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# Dexter to Host Jamboree Friday Night

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**Dexter, Missouri -** It's been quite sometime since the Dexter Bearcats have hosted the annual Jamboree, but this is their year! Last year the Jamboree was held at East Prairie due to the construction on the front entrance.

With only two wins under the belt during the 2015 season the Bearcats have been working hard during the off season and hitting the weights. They hope to increase the totals in the win column this year. They are pumped and dedicated to each other as the old saying goes, "Once a Bearcat, Always a Bearcat" rings in their ears.

On Friday, August 12th the Bearcats will take the field for the first time prior to the opening of the 2016 Football Season.

Coach Goltra said, "The boys have worked hard all summer. The typical growing pains associated with installing a new offense and defense are there, but we are much better than we were at the start of the summer."

The Boys of Fall have been practicing in some almost unbearable heat the past week. Two of their practices had to be held indoors because of MSHSAA regulations.

Dexter will host the Kennett Indians, New Madrid County Central Eagles, and the East Prairie Eagles beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost to enter Charles Bland Stadium will be \$1.00.

"We aren't concerned at all about the other teams in the Jamboree," stated Goltra, "We are just focused on us getting better and getting ready for Ste. Genevieve." The Bearcats will begin their 2016 season traveling to Ste. Genevieve to take on the Dragons on Friday, August 19th. Game time 7:00 p.m.

Concessions will be available as well. So find your RED and BLACK BEARCAT shirts, put those bows in your hair, grab that hat and show your Bearcat Pride on Friday and let the boys know you support them 100% on and off the field.

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# SEMO Conference Announces Changes

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SEMO Conference Announces Changes

The SEMO Conference announced its official changes on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The new changes go into effect in the upcoming 2016 - 2017 school year.

Football will have four divisions with the addition of Kelly to the conference. The divisions will be the North Division-Cape Central, Farmington, Jackson, Poplar Bluff and Sikeston. South Division-Caruthersville, Dexter, Kennett and New Madrid. West Division - Chaffee, Hayti, Portageville and Scott City. East Division - Charleston, East Prairie, Kelly and Malden.

Girls Basketball will have a conference tournament this year at Poplar Bluff High School the week of November 28th through December 2nd. Saxony Lutheran has joined the conference to make it an eight team conference.

Track will have four divisions in the spring with the addition of Saxony Lutheran and Woodland. The divisions will be the North Division - Cape Central, Jackson, Notre Dame, Poplar Bluff and Sikeston. South Division - Caruthersville, Dexter, Kennett, New Madrid and Saxony Lutheran. West Division - Chaffee, Delta, Hayti, Oran, Scott Central and Scott City. East Division - Charleston, East Prairie, Kelly, Malden and Woodland.

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## Southeast Missouri Mavericks Finish 3rd

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Congratulations to the Southeast Missouri Mavericks 16u Basketball Team coached by Jim Jones and Louis Bell. They competed this weekend in Wichita, Kansas at the MAYB National Tournament finished in Third Place with a record of 7-1 at the tournament.

The team had an outstanding season with an overall record of 34 - 9. The Mavericks are comprised of athletes from Bernie, Dexter, Bloomfield, Greenville, North County, Poplar Bluff, and Risco.

Shown in the photo back row from left to right: Coach Jim Jones, Nik Rowland, Hunter Johnson, Michael Suiter, Nate Dillinger, Coach Bell Front Row from left to right: Morgan Ludwig, Clay Mullins, Tye Huff, Nathan Burnett, and Peyton Bell.

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# Changes in Smallmouth and Rock Bass Regulations

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### Changes in Smallmouth and Rock Bass Regulations

The Missouri Department of Conservation Regulations Committee voted to approve changes to the Smallmouth Bass and Rock Bass regulations. After looking at the biological and social data (9 public meetings) the following changes were approved:

### **ROCK BASS (Goggle-eye) REGULATIONS**

Maintain Rock Bass Special Management Areas except the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River.

Propose a Statewide Rock Bass minimum length limit of 7 inches.

#### SMALLMOUTH BASS REGULATIONS

Maintain the existing minimum length limit of 12 inches and daily limit of 6 fish on streams (other than Smallmouth Bass Special Management Areas).

Propose to consolidate all Stream Black Bass Special Management Area regulations for Smallmouth Bass to:

15-inch minimum length limit

One (1) fish per day creel limit

Areas to be known as Smallmouth Bass Special Management Areas

#### PROPOSED EXPANDED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

Expand the boundaries of the Jacks Fork River, Big Piney River, Meramec River, and Big River Special Management Areas.

The Regulations Committee will send the approved regulation changes to the Director. If approved by the Director, then the Conservation Commission will have the opportunity to vote at the Conservation Commission meeting on August 26, 2016. If approved by the Conservation Commission, these regulation changes will go into effect on March 1, 2017.

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## Dexter Bearcats Release Football Schedules

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Dexter Bearcats Release Football Schedules

**Dexter, Missouri -** The Dexter Bearcats have released their 2016 varsity football schedule, which includes five road games and four home games.

Dexter opens its season on August 19th traveling to Ste. Genevieve. Game time 7:00 p.m.

The Bearcats will host Poplar Bluff as their home opener on August 26, 2016, visits New Madrid County Central on September 2nd, hosts Middle College from Memphis, TN on September 9th, travels to Sikeston on September 16th and Caruthersville on September 23rd then back at Charles Bland Stadium for Homecoming on September 30th against Kennett. Senior night will be on October 7th against Park Hills Central and they end their regular season at Malden on October 14th.

Charleston dropped Dexter leaving an open Friday night. Middle College from Memphis,

Tennessee was added to their schedule to fill that spot.

"Middle College is a a second year football program. They are very athletic and made the playoffs in their first year," stated Dexter head football coach Kevin Goltra. "I think mentally and physically we can match up against them. They also graduated a large sum of seniors last year."

Coach Goltra will have the Bearcats on the practice field beginning Monday, August 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. as this week is Sports Dead Week in high school football.

Athletes need to have physicals on file prior to practice. Last year's physicals expire on July 31st so if they did not get one in May at the Free Physicals Day then they need to get one before practice starts on August 1st.

Dexter will host the Football Jamboree on Friday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

The Bearcats will also team up with Dexter Parks and Recreation for "A Day with Bearcat" on Saturday, August 27th at Charles Bland Stadium at 9:00 a.m.

The Dexter junior varsity, freshman, and middle school schedules are also set.

The JV Bearcats will play five games away and only one game at home. They travel to Malden on August 22nd, Poplar Bluff on August 29th, New Madrid County Central on September 12th, Sikeston on September 19th, and Caruthersville on September 26th. The last game of the season will be at home on October 3rd.

The Freshman Schedule allows for only two games this season. They will travel to Poplar Bluff on August 29th and Sikeston on September 19th. The Poplar Bluff game begins at 5:00 p.m. and the Sikeston game begins at 4:30 p.m.

The T.S. Hill Middle School will have a combination of 7th grade, 8th grade and 7th/8th grade teams playing away for four games and at home for four games.

The 8th grade football team will play at home against Doniphan on September 1st. They will travel to NMCC on September 6th, Malden on September 8th, and East Prairie on September 13th. They will then play again at home for three games against Sikeston on September 22nd, Caruthersville on September 27th, and Kennett on September 29th. They finish the season traveling to Portageville on October 6th.

The 7th grade football team will start out traveling to NMCC on September 6th, Malden on September 8th, and East Prairie on September 13th. They will then be at home on September 22nd against Sikeston, at home on the 27th against Caruthersville, at home on 29th against Kennett and will end their season on October 6th traveling to Portageville.

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