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Dexter, Missouri - There is one award given to a Football Bearcat each year that has become a tradition at Dexter High School, the Charles Bland Award! It is a bronze trophy and was originally awarded in 1994. This is the 22rd year that a group of football enthusiasts have honored a Bearcat and the 2016 recipient is senior Jason Jarrell.

Jarrell is the son of Denny and Paula Jarrell.

He has been a member of the Baseball, Basketball, and Football Teams all four years of high school. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Sr. BETA Club, and National Honor Society.

His future plans are to attend college and is undecided in a major at this time.

History of the Bland Award

The Bland Award originated from a group of former Bearcat football players and fans who had an interest in honoring the most outstanding student-athlete from the Bearcat Football team.

The selected Bearcat must meet very strict criteria in many areas of the scholar-athlete life, including: Scholastic Ability, School Participation & Attendance, Community Involvement, Leadership Qualities, Personal & Team Attitude, and Athletic Performance.

A Bland Award recipient should reflect the qualities that interscholastic sports programs have to offer. In no way should this award be seen as a trophy strictly for athleticism; rather, it is to celebrate the most outstanding, well-rounded student-athlete from the senior class.

The late Charles ‘Seed’ Bland - the man that the stadium these athletes battled in during their high school careers - was a very active supporter of the Dexter School System for many years. The most amazing gift ‘Seed’ gave was his pride in the Bearcats, as well as the young people of Dexter High School.

Known only to a few, the late Ruth Bland was the ‘athlete of the family’ and was a standout for both the DHS basketball and track teams. It has been written that she was ‘the best female athlete in Southeast Missouri’ during her time.

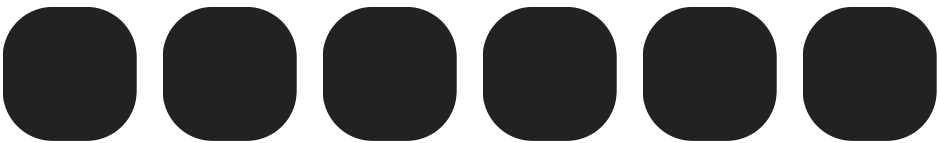
Together, the Bland family has been there to support Dexter Schools and Bearcat Athletics for over 60 years.

Congratulations Jason!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Advance 8th grade Hornets had a tough opponent on Tuesday evening at T.S. Hill Middle School. The Bearcats ran over them 64 - 4 improving the 8th grade boys basketball team record to 4 - 0 this season.

The Bearcats held the Hornets to scoreless periods, the second quarter and the third quarter. Advance scored 1 bucket in the first and 1 bucket in the fourth.

Andrew Ellinghouse recorded a game-high 15 points on 7 buckets and one from the charity stripe.

Jackson Allen tallied 12 points. He recorded all his points on 3-pointers.

Ryan Collier had 2 treys, Peyton Driskill and Landon Hoggard each had a trey.

Final Score **Dexter 64, Advance 4**

Dexter 21 12 18 13 - 64

Advance 2 0 0 2 - 4

Dexter (64) - Jackson Allen 12, Ryan Collier 8, Andrew Ellinghouse 15, Peyton driskill 7, Riley Moore 4, Landon Hoggard 3, Austin Daniels 7, Riley Slusher 8. FG 27, FT 2/8, F 11. (3-pointers: Jackson Allen 4, Ryan Collier 2, Peyton Driskill 1, and Landon Hoggard 1. Fouled Out: None)

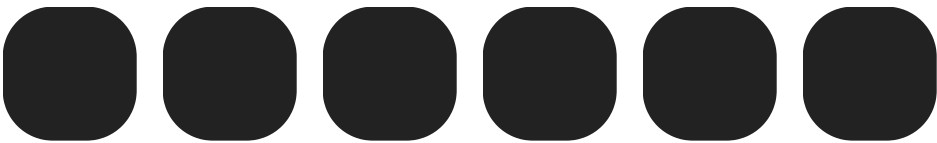
Advance (4) - Dylan Taylor 2, Ridley Bailey 2. FG 2, FT 0/4, F 6. (3-pointers: None, Fouled Out: None).

The Bearcats will be back in action on Thursday traveling to rival town of Bloomfield.
Game time 6:00 p.m.

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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announced that hunters checked 3,698 turkeys during Missouri’s fall firearms turkey season, Oct. 1-31. Last year’s fall firearms turkey harvest total was 6,158. Top harvest counties for the 2016 fall firearms turkey season were Greene with 128, Franklin with 96, and Wayne with 92.

MDC’s turkey biologist says this year’s low fall firearms turkey harvest total can be attributed to several factors, including a poor turkey hatch, above-average acorn production, and a decline in hunter participation.

“This year’s turkey hatch was very poor, so there were far fewer young birds for hunters to pursue this fall,” said MDC Turkey Biologist Jason Isabelle. “We had above-average acorn production in much of the state this year as well, which typically results in fewer turkeys being harvested.”

In addition to the effects of a poor turkey hatch and above-average acorn production, interest in the fall firearms turkey season has been declining in Missouri as it has in a number of states.

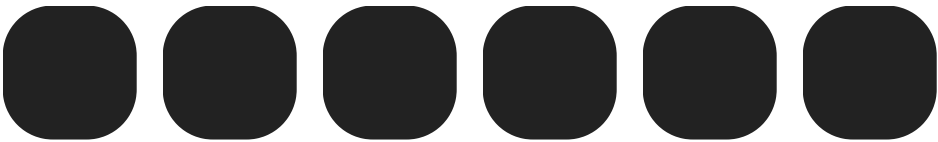
Isabelle noted, “This year’s fall firearms turkey permit sales total of 11,696 permits was the lowest on record since the season started in 1978.”

Fall archery turkey hunting continues through Nov. 11 and then resumes again from Nov. 23 through Jan. 15, 2017.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club named Poplar Bluff High School softball catcher Gracie King and football quarterback Zane Foust the Athletes of the Month for September.

The single game and season record holder for yards, Foust, a senior, has completed 162 of his 226 attempts for 2,737 yards, with 33 touchdowns. Meanwhile King, also a senior, ended the softball season with 29 runs batted in and a .469 batting average.

According to both of their head coaches, Lisa Boyer and Mark Barousse, King and Foust are leaders both on and off the field.

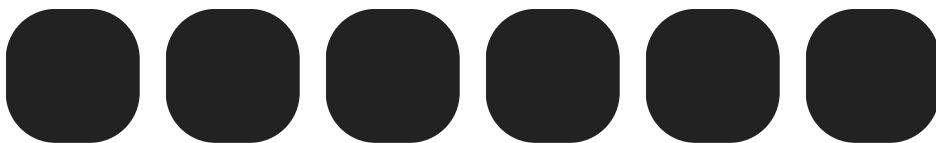
Shown in the photo: Poplar Bluff Mules Booster Club member Brian Taylor presents Zane Foust and Gracie King awards for AOM on Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the gymnasium.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 7th grade middle school Bearcats boys basketball team defeated the Advance Hornets 36-21 on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

The Bearcats jumped out to a 12 - 7 lead at the end of the first period. By half-time the 'Cats were leading 18 - 9.

Hornets' Jacob Johnson hit the only 3-pointer of the game while Hunter Tidwell finished with 8 points.

Joey Farver #25 led the Bearcats in double digits with 8 buckets and was 3/5 at the charity stripe totaling 19 points. He was the only athlete in double digits for either team.

Final Score Dexter 36, Advance 21

Dexter 12 6 10 8 - 36

Advance 7 2 2 10 - 21

Dexter (36) - Dylan Sitze 6, Camden Riley 2, Drake Channel 2, Taylor Conduct 1, Joey Farver 19, Cyden Mansker 6. FG 16, FT 4/14, F 10. (3-pointers: None, Fouled Out: None)

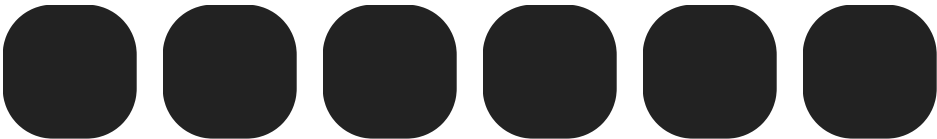
Advance (21) - Diesel Cato 8, Jaron Schrader 2, Jacob Johnson 3, Hunter Tidwell 8. FG 10, Ft 0/2, F 15. (3-pointers: Jacob Johnson, Fouled Out: Non)

Dexter Middle School boys basketball teams will be back in action as they travel to Bloomfield on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m against the Bloomfield Wildcats!

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