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Congratulations to Colby Conn on breaking the state record by catching a 1-pound, 5-ounce white crappie with a trotline on Stockton Lake.

Dade County, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Colby Conn of Everton became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he hooked a white crappie on Stockton Lake on a trotline. The new “alternative method” record fish caught by Conn on May 21 weighed 1-pound, 5-ounces with a length of 14 5/16 inches. Conn’s recent catch broke the previous state-record of a 12-ounce white crappie caught on a trotline in 1993.

“Once I pulled the fish up into the boat, I had feeling that the crappie was going to be a state record,” Conn said. “I was super stoked!”

Conn was using goldfish for bait to try to catch catfish, but instead he caught the record crappie. MDC staff verified the fish using a certified scale in the town of Greenfield.

Once MDC gave him confirmation he had a state record, Conn said he was in shock. “This year was the first year I have ever put out trotlines, and out of nowhere I catch a state-record white crappie. I really can’t believe it,” he said. “I would love to break another state record in the future, but I am fine with just having this one.”

Conn added he plans on having the state-record white crappie mounted.

“2016 is shaping up to be a year for state-record fish,” said MDC Fisheries Programs Specialist Andrew Branson. “We have already had 13 new records so far, which is more than we see in an entire year sometimes. The mild weather we have had this year means more anglers are fishing, and catching big fish.”

Missouri state-record fish are recognized in two categories: pole-and-line and alternative methods. Alternative methods include: throwlines, trotlines, limb lines, bank lines, jug lines, spearfishing, snagging, snaring, gigging, grabbing, archery, and atlatl.

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May Athletes of the Month

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named the Boys Tennis team and track star Kaylee Eakin the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for May.

Kaylee, an incoming junior, was recently invited to compete for Team Missouri at the 41st annual Great Southwest Classic track and field meet in Albuquerque, N.M., placing third out of 20 states. She was an All State athlete for the past two years, was named 2016 conference champion and made the state champion team in 2015. Kaylee holds school records in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and the 800-meter run. In the classroom, she maintains a 10.5 GPA.

“Kaylee is an extremely hard worker and very dedicated to her sport,” Girls Track coach Beth Lewis-Muse said.

Ending the season with a 13-3 record, the Boys Tennis team went on to win districts. Individually, Peyton Bradley and Eduardo Martinez took first in doubles, with Gregg Roberson and Ben Stewart being named runners up, and Humza Siddiqui took runner up in singles. The team also took first place at the Poplar Bluff and Farmington Invitationals.

“I expect another good season next year defending (our) district title,” stated Boys Tennis coach Charley Harper, noting that his top returning players will be attending Bearcat Camp at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar led by legendary coach John Bryant.

(From left) Booster Club representative Brian Taylor; Tennis players Peyton Bradley, Gregg Roberson, Humza Siddiqui, Ben Stewart and Diego Rivetti; and track runner Kaylee Eakin.

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Missouri - Austin Jones, a 13-year old student at Richland R-1 Schools, knows all to well the pride in frogging in Missouri. He is the son of Carlie & Cody Jones. He's counting the days until Frogging season opens!!

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages Missourians to discover nature this summer -- and one fun and exciting way is through frogging. Frogging season begins June 30 at sunset and ends Oct. 31. Missouri has two frog species that are legal game — bullfrog and green frog. Bullfrogs are larger and therefore more sought-after.

The daily limit is eight frogs of both species combined and the possession limit is 16 frogs of both species combined. Only the daily limit may be possessed on the waters or banks thereof where limits apply. Daily limits end at midnight so froggers who catch their daily limits before midnight and then want to return for more frogging after midnight must remove the daily limit of previously caught frogs from the waters or banks before returning for more.

Frogging can be done with either a fishing permit or a small-game hunting permit. Children under the age of 16 and Missouri residents 65 years of age or older are not required to have a permit. Those with a fishing permit may take frogs by hand, hand net, atlatl, gig, bow, trotline, throw line, limb line, bank line, jug line, snagging, snaring,

grabbing or pole and line. With a small game hunting permit, frogs may be harvested using a .22-caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, atlatl, bow, crossbow, or by hand or hand net. The use of an artificial light is permitted when frogging.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Rib City Shootout for Volleyball is slated for Monday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 14th. Game will be played at the Dexter Bearcat Event Center, Dexter High School and the Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 13th on BEC Court #2 the Bernie Mules take on the Dexter Lady Cats.

10:45 a.m. Bernie vs Poplar Bluff on Court #1 BEC

11:30 a.m. Bernie vs Cape Central on Court #1 BEC

12:30 p.m. Dexter vs Arcadia Valley on Court #2 BEC

1:15 p.m. Bernie vs Middleton on Court #2 BEC

2:45 p.m. Bernie vs Dyersburg on Court #2 BEC

3:30 p.m. Dexter vs Middleton on Court #3 BEC

4:15 p.m. Jackson vs Dexter Middle School at High School

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Rib City Girls Basketball Shootout Slated for Thursday

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Lady Cats basketball program will compete in their first Rib City Shootout of the summer on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter. Both the 7th grade and 8th grade girls basketball teams are also slated to compete and will play their games at the T.S. Hill Middle School.

The 7th grade Cats will begin play at 9:45 a.m. against Poplar Bluff in the middle school gym. At 11:15 a.m. they play Doniphan and then at 5:15 p.m. they play Ellington.

The 8th grade Cats are slate to play Doniphan at 10:30 a.m., Poplar Bluff at 12:45 p.m., Ellington at 2:15 p.m. and at 4:30 they will compete against Nettleton, Arkansas. All 8th grade games will be played at T.S. Hill Middle School gym.

The Dexter Varsity Lady Bearcats begin competing at 10:30 a.m. against Alton, Illinois on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center. At noon they play Benton, Illinois, 2:15 p.m. they play Salem, Illinois and at 6:00 p.m. they will play Hoxie, Arkansas. All of the Lady Cats' games will be played on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center.

For more girls basketball scheduling and all of the team competing click [HERE](#).

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