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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announced that hunters checked 3,698 turkeys during Missouri's fall firearms turkey season, Oct. 1-31. Last year's fall firearms turkey harvest total was 6,158. Top harvest counties for the 2016 fall firearms turkey season were Greene with 128, Franklin with 96, and Wayne with 92.

MDC's turkey biologist says this year's low fall firearms turkey harvest total can be attributed to several factors, including a poor turkey hatch, above-average acorn production, and a decline in hunter participation.

"This year's turkey hatch was very poor, so there were far fewer young birds for hunters to pursue this fall," said MDC Turkey Biologist Jason Isabelle. "We had above-average acorn production in much of the state this year as well, which typically results in fewer turkeys being harvested."

In addition to the effects of a poor turkey hatch and above-average acorn production, interest in the fall firearms turkey season has been declining in Missouri as it has in a number of states.

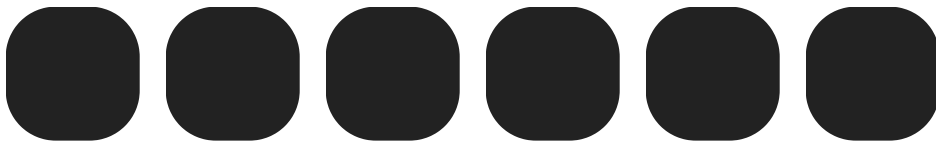
Isabelle noted, "This year's fall firearms turkey permit sales total of 11,696 permits was the lowest on record since the season started in 1978."

Fall archery turkey hunting continues through Nov. 11 and then resumes again from Nov. 23 through Jan. 15, 2017.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club named Poplar Bluff High School softball catcher Gracie King and football quarterback Zane Foust the Athletes of the Month for September.

The single game and season record holder for yards, Foust, a senior, has completed 162 of his 226 attempts for 2,737 yards, with 33 touchdowns. Meanwhile King, also a senior, ended the softball season with 29 runs batted in and a .469 batting average.

According to both of their head coaches, Lisa Boyer and Mark Barousse, King and Foust are leaders both on and off the field.

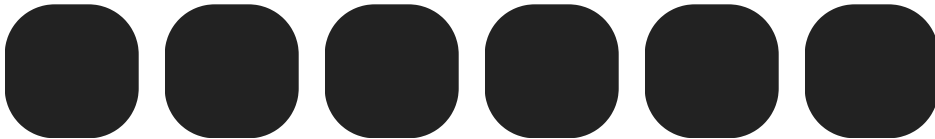
Shown in the photo: Poplar Bluff Mules Booster Club member Brian Taylor presents Zane Foust and Gracie King awards for AOM on Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the gymnasium.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 7th grade middle school Bearcats boys basketball team defeated the Advance Hornets 36-21 on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

The Bearcats jumped out to a 12 - 7 lead at the end of the first period. By half-time the 'Cats were leading 18 - 9.

Hornets' Jacob Johnson hit the only 3-pointer of the game while Hunter Tidwell finished with 8 points.

Joey Farver #25 led the Bearcats in double digits with 8 buckets and was 3/5 at the charity stripe totaling 19 points. He was the only athlete in double digits for either team.

Final Score Dexter 36, Advance 21

Dexter 12 6 10 8 - 36

Advance 7 2 2 10 - 21

Dexter (36) - Dylan Sitze 6, Camden Riley 2, Drake Channel 2, Taylor Condict 1, Joey Farver 19, Cyden Mansker 6. FG 16, FT 4/14, F 10. (3-pointers: None, Fouled Out: None)

Advance (21) - Diesel Cato 8, Jaron Schrader 2, Jacob Johnson 3, Hunter Tidwell 8. FG 10, Ft 0/2, F 15. (3-pointers: Jacob Johnson, Fouled Out: Non)

Dexter Middle School boys basketball teams will be back in action as they travel to Bloomfield on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m against the Bloomfield Wildcats!

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DMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team Wins Home Opener

Dexter, Missouri - T. S. Hill Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team hosted the Woodland Cardinals on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 t their first game of the season.

The Bearcats held double digits in each of the four quarters to defeat the Cardinals 52 - 18. Dexter scored 28 points in the first half.

Center, Riley Slusher #50 tallied a game-high 12 points for the Bearcats. He finished with a total of 6 buckets.

Kyle Balsman #23 finished the night with a team-high 8 points for the Woodland Cardinals.

Dexter Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team is coached by Lloyd Hyten and Josh Dowdy. Managers are Ben Rybolt and Harrison Pennington.

Woodland Junior High 8th grade boys basketball team is coached by Shelby Kight.

Final Score Dexter 52, Woodland 18

Dexter 14 14 14 10 - 52

Woodland 6 2 6 4 - 18

Dexter (52) - Ryder Boles 6, Jackson Allen 6, Carter Dorton 5, Andrew Ellinghouse 8, Peyton Driskill 4, Riley Moore 3, Landon Hoggard 2, Austin Daniels 6, Riley Slusher 12. FG 22, FT 5/10, F 6. (3-pointers: Allen 2, Dorton 1, Fouled Out: None).

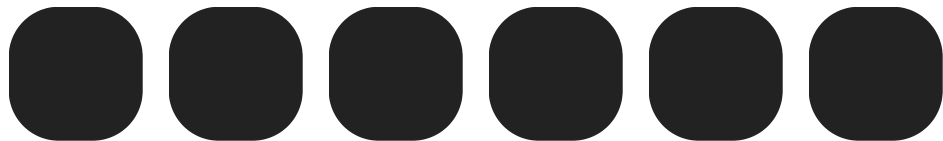
Woodland (18) - Layne Allen 2, Jamon Frymire 2, Kyle Balsman 8, Josh Duncan 2, Kolin Skinn 2, Rafe Johnson 2. FG 9, FT 0/4, F 7. (3-pointers: None, Fouled Out: None).

The Dexter Bearcats 8th grade team (1-0) will host the Bernie Mules at the Bearcat Event Center on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Middle School boys basketball team hosted Woodland on Tuesday, October 25th in the home opener.

The Bearcats jumped out to a 7 - 2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they easily defeated the Cardinals 41 - 19. The Bearcats led at half-time 18 - 6.

Dexter's 7th grade guard Dylan Sitze #5 finished in double digits with two treys and 3 buckets for a total of 12 points.

Joey Farver #25, center, also finished in double digits for the Bearcats with 11 points.

Woodland's Cecil Abernathy #10 finished with 13 points.

Finals Score Dexter 41, Woodland 19

Dexter 7 11 9 14 - 41

Woodland 2 4 4 9 - 19

Dexter (41) - Cy Worley 9, Andrew Dodson 2, Riley Camry 4, Dylan Sitze 12, Gabe McGee 2, Joey Farver 11, Cayden Mansker 1. FG 17, FT 3/11, F 15 (3-pointers: Worley 1, Sitze 2, Fouled Out: None)

Woodland (19) - Devon Moyers 2, Cecil Abernathy 13, Harley Ezell 2, Landon Baker 2. FG 8, FT 2/12, F 19. (3-pointers: None, Fouled Out: None)

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