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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School Cross Country team is already off to a great start to the new season. Head Coach Leonard Morse is confident their season will be filled with medals.

"I have three seniors this year who are returning, Weston Avery, Caleb Bess, and Trenten Dean," stated Morse. "Nick Phillips has taken over as team manager after developing some knee problems. They are also joined by newcomer Dalton Green, who is preparing for his senior wrestling season as well."

The junior class is well represented with experience with Dylan Long, Sean Rybolt, and Emily Ladd. "They form a significant part of the core of the squad," Morse said of his returning junior. "We have also added several new faces in the junior class this year that include Blake Bolin, Austin Chessier, Nate Drivas, Lucas Goodrich, Dawson Kastings, Jonni Hill, and Shelby Smith."

The sophomore class has two new faces in Justin Kenley and Coby Powers. Both are runners in spring track.

The freshman class includes Cole Barker, Carson Bell, Trey Johnson, Ethan Kirkley, and Margo Nea, and Barker, Bell.

The CC Bearcats' squad only has four girls: Emily, Jonni, Shelby, and Margo. "With only four we will be unable to compete for team titles at most of our meets as a team of five is required for a team score," continued Morse. "Emily and Margo should be contenders at just about every meet we run. However, they should be helped next year with this year's eighth grade girls."

"My freshman class should be competitive. They enjoyed great success last year in middle school and I think that will carry through to this year. I expect solid contributions from this group."

"We are a much more solid team this year. There is a different vibe with this team. Several of our new faces will bring a more competitive edge to the team. Kastings, Kenley, and Powers are proving to be solid runners who are very competitive. They are having a positive impact on the team and helping to get more from Dean, Long, Rybolt, and Ladd. The team works well together, and so far, has shown to be quite cohesive. The veteran runners are running well with the newbies," continued Morse.

Dexter will compete in the Class 3, District 1 against Desoto, Doniphan, Festus, Herculanum, Kennett, North County, Notre Dame, Perryville, Potosi, Ste. Genevieve, and Imperial.

"This summer the classes in cross country were tweaked," stated Morse. "That tweaking has resulted in Herculanum, a Class 2 powerhouse, being added to our already tough, tough district. The District also adds new squads from Perryville and Kennett this year. These three replace Affton, Bayless, and Lutheran South, which were shifted to District 2. District 1 still has the power schools of Festus, Cape Notre Dame, Potosi, and Ste. Genevieve."

"If we are to make it to state we will definitely have to earn it. Our District boasts some of the best schools in the state, at any classification."

2016 Varsity Cross Country Schedule

8/27/2016	at Jackson
9/10/2016	at Arcadia Valley
9/17/2016	at Maryville University (St. Louis, MO)
9/21/2016	at Van Buren
10/1/2016	at Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)
10/6/2016	Saxony Lutheran Neutral Site:Jackson, MO
10/10/2016	at SCAA Quad (Bloomfield, MO)

10/13/2016 SEMO Conference (Dexter, MO)
10/15/2016 at Farmington
10/22/2016 Dexter

The Dexter meet includes many of the smaller schools around Southeast Missouri. Dexter, Doniphan, and Kennett are the only Class 3 schools in the meet. Most of the Class 3 schools are farther north. So far, Advance, Bloomfield, Crystal City, Delta, Doniphan, East Carter, Kelly, Kennett, Leopold, Meadow Heights, Richland, Woodland, and Zalma have added the Dexter meet to their schedule.

"If all goes well, we will also be running in the inaugural SCAA Cross Country Meet that will be hosted by Bloomfield. Advance, Bloomfield, Dexter, and Woodland will be joined by first year program, Richland," Morse said. "That gives us five of the SCAA teams with cross country. Two years ago, we only had three. Cross country is growing throughout the region, which will only make competitions better."

Shown in the photo are Cross Country seniors - Weston Avery, Trenten Dean, Caleb Bess, and Nick Phillips.

"This year's team has come into the season with a more upbeat attitude than in the past. The team is competing well against itself. I am looking forward to a more competitive season at our high school level," Morse said of his 2016 competitors.

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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds deer and turkey hunters of regulation changes that apply to hunting this fall.

* Crossbows have been added as a legal method during archery deer and turkey seasons and also during the fall firearms turkey season. As a result, MDC has removed the “hunting method exemption” requirement for hunters to use crossbows during the archery deer season. The regulation change will provide additional hunting opportunities for young hunters and help prolong hunting activities for older participants.

* To offer additional hunting opportunities for youths, MDC has expanded the late youth portion of the fall firearms deer season from two to three days and moved it earlier in the season. It will now start on the first Friday after Thanksgiving instead of in early January.

* MDC has reduced the length of the deer-hunting antlerless portion from 12 to three days and it now begins on the first Friday in December.

* The Department has eliminated the urban-zones portion of the firearms deer season and has moved the areas under statewide regulations.

According to MDC, there were so few deer harvested during this portion that it proved unnecessary.

* To help protect young bucks and increase the number of mature bucks, the harvest limit of antlered deer has been reduced from three to two during the combined archery and firearms deer hunting season. Only one antlered deer may be taken during the firearms deer hunting season, and only one antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer season.

* Hunters who harvest deer during the opening weekend of the fall firearms November portion (Nov. 12 and 13) in any of the 29 counties of the Department’s Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone in northeast, central, and east-central Missouri are

required to present their deer for CWD sample collection on the day of harvest at one of 75 MDC CWD sampling locations throughout the 29 counties. Hunters also have the option of presenting just the deer head with about six inches of neck attached. Sampling locations will be open from 7:30 a.m. through 8 p.m. The 29 counties of the CWD Management Zone are: Adair, Boone, Callaway, Carroll, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Putnam, Randolph, St. Charles, St. Louis, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Warren, and Washington.

FALL DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING DATES

- * Archery Deer and Turkey: Sept. 15 - Nov. 11 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 15, 2017
- * Firearms Turkey: Oct. 1 - 31
- * Firearms Deer Early Youth Portion: Oct. 29 and 30
- * Firearms Deer November Portion: Nov. 12 - 22
- * Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 25 - 27
- * Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion: Dec. 2 - 4
- * Firearms Deer Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 24 - Jan. 3, 2017

*Get more information from MDC's "2016 Fall Dee

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Puxico, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is giving youth hunters a chance to learn all of the skills needed to try waterfowl hunting. The free clinic is scheduled for Oct. 1, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Duck Creek Conservation Area (CA) on Highway 51 north of Puxico.

“This is a very hands-on course and is an environment where anyone can learn, even if they’ve never fired a gun before,” said Dee Dee Dockins, MDC’s southeast region outdoor skills specialist.

The hands-on clinic will cover wing shooting, waterfowl hunting techniques, distance estimation, waterfowl identification, bird retrieval, ammunition selection and much more. After participants complete the clinic, they will be eligible for a waterfowl hunt during the regular season at their choice of Southeast Missouri waterfowl areas. No prior hunting experience is required and equipment will be provided if needed.

"The target shooting and one-on-one instruction is really helpful," said Will Leonard of Sikeston. Leonard is a graduate of the course and a new waterfowl hunter.

After a short presentation about waterfowl hunting, experts lead the group in a field trip to acquire the skills needed for their upcoming waterfowl hunt. Participants and mentors will then enjoy a lunch of various waterfowl.

The event is free to participants but requires pre-registration and a \$25 deposit that will be refunded the day of the event. Applicants must be 11 to 15 years of age and must have an adult guardian attend with them. Participants must also be Hunter Education certified before the day of the event. For more information or to sign up for the 2016 Youth Waterfowl Clinic, call the MDC's Southeast Regional Office at (573) 290-5730.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The annual UCAN 4-Person Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 30th with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:00

a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit UCAN - the area's first non-profit organization formed for the singular purpose of assisting area cancer patients.

The tournament will be held at Crowley's Ridge Country Club in Bloomfield.

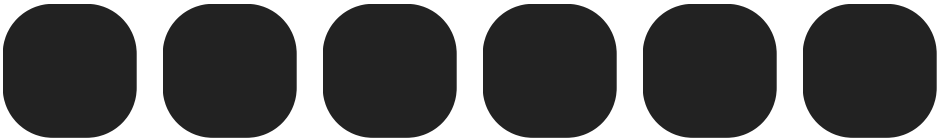
The entree fee per golfer is \$60 or \$240 for a team of four. Cart is not included. Lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided. There will be a 50/50 raffle, hole prizes, and more. Skins games are \$20 per team and Mulligans are \$5.00 per player.

Entry forms are available at First Midwest Bank in Dexter. Contact Kim Sifford at (573) 624-3571 or Janice Nichols at (573) 624-5525 for forms. If you would like to be a Hole Sponsor the cost is \$100. Mail in your registration fees to First Midwest Bank of Dexter, P.O. Box 158, Dexter, MO 63841.

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Bernie, Missouri - The Mules took the sting out of the Hornets on Friday evening beating Holcomb 13-3 in five innings.

Fifth inning runs put the nail in the coffee when the Mules earned six runs scoring on an RBI single by Alex Guzman, a walk by Nate Dillinger, a stolen home by Wyatt Barnett, a sacrifice fly by Jayce Burk and an error.

Bernie jumped out to an early lead in the first inning scoring on a Jayce Burk single. He stole 2nd base and finally rounded the bases for home.

The Hornets scored three runs taking the lead; but the Mules kicked it up a notch and managed to grab the lead back in a strong fourth inning show. They went up for good on a two-run double by Dillinger off Josh Watson (Hornets Pitcher) bring home Corbin Hunt and Alex Guzman. Dillinger racked up three RBIs on one hit.

Dalton Hobgood got the win for the Bernie Mules varsity. He allowed three runs over five innings, struck out four, walked one and surrendered six hits.

Watson of Holcomb was charged with the loss. He allowed 13 runs in four inning, walked three and struck out only one Mule.

The Bernie Mules will be back in action on Tuesday night when they host the Campbell Camels at 4:30 p.m.

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