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Dexter, MO - In 2018 Ryder Boles was diagnosed with testicular germ cell cancer. He was 15 at the time. His parents, Kristi and Eric Boles, teachers and coaches at Dexter Schools, were surrounded by love and support from family, friends, and the community during his treatment.

Because of the community's generosity they wanted to give back to those who have also been affected by cancer. Last year the first of what has become an annual event, they started the Courts for Cancer with the boys tennis team. Ryder is an avid Bearcat tennis player and continues to play this year.

On May 4, 2021 the Bearcat Boys Tennis Team will take on their friends from Sikeston in the 2nd Annual Courts for Cancer.

Coach Eric Boles and his team are raising money to help those in our area who are dealing with a CANCER diagnosis.

"One of the ways that we are raising money is through a t-shirt sale," commented Coach Boles. "Our boys will be wearing the PURPLE shirts on game day, and Sikeston will be wearing PINK shirts on game day."

We also have WHITE versions of the shirt available for purchase. All net profits will be donated to: 1/3 of funds will be donated to a Stoddard County Family (linked to a school),

1/3 will be donated to 18ForeLife, and 1/3 will be donated to Friends of Kids with Cancer.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the sections that correspond to the color of shirt you would like to purchase, and the NUMBER of each size you would like to purchase. Payment can be sent to the high school (just label an envelope to Eric Boles) or you can email Coach Boles at [eboles@dexter.k12.mo.us](mailto:eboles@dexter.k12.mo.us) and they can arrange a method for payment and delivery of shirts.

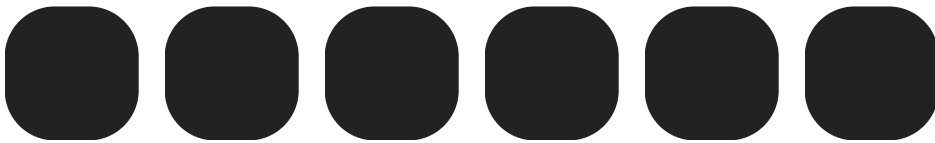
Shirts will be delivered to each school building for those staff and students who purchase one. For non-school contributors, shirts can be picked up May 3rd at the DHS Tennis Courts (from 3:30 - 5:30) or on GAME DAY (May 4th) from 3:30 until the end of the match.

If you would like to donate please contact by emailing Kristi at [kboles@dexter.k12.mo.us](mailto:kboles@dexter.k12.mo.us) or Eric at [eboles@dexter.k12.mo.us](mailto:eboles@dexter.k12.mo.us).

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Cape Girardeau, MO - The Dexter boys tennis team beat the Cape Central Tigers 8-1 at Cape on Monday, April 26, 2021.

The Bearcats went undefeated in doubles.

### **SINGLES**

No. 1 Ryder Boles (D) def. Jacob Ford (CC) 8-2.

No. 2 Nate Mangum (D) def. Zachary Borowiak (CC) 8-3.

No. 3 Drake Channell (D) def. Mohamed Roumany (CC) 8-0.

No. 4 Peyton Boles (D) def. James Webb (CC) 8-0.

No. 5 Jackson Allen (D) def. Ibrahim Ahmad (CC) 8-1.

No. 6 Gabriel Shelton (CC) def. Drew Chamberlain (D) 8-3.

### **DOUBLES**

No. 1 Boles-Boles (D) def. Ford-Roumany (CC) 8-1.

No. 2 Mangum-Channell (D) def. Borowiak-Webb (CC) 8-3.

No. 3 Allen-Chamberlain (D) def. Ahmad-Shelton (CC) 8-5.

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## Wayne County Angler Catches World Record-Sized Spotted Gar

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### Wayne County Angler Catches World Record-Sized Spotted Gar

Devlin Rich of Williamsville caught a 10-pound, 9-ounce fish from Wappapello Lake.

Wappapello Lake, MO - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulates Devlin Rich of Williamsville for catching a new state record spotted gar. Rich was fishing with a pole-and-line at Wappapello Lake Feb. 25 when he reeled in the 10-pound, 9-ounce fish. His catch is not only the latest Missouri state record, but it beats the current spotted gar world record of 9-pounds, 12-ounces set back in 1994.

Spotted gar is rather common and widely distributed in the Bootheel lowlands of southeastern Missouri.

“Because of the hard, bony jaws, gars are seldom taken on hook-and-line and are rarely used for food,” noted MDC Fisheries Programs Specialist Andrew Branson. “Special techniques are required to capture them consistently with rod-and-reel, but they do provide a ready target for the bow hunter because they often bask near the surface of the water.”

Gars are generally associated with warm, sluggish backwaters. They frequently rise to the water’s surface, opening and closing their jaws with a loud snap, then sinking below. This behavior allows them to swallow air into their swim bladder, which allows it to function

much like a lung. This adaptation helps them survive in still or slow waters with relatively low oxygen levels.

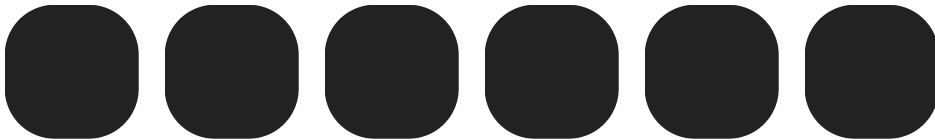
MDC staff verified Rich's record-breaking catch on a certified scale in Williamsville. This is the second state record caught in 2021.

Missouri state record fish are recognized in two categories: pole-and-line and alternative methods. Alternative methods include: throwlines, limb lines, bank lines, jug lines, spearfishing, snagging, snaring, gigging, grabbing, archery, and atlatl.

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## Dexter Falls To Poplar Bluff on Walk-Off

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Poplar Bluff, MO - The Dexter Bearcats baseball team fell to Poplar Bluff 9-8 on Monday on the final play of the game. The game was tied at eight with the Mules batting in the bottom of the 7th when a single on a 1-1 count scored a run.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats did collect nine hits and captured the lead in the 2nd inning when Kaeden Kennedy drew a walk, scoring a run. They also put up five runs in the 2nd inning. Dexter put the pressure on, lead by walks by Cole Nichols and Camden Riley and a single by Bradyn Crockett.

Poplar Bluff answered back with five runs in the 5th inning. In the 8th inning Dexter evened things up at eight.

#8 Parker Moore started the game for Poplar Bluff. The fireballer lasted one and two-thirds innings, allowing four hits and six runs while striking out three. #7 Jake Valenzuela threw three and 2/3 innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Poplar Bluff (7-11) improved to 4-1 in conference play.

Cole Nichols took the loss for Dexter. The right hander lasted four innings, allowing five hits and seven runs while striking out two.

Dexter had nine hits in the game. Adam Saylor, Peyton Driskill, and Riley Slusher all had multiple hits for the Bearcats. Slusher, Driskill, and Saylor each collected two hits to lead. Kennedy led with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with seven stolen bases.

Pitching

L: Cole Nichols

HBP: Cole Nichols 2, Camden Riley 3

WP: Reece Justice

Pitches-Strikes: Reece Justice 16-8, Cole Nichols 82-51, Camden Riley 46-23, Brock Wyman 0-0

Groundouts-Flyouts: Reece Justice 0-0, Cole Nichols 5-3, Camden Riley 0-3, Brock Wyman 0-0

First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Reece Justice 1-3, Cole Nichols 14-22, Camden Riley 6-13, Brock Wyman 0-0

Batting

2B: Peyton Driskill

TB: Bradyn Crockett, Peyton Driskill 3, Josh Kaufman, Cole Nichols, Adam Saylor 2, Riley Slusher 2

RBI: Bradyn Crockett 2, Josh Kaufman, Cole Nichols, Camden Riley

ROE: Josh Kaufman, Kaeden Kennedy

FC: Riley Slusher

HBP: Cole Nichols

SB: Peyton Driskill, Kaeden Kennedy 2, Cole Nichols, Adam Saylor 2, Riley Slusher

Dexter will be back in action on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Jackson High School.  
(Note: this game was rescheduled from Tuesday)

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# SCAA Softball Games Postponed Until Wednesday

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## SCAA Softball Games Postponed Until Wednesday

The SCAA Softball Tournament has been postponed for Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

The tournament will resume tomorrow at the times listed on the bracket. The third place and championship games will take place on Thursday.

Wednesday, April 20th - All games will be played at the higher seed.

#1 Advance vs #4 Bloomfield @ 4 p.m.

#2 Woodland vs #3 Bernie @ Advance HS

#7 Bell City vs #6 Puxico @ 4 p.m.

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