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Congratulations to Bowen Dockery on breaking the state record by catching a 1-pound, 3-ounce green sunfish on a trotline.

Greentop, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Bowen Dockery of Greentop became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he caught a green sunfish on a private pond in Schuyler County. The new “alternative method” record fish caught by Dockery on July 5 weighed 1 pound, 3 ounces. Dockery’s recent catch broke the previous state record of 6-ounces, caught in 1993.

“Pulling up that trotline and seeing that large green sunfish on the end of my hook is wild to think about. I still can’t believe I caught that fish,” Dockery said.

Dockery said he was fishing for bait using night crawlers when he caught the state-record green sunfish.

“This was my first time I have ever fished with a trotline, and somehow I caught a state-record fish,” he said. “I have tried to break records fishing in the Mississippi River before, but I never thought I would break a record by fishing out of my own pond. I’m so excited about this catch.”

MDC weighed the green sunfish on a certified scale in Kirksville.

“This is the eighth 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.”

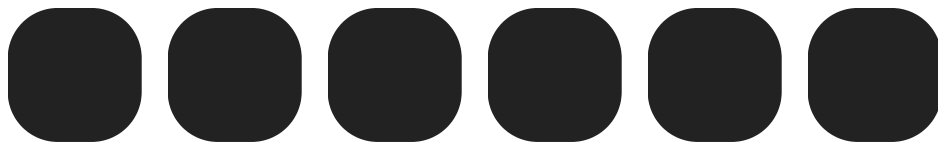
Dockery said he plans to mount the new state-record green sunfish.

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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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie Mules have announced their 2017 high school volleyball schedule. Games begin on Tuesday, August 15th with a Jamboree at Jackson High School. Bernie will host the District Tournament this year.

2017 Bernie High School Volleyball Schedule (All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted, tournament brackets will be announced at a later date)

Tue Aug. 15th Jamboree @ Jackson 6 pm

Mon Aug. 21st at Richland 6 p.m.

Tue Aug. 22nd at Sikeston 6 p.m.

Thursday August 24th and Friday August 25th Bernie JV Tournament (TBD)

(Teams participating are Bernie, Scott City, Bloomfield, Sikeston, Poplar Bluff, Puxico, Portageville, and Twin Rivers)

Mon August 28th vs Notre Dame (HOME) 6 p.m.

Thur August 31st at Bell City 6 p.m.

Sat Sept 2nd Notre Dame Volleyball Festival (V and JV) (TBD)

Tue Sept 5th at Advance

Thur Sept 7th vs Dexter (HOME)

Mon Sept 11th at Poplar Bluff

Tue Sept 12th vs Malden (HOME)

Thur Sept 14th vs Puxico (HOME)

Thur Sept 21st @ Portageville

Mon Sept 25th @ Gideon

Tues Sept 26 vs Twin Rivers (HOME)

Thur Sept 28th @ Bloomfield

Sat Sept 30th Perryville Tournament (TBA)

Mon - Fri October 2nd - 6th SCAA Tournament @ Richland (TBA)

Mon Oct 9th vs Woodland (HOME)

Tue Oct 10th vs Leopold (HOME)

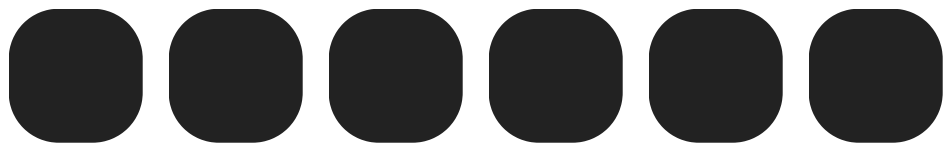
Fri Oct 13th vs Saxony Lutheran (HOME)

Mon Oct 16th and Tues Oct 17th District Tournament at Bernie (TBA)

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Annual Duck Banding Event to be Held at Otter Slough

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Dexter, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Dexter Greenhead Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host their Annual Duck Banding Event at Otter Slough Conservation Area on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

The event will begin with Missouri Department of Conservation staff demonstrating electrofishing equipment on Cypress Lake.

Fisheries Biologist Mike Reed will run a electrofishing boat along the shoreline and you will have a front row seat to the fish population of Cypress Lake. Mike will also show how biologists tag fish for research projects. While everyone is watching the show, Ducks Unlimited volunteers and MDC staff will be operating various capture equipment around Otter Slough hoping to catch mourning doves and ducks.

Following the fish show, will be an opportunity for all youth to assist wildlife biologists band and release any birds captured on the area that day. For a grand finale, we will travel out to a rocket net site on Otter Slough and see first hand how the nets are deployed to capture wildlife. Ducks Unlimited volunteers will also be on hand to demonstrate retriever handling techniques and hand out some free stuff for the kids.

The event will begin at 7:00 a.m. sharp in the large parking lot next to Cypress Lake and the equipment yard at Otter Slough Conservation Area. Most of the activities will occur in shaded areas and will conclude at approximately 10:00 a.m.

No registration is required and the event is free to all ages.

There will be giveaways from Ducks Unlimited and each kid will get their own duck band to show that they attended this event

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2017 Bernie Mules Fall Baseball Schedule Released

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2017 Bernie Mules Fall Baseball Schedule Released

Bernie, Missouri - The 2017 Bernie Mules Fall High School Baseball Schedule has been released. The Mules are on the road the first two games of the season then host the infamous Bernie Wood Bat RR against Bloomfield and Holcomb on Saturday, August 26th.

2017 Bernie High School Baseball Fall Schedule

Wed Aug. 23rd Advance (Away) 4:30 pm

Thur Aug. 24th Senath (Away) 4:30 pm

Fri Aug 25th Gideon/Risco (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Sat Aug 26th Bernie Wood Bat RR w/Bloomfield and Holcomb

10 am Bernie vs Holcomb, Noon Bloomfield vs Holcomb, 2 pm Bernie vs Bloomfield

Mon August 28th Twin River (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Tue Aug 29th Advance (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Wed Aug 30th Bell City (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Thurs Aug 31st Risco (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Fri Sept 1st Holcomb (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Tue Sept 5th Campbell (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Wed Sept 6th Oran (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Fri Sept 8th Campbell (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Sat Sept 9th Oran (Varsity and JV) (HOME) 1 p.m.

Mon Sept 11th Puxico (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Tue Sept 12th Neelyville (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Thu Sept 14th Puxico (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Fri Sept 15th Naylor (HOME) 4:30 p.m.

Sat Sept 16th Oran (Away) 1 p.m.

Mon Sept 18th Leopold (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Tue Sept 19th South Pemiscot (Away) 4:30 p.m.

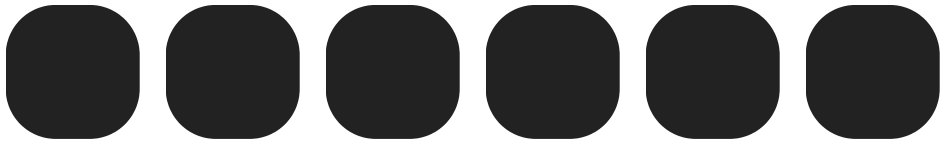
Thu Sept 21st Bloomfield (Away) 4:30 p.m.

Sat/Mon/Tue Sept 23rd, 25th and 26th Fall Tournament at Bernie (TBD)

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Discover nature with MDC at State Fair Aug. 10-20
See live fish and other native wildlife, get info, and explore Kids' Discovery Room.

SEDALIA, Mo. -- Discover nature with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Aug. 10-20.

Visit MDC's Conservation Building from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to see live fish and other native animals such as snakes, turtles, and amphibians. Learn about and see displays of native plants that help butterflies and other important pollinators. Ask conservation questions of MDC staff, get educational materials, and have fun.

Don't miss MDC's air-conditioned Conservation Kids' Discovery Room between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for hands-on fun discovering nature through crafts and other activities.

Enjoy these free conservation-related programs at MDC's outdoor pavilion:

WATCH RAPTORS: See a live eagle and other birds of prey up close at the Raptors of Missouri presentation Aug. 10 and Aug. 19 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.

LEARN TO CLEAN AND COOK FISH: Learn how to prepare a fresh catch at the Fish Cooking and Cleaning demonstration Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

BE BEAR AWARE: Learn about black bears in Missouri and how to Be Bear Aware Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: Visit with conservation agents and see the MDC OGT travelling display trailer all day Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

FIELD TO FORK: Learn how to clean and cook harvested game at the Field to Fork demonstration Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

HISTORIC SAWMILL: See a working model sawmill in operation at Forest Products: The Circular Sawmill Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss the special program on **ALIEN INVADERS** Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next door to the MDC outdoor pavilion at the Missouri Department of Transportation gardens. It will include displays and activities on invasive plants and animals, how they harm native species and habitats, and what people can do to help eliminate th

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