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**Taney County angler catches state-record sunfish
Congratulations to Dominik Penner on breaking the state record by catching a 1-pound, 5-ounce redear sunfish on a trotline.**

Taney County, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Dominik Penner of Merriam Woods Village became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he caught a redear sunfish on Table Rock Lake. The new “alternative method” record fish caught by Penner on May 14 weighed 1 pound, 5 ounces. Penner’s recent catch broke the previous state record of 1-pound, 1-ounce, caught earlier this year.

Penner caught the fish on a trotline. A trotline is a heavy fishing line with baited hooks attached at intervals by means of branch lines called snoods. A snood is a short length of line which is attached to the main line using a clip or swivel with the hook at the end.

MDC weighed the redear sunfish on a certified scale at Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery in Branson.

“This is the sixth state-record fish this year. 2017 is shaping up to be a year for state-record fish,” said MDC Fisheries Programs Specialist Andrew Branson. “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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Advance, Missouri - Preston Wuebker, Advance High School 2017 graduate, signed a letter of intent to play college basketball at Fontbonne University in St. Louis, MO.

Preston is the son of Jeff and Tiffany Wuebker.

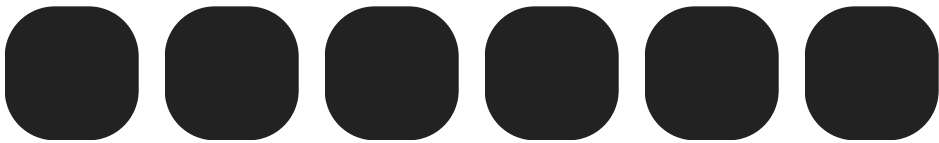
Fontbonne is a Division III school that plays in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC).

Pictured are seated from left to right Tiffany Wuebker, Preston Wuebker, and Jeff Wuebker. Back row from left to right are Advance Head Coach Bubba Wheatley, and Advance Athletic Director James Hamlin

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Two Local Businesses Treat Athletes to Cook-Out

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Dexter, Missouri - Warm weather is made for grilling and marks the beginning of the summer cook-out season. It also marks the beginning of summer athletic practices for high school sports. The Bearcat football team met with coaches for some in-classroom instruction and check-out their gear for the 2017 football season. To celebrate their summer work-outs athletes were treated to a cook-out.

Dexter Queen and County Wide Insurance gathered on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 to treat local Dexter athletes with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks during the first day of summer athletic training for several high school students.

Athletes were thrilled to get a break from in-classroom instruction and eat outside at Charles Bland Stadium. More than 50 athletes and several coaches including Dexter's new Activities/Athletic Director, Aaron Pixley, were on hand to devour Dexter's famous hamburgers and hotdogs.

"We had 48 football players in attendance today," commented Dexter head football coach Kevin Goltra. "We had probably 10 - 15 out due to vacations and other school functions, but still a good turn-out."

"The athletes were introduced to some new offensive formations and defense that we will run later this year during the regular season," continued Goltra. "Students attended a classroom setting and used visual diagrams as well as watched video during the morning hours before lunch. There were also break-out sessions where the players met with their individual offensive and defensive coaches to learn their expectations and get introduced to the drills they will be running in practice."

"Lunch was graciously provided by Dexter Queen and County Wide Insurance before we had a walk through of some plays and then issued equipment. Wednesday will be a practice," stated Goltra.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named soccer player Sophie Rowland and golfer Nathan Woolard the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for April.

Nathan, a junior, was a medalist for best score in the Jackson Invitational and Conference Championship, which he helped win along with the Notre Dame and Poplar Bluff Invitationals, according to his coach Billy Pyland. Nathan also qualified to play in the Class 4 State Golf Tournament.

Sophie, a sophomore, has broken last year's record with 18 assists this season. She has also scored six goals. Academically she is first in her class with an 11.4286 GPA, according to her coach, Rusty Crafton, who says she is a great leader on and off the field. "(Sophie) wants to get better each day," he stated.

Pictured presenting the awards to Sophie Rowland and Nathan Woolard on Tuesday, May 9, is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter, Missouri - The first Rib City Boys Basketball Shootout of the summer is slated for Friday, June 2, 2017 and Saturday, June 3, 2017.

The tournament consisting of 74 teams will take place on nine courts in Dexter and Essex. There will be three courts set up in the Bearcat Event Center. The Dexter High School gym, Southwest Elementary gym, the Central Elementary gym, and the Middle school gym will also be utilized. Also the Dexter Park & Rec gym and the Richland High School gym will see some basketball action.

Below is the Dexter Junior Varsity and Varsity schedules for both days.

Dexter Junior Varsity Schedule - Friday, June 2, 2017 #43

9:00 a.m. Bearcat Event Center Court #2 - DHS JV vs Campbell JV

2:15 p.m. T.S. Hill Middle School Gym - DHS JV vs Center Hill, MS

6:45 p.m. Bearcat Event Center Court #3 - DHS JV vs Paducah Tilghman JV

Dexter Junior Varsity Schedule - Saturday, June 3, 2017 #43

10:00 a.m. T.S. Hill Middle School - DHS JV vs McCracken County, KY JV (s)

12:15 p.m. T.S. Hill Middle School - DHS JV vs Graves County, KY JV (s)

4:00 p.m. T.S. Hill Middle School - Quarterfinal DHS JV vs West Plains JV

Semifinals will be at 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. with the Final slated for 7:00 p.m. at the middle school gym.

Dexter Varsity Schedule - Friday, June 2, 2017 #83

5:15 p.m. Dexter High School Gym - DHS Varsity vs Clark County Varsity

6:45 p.m. Dexter High School Gym - DHS Varsity vs Hillsboro, IL Varsity

8:15 p.m. Bearcat Event Center Court #1 - DHS Varsity vs Murphysboro, IL Varsity

Dexter Varsity Schedule - Saturday, June 3, 2017 #83

8:30 a.m. Bearcat Event Center Court #1 - DHS Varsity vs Doniphan Varsity

10:00 a.m. Dexter High School Gym - DHS Varsity vs Benton, IL (white) Varsity

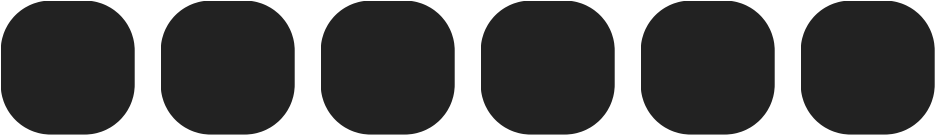
Dexter Varsity Boys will not be participating in tournament play on Saturday. They will play two games at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:00 a.m.

The next Rib City will be Girls Basketball on Thursday, June 8, 2017 and Friday, June 9, 2017. The Rib City Boys Basketball will be back on Friday, June 16, 2017 and Saturday, June 17, 2017.

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