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PATIENTS, FAMILIES AT SAINT FRANCIS

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Along with 160 golfers, more than 30 volunteers turned out for the 13th Annual Ken Hayden Memorial Golf Tournament, raising more than \$73,000 in support of patients and their families at Saint Francis Healthcare System.

The tournament has generated over \$686,000 since its 2004 inception helping Saint Francis patients and their families in the region. Named in memory of Ken Hayden, who loved helping people and playing golf, the outing's proceeds assist Saint Francis Healthcare System patients and their families in need in a variety of beneficial ways.

Winners of the morning championship flight were Mark Cicero, Erin Hoffman, Jasvinder Singh and Alexandra Mating. Second place went to Dr. Joseph Mayo, Julie Yankus, Mark Moore and Dr. Colleen Moore. Third place winners were Dan Atkinson, Jen McLemore, Jarett Stafford and Jill Braswell.

Afternoon championship flight winners were Steve Bjelich, Lisa Bjelich, Aaron Wright and Kathy Morris sponsored by GreenPages Technology. Second place went to Ron Harris, Faith Tegel, Bill Tegel and Sara Varner sponsored by DeRoyal Industries. Third place winners were Ian Soutar, Corrine Soutar, Laura Younhouse and Rob Younhouse sponsored by Cape Radiology Group.

The Friends of Saint Francis, formally organized in 1976, assists Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation in providing patient services and financial assistance to Saint Francis and the community. Since its beginning, The Friends has given more than \$3.5 million in support of Saint Francis Healthcare System. The Friends Board is composed of people from the community and employees who are committed to serving the Healthcare System in an active way.

The Friends support the Healthcare System, its patients and their families; give back to the community through service; and transform lives for the better.

Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that supports Saint Francis Healthcare System by strengthening the institution overall and reaffirming its mission of supporting the community and the people it serves. Formally organized in 1976, its mission reflects the Healthcare System's priorities through fundraising efforts that support

the community. The Foundation hosts several annual events, including golf tournaments, galas and Pink Up, and philanthropic activities such as annual appeals, memorials, endowment funds, planned giving, grants and major gifts. Through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers, the Foundation accepts contributions each year to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, provides patient and employee assistance, creates new programs that help patients in the region, and improves facilities at the Healthcare System.

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After six and half years, Ziehmer is stepping down as director effective July 15.

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces that Director Robert L. Ziehmer is stepping down as director effective July 15, 2016.

“It is with mixed emotions that I am resigning from my position as director,” Ziehmer said. “My decision to leave was not easy. The many years I have spent with the Department have been both professionally challenging and rewarding. However, I am excited about continuing my conservation career through a new endeavor in the private sector.”

Ziehmer has been with MDC for over 25 years. During his last six and half years as director, he has continued to move conservation forward by forging strong statewide and national conservation partnerships and increasing public engagement on key conservation initiatives.

Some milestones during Ziehmer’s tenure include restoration activities for elk, prairie chickens, hellbenders and sturgeon; active efforts to deliver the conservation message in all public schools; implementation of major infrastructure projects, including hatchery renovations, wetland renovations, shooting range renovations, and new regional facilities; working to improve the agency’s business processes; and continuing MDC’s role as a national leader in fish, forest, and wildlife management.

“Bob’s dedication to Missouri Conservation and his career with the Department has made a lasting impact for the betterment of the fish, forest, and wildlife of this state,” said Conservation Commission Chair Marilyn Bradford. “He has chosen to take the next step in his conservation career, and we are indebted to he and his family for his devoted service and commitment to Missouri Conservation.”

Ziehmer was appointed director in January 2010. He is the 8th person to serve in this capacity since MDC’s founding in 1937.

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Record Crappie Caught on Trotline

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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.

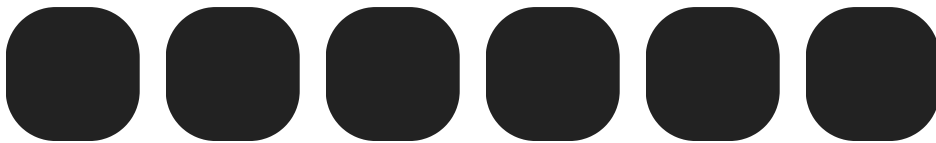
“2016 is shaping up to be a year for state-record fish,” said MDC Fisheries Programs Specialist Andrew Branson. “We have already had 13 new records so far, which is more than we see in an entire year sometimes. The mild weather we have had this year means more anglers are fishing, and catching big fish.”

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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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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