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Missouri - Memorial Day weekend brings an extra-special celebration for squirrel hunters and bass anglers in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds them that the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 27, marks the opening of both squirrel season statewide and catch-and-keep bass season in most streams south of the Missouri River.

Hunters can pursue fox and gray squirrels from May 27 through Feb. 15, 2018, with rifles, shotguns, and other legal firearms methods, along with archery equipment, slingshots, or atlatls. The daily limit for hunting and trapping is 10 with a possession limit of 20. Valid permits for squirrel hunting are: Archery Hunting, Daily Small Game, Small Game Hunting and Fishing, and Small Game Hunting.

Hunters with valid permits can also take squirrels with cage-type traps. Traps must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the user's full name and address, or conservation number. Squirrel traps must have openings measuring 144 square inches or less, for instance, 12 inches by 12 inches. Hunters must attend their traps daily. The same regulations apply to rabbits and groundhogs during their respective seasons.

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Memorial Day weekend brings an extra-special celebration bass anglers in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds them that the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 27, marks the opening of both squirrel season statewide and catch-and-keep bass season in most streams south of the Missouri River.

The black bass catch-and-keep season applies to most streams south of the Missouri River for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted or Kentucky bass and runs from May 27 to Feb. 28, 2018. Anglers may catch and release these species legally all year, anywhere in the state. They may keep legal-sized bass caught from impoundments and some rivers and streams all year long, statewide. In most of the state's waters, the daily limit on black bass is six. Black bass taken from rivers and streams must be at least 12 inches long in most areas. Additional specific regulations may apply to specific waters or areas. Anglers must have a valid fishing permit or be exempt.

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Leave baby wild animals where you find them, or put them back in the nest area.

Missouri - Spring brings the births of wild animals such as birds, rabbits, and squirrels. With that come good intentions of kind-hearted people who want to adopt baby animals they find because they think they have been orphaned or abandoned.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people to leave these young wild animals where they find them, or return them to their nests or nest areas if possible.

"Baby animals are rarely abandoned or orphaned," said MDC State Wildlife Veterinarian Sherri Russell. "The wildlife parent is afraid of people and will retreat when you approach. If the baby animal is left alone, the parent will usually return. Also, parent animals cannot constantly attend to their young so often they spend many hours each day gathering food for the offspring."

Russell added that baby birds are common animals people want to help by adopting them.

"If you see a baby bird on the ground hopping around and it has feathers, leave it alone because it is a fledgling and the parents are nearby keeping an eye on it," she explained. 'If you find one that is featherless, it probably fell out of nest. Return it to the nest if you can, or at least near the nest."

Another common problem is dogs catching baby rabbits and mowers running over nests.

"Baby rabbits seldom survive in captivity and actually can die of fright from being handled," Russell explained. "Even if they are injured, return the baby rabbits to the nest or the general nest area. The mother will most likely return."

She added most wild mothers do not abandon their young because of a human smell on them, and most baby wild animals do not survive in captivity.

"While people may have good intentions, the care and rehabilitation of wild animals requires special training, knowledge, facilities, care – and permits," she said. "Wild animals, if they are to survive in captivity, often require highly specialized care. Without such care, they will remain in poor health and may eventually die. And it is illegal to possess many wild animals without a valid state or federal permit."

Russell added, "Animals are better off in their natural habitats where they are free to reproduce and carry on their species. If a wild animal is broken to captivity, it will probably die if returned to the wild. Also, many wild animals are nocturnal. This means they are not active until after dark. They sleep during the day and can be quite disturbing at night while people sleep."

She noted wild animals can become dangerous to handle as they mature, can carry parasites and disease, and can damage property.

"Native wildlife can carry mites, ticks, lice, fleas, flukes, roundworms, tapeworms, rabies, distemper, tuberculosis, respiratory diseases, and skin diseases," Russell explained. "Some of these diseases can be transmitted to humans."



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Dexter, Missouri - Jason Jarrell recently signed to play baseball at Evangel University next year.

Jarrel is the son of Denny and Paula Jarrell.

He has played baseball, basketball and football all four years of high school at Dexter.

He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America and Sr. Beta Club.

During his high school career he has earned the following Academic/Leadership Awards and Athletic Awards at Dexter High School.

Academic/Leadership

Bland Award Football 2016

2016 National I Dare You Leadership Award Winner for Dexter High School American Legion Award for Outstanding Male Student Dexter Middle School 2013 Academic Top 10% 4 years of High School **Dexter Honor Society Member**

National Beta Club Member

Honor Roll all semesters

3 Time Academic All-State Football 2014, 2015 and 2016

2 Time Character Athlete award for Basketball 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Member of Future Business Leaders of America

Member of Student Council

Athletic

All Conference SEMO Football Offense 2016

All Conference SEMO Football Defense 2016

All Conference SEMO Conference Baseball First Team Catcher 2016

All District Baseball Class 4 2016

Dexter Baseball Team MVP 2016

Dexter Baseball Team Batting Award 2016

All Conference SEMO Central Football Offense 2014

All Conference SEMO Central Football Defense 2014

All Conference SEMO Central Football Offense 2015

3 Time All Conference SCAA Basketball 2015, 2016, and 2017

All District Basketball Class 4 2016-17

SEMO All Conference Basketball 2016-17

All Standard-Democrat Boys Basketball Team 2016-2017

3 Time Stoddard County All-Tournament Basketball Team 2015, 2016, and 2017

3 Time Bloomfield Christmas Tournament All-Tournament Team 2014, 2015, and 2016

Bloomfield Christmas Tournament Champions 2016

Stoddard County Conference Basketball Champions 2016-17

2 Time Dexter Basketball Team MVP 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Dexter Basketball Team Rebounding Award 2014-2015

Dexter Basketball Free Throw Award 2016-2017

Varsity Letters as a Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior in Baseball, Basketball, and Football.

Lettered in Football and Basketball as a Senior so on track to earn 4 varsity letters in all three sports and has earned all conference honors in all three.

Also, back to back Fellowship of Christian Athletes Dodgeball Champion.

Jarrell visited the campus and participated in a full practice with the team in the fall of 2016. He was offered a scholarship that day, but Jarrell took a few months to make up his mind.

"I liked the campus and the players," commented Jarrell. "I look forward to playing with a great group of teammates, good coaches and having some fun."

Jarrell was catcher for the Bearcats his senior year. They went 9 - 13 on the season and lost in the MSHSAA Class 4, District 1 quarterfinals to Kennett. In his senior year he finishe diwth two home runs, nine RBIs, and scored 16 runs.

"Jason participated in a fall practice with the full team. Played with our players on our field," commented Coach Russell Brand.

This is Brand's second season as head coach. Brand worked 13 seasons under former Crusaders' head coach Lance Quessenberry at two stops. The two coached together at Parkview High School from 2003 to 2006 until Quessenberry was named the head coach at Evangel. He has taught adult studies classes at Parkview and Willard High School during that time. The Crusaders finished 27 - 24 in the 2017 season.

Founded in 1971, the Heart of America Athletic Conference marked its 45th year during the 2015-16 season. All 12 conference schools are members of the National Association of

Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) including Evangel University.

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university located in Springfield, Missouri. Offering more than 100 academic programs, Evangel is on the cutting edge of today's professional fields and vocational ministry training. More than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students with 14 varsity sports and 40 clubs and organizations. The student/faculty ratio is 15:1 and the average class size is 25.

Jason's plans are to earn a degree in physical therapy.

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Dexter, Missouri - SoutheastHEALTH of Stoddard County will host FREE Stoddard County Athletic Physicals for both middle school and high school students on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Dexter High School cafeteria.

As a reminder, the physical forms must be completed and have a parent's signature prior to the physical.

Any student participating in a school sport must have a physical prior to the first day of practice. Football players start practice very soon so this is a perfect opportunity for you to get your physical completed and at no cost.

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