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**Essex, Missouri** - The Jr. High SCAA 8th grade boys basketball tournament begins on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Richland School.

Seated #1 Dexter Bearcats, #2 Bell City Cubs, #3 Bernie Mules, #4 Advance Hornets, #5 Bloomfield Wildcats, #6 Puxico Indians, #7 Woodland Cardinals, and #8 Richland Rebels.

On Saturday Dexter will play Richland at 10:00 a.m., Bell City will play Woodland at 12:30 a.m., Advance will play Bloomfield at 3:00 p.m. and Bernie will play Puxico at 4:15 p.m.

Semifinal action will continue on Monday, November 14th at 5:15 p.m. with the winner of the Dexter/Richland game vs the Advance/Bloomfield winner.

On Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. will be the championship game. Third place game will be at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

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## SCAA 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament Begins Saturday

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**Essex, Missouri** - The Jr. High SCAA Boys Basketball Tournament is slated to begin Saturday, November 12th at Richland.

This will be a six team single elimination tournament.

Seated #1 Bernie Mules, #2 Bloomfield Wildcats, #3 Dexter Bearcats, #4 Advance Hornets, #5 Woodland Cardinals, #6 Puxico Indians.

Advance will play Woodland at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday and Dexter will play Puxico at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday.

Bernie will play the winner of the Advance/Woodland game on Monday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Bloomfield will play the winner of the Dexter/Puxico game on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

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## DHS Weightlifting Classes Collecting Coats

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Coach Goltra, head football coach at Dexter High School also teaches weightlifting. His students are collecting winter coats for charity.

Coats can be slightly used or new and all sizes are needed. Donations can be made to a student in the weightlifting class or drop off with Coach Goltra at the high school.

These students want to do something for their community and with cold weather slowly approaching, it's time to go through your closet and donate to those who may not be able

to afford new coats or have children that just grow too fast.

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## Angler Catches State-Record Hybrid Striped Bass

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*Congratulations to Mark McArtor on breaking the state record by catching a 9-pound, 1-ounce hybrid striped bass with a jug line on the Lake of the Ozarks.*

**Camdenton, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that

Mark McArtor of Camdenton became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he caught a hybrid striped bass on the Lake of the Ozarks.

The new “alternative method” record hybrid striped bass caught by McArtor on Oct. 31 weighed 9-pounds, 1-ounce with a length of 27 inches. McArtor caught the fish with a jug line in front of his house on the lake.

“My wife and I are thrilled to have caught a state record fish,” McArtor said. “I still can’t believe it!”

McArtor said he was using shad for bait trying to catch blue catfish when he caught the large hybrid striped bass.

“This wasn’t the first hybrid striped bass we caught,” he said. “We actually caught a pretty decent sized one last year, but it didn’t meet the qualifications for the Department’s master angler program.”

MDC staff verified the record-weight fish using a certified scale in Camdenton. This is the 15th state record fish caught this year by an angler.

“A state record fish can be caught any time of the year, but we normally do not receive many state record fish applications once summer is over,” said MDC Fisheries Programs Specialist Andrew Branson. “But since the weather has been warmer this year a lot of people are still fishing, which means a better chance of someone catching a state record fish.”

McArtor noted he hopes to catch more state record fish like this one with his wife.

“Catching another state record would be great, but really I am just happy with what the lake provides,” McArtor said.

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.

Photo and article submitted by the Missouri Conservation Department.

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## Jason Jarrell Receives Charles Bland Award

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Dexter, Missouri - There is one award given to a Football Bearcat each year that has become a tradition at Dexter High School, the Charles Bland Award! It is a bronze trophy and was originally awarded in 1994. This is the 22rd year that a group of football enthusiasts have honored a Bearcat and the 2016 recipient is senior Jason Jarrell.

Jarrell is the son of Denny and Paula Jarrell.

He has been a member of the Baseball, Basketball, and Football Teams all four years of high school. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Sr. BETA Club, and National Honor Society.

His future plans are to attend college and is undecided in a major at this time.

### *History of the Bland Award*

The Bland Award originated from a group of former Bearcat football players and fans who had an interest in honoring the most outstanding student-athlete from the Bearcat Football team.

The selected Bearcat must meet very strict criteria in many areas of the scholar-athlete life, including: Scholastic Ability, School Participation & Attendance, Community Involvement, Leadership Qualities, Personal & Team Attitude, and Athletic Performance.

A Bland Award recipient should reflect the qualities that interscholastic sports programs have to offer. In no way should this award be seen as a trophy strictly for athleticism; rather, it is to celebrate the most outstanding, well-rounded student-athlete from the senior class.

The late Charles ‘Seed’ Bland - the man that the stadium these athletes battled in during their high school careers - was a very active supporter of the Dexter School System for many years. The most amazing gift ‘Seed’ gave was his pride in the Bearcats, as well as the young people of Dexter High School.

Known only to a few, the late Ruth Bland was the ‘athlete of the family’ and was a standout for both the DHS basketball and track teams. It has been written that she was ‘the best female athlete in Southeast Missouri’ during her time.

Together, the Bland family has been there to support Dexter Schools and Bearcat Athletics for over 60 years.

Congratulations Jason!

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