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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School celebrated Fall Sports Senior Night on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Charles Bland Stadium. There were 42 seniors featured on the field prior to the start of the Dexter Bearcats/Malden Green Wave football game.

Michaela Gard is a member of the football cheer squad.

She is the daughter of Cammy Gard and Paul and Lisa Gard.

She has been a member of football cheer all four years of high school as well as the Kickin' Cats Dance Team all four years and Track and Field Team all four years.

Michaela is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Teachers of America, Sr. Beta Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Pep Club.

Her future plans are to attend college and pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2017 Class 3, District 1 Cross Country Meet was held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Dexter High School.

Emily Ladd placed 7th and Margo Nea placed 9th both earning medals and both qualified for the State Class 3 Cross Country meet to be held in Jefferson City, Missouri on Saturday, November 4th.

Congrats to Emily Ladd for setting a new school record in cross country with a time of 20:23.

"Emily has been a consistent runner all through high school," stated head Cross Country coach Leonard Morse. "This year she decided to take it up a notch. She has worked hard to get where she is and I am very proud of her."

"She set the school record twice this season," continued Morse. "I look forward to what she will do at State. Hopefully, Emily will be able to have a great college career if she so chooses."

"Margo was determined this season to make it to state. She really worked hard, especially late this season," stated Morse. "The SEMO Conference meet was the moment Margo realized she could run with the best. That race gave her the confidence to go out and attack the course at districts. The smile on her face when she was close to the finish line spoke volumes for her confidence level. She achieved the goal she set for herself. I am very excited about what she will do over the next two years in high school. I am very proud of Margo."

Only the top 15 from each Class move on to the State championships in both boys and girls cross country.

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Dexter, Missouri - Charles Bland Stadium will be the location of the Class 1 and 3 Boys and Girls District 1 Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

The first race will start at 11:00 a.m.

Admission to the meet is mandated by MSHSAA and is \$5.00 per person.

Schools participating in the Class 1 Cross Country meet will be Advance, Crystal City, Delta, Leopold, Marquand-Zion, Meadow Heights, Oak Ridge, Richland, South Iron, St. Paul Lutheran, Valle Catholic and Zalma High Schools.

Schools participating in the Class 3 Cross Country meet will be DeSoto, Dexter, Doniphan, Festus, Herculaneum, Kennett, North County, Notre Dame, Perryville, Potosi, Ste. Genevieve, and Windsor (Imperial) High Schools.

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MDC Advises Proper Fencing Can Help Keep Out Feral Hogs

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By Lauren Hildreth, MDC Wildlife Programs Supervisor

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is working with public and private conservation partners through the Missouri Feral Hog Partnership to eliminate feral hogs from Missouri. Agencies in the partnership are helping landowners remove hogs from their properties through trapping, and some landowners are attempting to prevent their return through fencing.

Feral hogs are highly destructive and prolific pests that eat nearly anything, including many species of native wildlife. They also compete with native wildlife by eating acorns, a major fall food source for deer, turkey, and black bear. Their rooting and wallowing destroy landscapes and pollute ponds, streams, and other waters. Damage caused by hogs has been estimated at nearly \$1.5 billion per year in the United States.

MDC and other state and federal agencies are helping landowners with feral hog removal from private properties. Once the hogs are removed, some landowners are using fencing to discourage their return. However, landowners should be aware of potential impacts different fencing types may have on wildlife.

Linda Tanner, a landowner in Reynolds County, took a proactive approach to keeping feral hogs off her land. She and her family trapped 39 hogs on their property and then decided to replace their field fencing with cattle panels to discourage hogs from returning.

“We thought we were being smart to choose cattle panels, as they are taller, sturdier, and longer lasting than our field fencing,” Tanner said.

However, Tanner and her family soon noticed there were dents at the top of the panels, presumably from deer jumping over the fence. They then observed a deer on their property with a leg injury, which confirmed their suspicions. Tanner said she wanted to share her story with MDC in an effort to warn others of the damage improper fencing may cause wildlife.

Mark McLain, MDC’s feral hog elimination team leader, has a few pointers for fencing to help keep out feral hogs.

“Fencing is not a silver bullet,” McLain said. “Hogs can get over, under, or tear through many types of fencing.”

For landowners who want to try fencing as a possible deterrent to feral hogs, McLain recommends electric fencing with three-to-four-strand electric wire set very hot (at least 16 joules).

Another option is woven wire fencing with barbed wire on the bottom to discourage rooting.

“Well maintained fences can sometimes keep hogs out of a crop field or pasture for a short time, but are not a perfect tool to exclude them from your property,” McLain cautioned. “A combination of trapping hogs and fencing sensitive areas works better than just fencing alone.”

McLain said other tools in eliminating feral hogs are landowner-reported sightings and trapping of whole groups of hogs, called sounders. He also asks that people report the release of feral hogs to MDC. Releasing feral hogs is illegal in Missouri.

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Brad Freeman is a member of the Dexter Marching Bearcat Band.

He is the son of Jeremy and Tracey Freeman.

He has been a member of the Marching Band all four years of high school and has been on the Golf Team all four years.

His future plans are to enlist in the United State Air Force and become a mechanic.

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