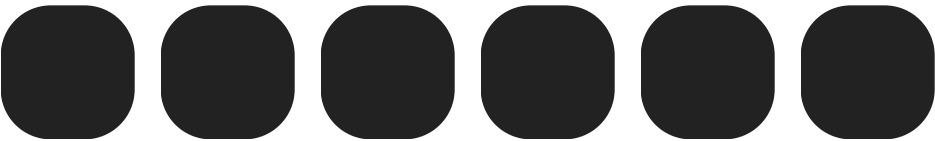
**Bernie (27)** - Matt Vernon 1, B.J. Jennings 2, Bubby Schwent 3, Joey Walker 4, Caleb Ellenburg 17. FG 11, FT 5/11, F 15. (3-pointer: none. Fouled Out: none)

*The next big game for Bernie will be held at the ShowMe Center in Cape Girardeau. They will play Oran on Monday, January 7th.*

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