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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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Dexter, Missouri - Four Dexter Bearcat Baseball athletes earned Honorable Mention on the 2017 All-Conference Baseball Team. Congratulations to Spencer Owens, Clay Mullins, Hunter Parrott, and Kris Rinehart.

The full team is listed below.

Pitchers: Will Gilmer from Sikeston, Colten Weber from Jackson, Noah Brown from Notre Dame, Ronin Rice from Poplar Bluff, Tanner Tibbs from Poplar Bluff, and Drake Mills from Cape Central.

Infielders

Will Pratt — Sikeston

Ty Ellis — Kennett

Tyson Cox — Poplar Bluff

Turner Fritts — Poplar Bluff

Braeden Dobbs — Jackson

Justice Crosnoe — Jackson

Garrett Siebert — Notre Dame

Outfielders

Trey Smith — Sikeston

Cameren West — Kennett

Mike Anagnostopoulos — Poplar Bluff

Palmer Campbell — New Madrid

Cole Welker — Jackson

Catchers

Patrick Maddox — Kennett

Mason Libla — Poplar Bluff

Trevor Haas — Notre Dame

Utility

Matt Lambert — Poplar Bluff

Drew Brown — Jackson

Bryce Bays — Sikeston

Pitcher of the Year: Ronin Rice — Poplar Bluff

Co-Players of the Year: Braeden Dobbs — Jackson

Tyson Cox — Poplar Bluff

Coach of the Year: Steven Edwards --- Poplar Bluff

Honorable Mention

Spencer Owens — Dexter

Clay Mullins — Dexter

Hunter Parrott — Dexter

Kris Rinehart — Dexter

Thailin Marsh — New Madrid

Jacob Keene — New Madrid

Brian Sylvester — New Madrid

Joe Darlin — Poplar Bluff

Jared Moses — Poplar Bluff

Chase Silman — New Madrid

Jarrett Newell — Jackson

Zane Wallace — Kennett

Tyler Knight — Jackson

Joe Baker — Cape Central

Hunter Hiett — Cape Central

Brenton Tidd — Kennett

Winston Welter — Notre Dame

Austin Dill — Notre Dame

Reid James — Notre Dame

Will Ferrell — Notre Dame

Wyatt Pratt — Sikeston

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Congratulations to James Lucas on breaking the state record by catching a 1-pound, 1-ounce redear sunfish with a throwline.

O'Fallon, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports James Lucas of O'Fallon became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he caught a redear sunfish on a private pond in Lincoln County. The new "alternative method" record fish caught by Lucas on March 24 weighed 1 pound, 1 ounce. Lucas' recent catch broke the previous state record of 6-ounces, caught in 1996.

"I was pretty excited when I pulled the redear sunfish out of the water because fishing that day wasn't easy," James Lucas said.

Lucas added the weather outside wasn't great for fishing when he caught the new state record.

"I'm just thankful my friend drove the boat and braved the conditions with me while I caught another state-record fish," Lucas said.

Lucas is pretty familiar with state-record fish, as he now holds two of them in Missouri.

"I caught this fish on purpose with my throwline because I want to break more state records," Lucas said.

Lucas caught the fish with a throwline. A throwline is a method for catching fish that involves lowering or throwing a fishing line into the water without the use of a rod and reel. The line can be anchored to an object on shore or held in hand.

"I choose to use a throwline because it is very challenging, and I enjoy a challenge!" said Lucas.

MDC weighed the redear sunfish on a certified scale in O'Fallon.

"This is the fourth 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."

Lucas said he released the redear sunfish back into the private pond, and now plans to go after more state-record 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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MDC sets migratory game bird and waterfowl hunting seasons

New hunting-zone boundaries approved in 2016 will be implemented beginning this year.

Jefferson City, Missouri - At its April 7 meeting, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for the upcoming 2017 migratory-

game-bird hunting season and 2017-2018 waterfowl hunting season.

2017 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

Mourning Doves, Eurasian Collared Doves, and White-Winged Doves

Season: Sept. 1 through Nov. 29

Limits: 15 daily and 45 in possession combined total for all three species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Sora and Virginia Rails

Season: Sept. 1 through Nov. 9

Limits: 25 daily and 75 in possession combined for both species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Wilson's (Common) Snipe

Season: Sept. 1 through Dec. 16 **Limits:** 8 daily and 24 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

American Woodcock

Season: Oct. 15 through Nov. 28 **Limits:** 3 daily and 9 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

2017-2018 WATERFOWL HUNTING

Duck-season dates for 2017-2018 provide additional late-season hunting opportunities.

Teal

Season: Sept. 9-24

Limits: 6 daily and 18 in possession

Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Ducks

Season:

North Zone: Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, 2018

Middle Zone: Nov. 4 through 10 and Nov. 16 through Jan. 7, 2018 **South Zone:** Nov. 23 through 26 and Dec. 4 through Jan. 28, 2018

Bag Limit: 6 ducks daily with species restrictions of:

- 4 mallards (no more than 2 females)
- 3 scaup
- wood ducks

- · 2 redheads
- 2 hooded mergansers
- 1 pintail (new limit)
- 2 canvasbacks
- 2 black ducks (new limit)
- 1 mottled duck

Possession Limit: Three times the daily bag or 18 total, varies by species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Coots

Season: Same as duck season dates in the respective zones

Limits: 15 daily and 45 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Snow, Blue, and Ross's Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2018

Limits: 20 blue, snow, or Ross's geese daily with no possession limit

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

White-Fronted Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2018 **Limits:** 2 daily and 6 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Canada Geese and Brant

Season: Oct. 7-15 and Nov. 11 – Feb. 6, 2018

Limits: 3 Canada geese and brant in aggregate daily, 9 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Light Goose Conservation Order

Season: Feb. 7, 2018, through April 30, 2018

Limits: No daily or possession limits

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Requirements: Persons must possess a Conservation Order permit to participate in the Conservation Order. An exception to the above permit requirement includes any person 15 years of age or younger provided either she or he is in the immediate presence of a properly permitted adult hunter 18 years of age or older with hunter-education certification or who is exempt.

Methods: For the taking of blue, snow and Ross's geese, hunters may use shotguns capable of holding more than three shells and recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations of bird calls or sounds.

YOUTH HUNTING DAYS

North Zone: Oct. 28 and 29 Middle Zone: Oct. 28 and 29 South Zone: Nov. 18 and 19

Limits: Same as during regular waterfowl season **Hours:** Same as during regular waterfowl season

Requirements: Any person 15 years of age or younger may participate in youth waterfowl hunting days without permit provided they are in the immediate presence of an adult 18 years of age or older. If the youth hunter is not certified in hunter education, the adult must have the required permits and have in his or her possession proof of hunter-education unless exempt. The adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth hunting days.

FALCONRY SEASONS

Falconry Season for Doves

Season: Sept. 1 through Dec. 16

Limits: 3 daily and 9 in possession, singly, or in the aggregate (any ducks, coots, or mergansers taken by

falconers must be included in these limits) **Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Falconry Season for Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers

Season: Open during duck seasons (September teal season, youth hunting days, and duck seasons) and Feb. 10 through March 10

Limits: 3 daily and 9 in possession, singly, or in the aggregate during the regular duck-hunting seasons (including teal and youth seasons) and extended falconry seasons (any doves taken by falconers must be included in these limits)

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

New hunting-zone boundaries approved in 2016 will be implemented beginning this year. A map of the new hunting zones will be included in the MDC "2017 Waterfowl Hunting Digest," available beginning this summer where hunting permits are sold.

NORTH ZONE: That portion of Missouri north of a line running west from the Illinois border at Lock and Dam 25; west on Lincoln County Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 79; south on Mo. Hwy. 79 to Mo. Hwy. 47; west on Mo. Hwy. 47 to I-70; west on I-70 to U.S. Hwy. 63; north on U.S. Hwy. 63 to U.S. Hwy. 24, west on U.S. Hwy. 24 to Mo. Hwy. 10, west on Mo. Hwy. 10 to U.S. Hwy. 69, north on U.S. Hwy. 69 to Mo. Hwy. 116, west on Mo. Hwy. 116 to U.S. Hwy. 59, south on U.S. Hwy. 59 to the Kansas border.

SOUTH ZONE: That portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Mo. Hwy. 74 to Mo. Hwy. 25; south on Mo. Hwy. 25 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo.

Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy. 72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border.

MIDDLE ZONE: The remainder of Missouri.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIREMENTS

Shells possessed or used while hunting waterfowl and coots statewide, and for other species as designated by posting on public areas, must be loaded with material approved as nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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