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# May Athletes of the Month Named

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named Krisman Eakin and Ben Stewart of Poplar Bluff High School the May Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Ben, an incoming senior tennis player, had a 2018 singles record of 22-4 and a career record of 46-5. He placed first in singles at the Poplar Bluff and Farmington Invitational respectively, finished second in singles at the SEMO Conference, and placed first in singles at individual districts. In the classroom, he maintains a 3.8 grade point average.

"Ben is a great student, person and athlete," said Charley Harper, tennis coach. "Having coached him for three years, I have seen how he sets goals and pursues them with a passion. He was a good tennis player as a freshman and has worked hard to get better every year."

In track and field, Krisman Eakin of the Class of 2018 broke the 400-meter record at sectionals in Kirkwood with 58.55 seconds. She qualified for All Conference and All District in the 100, 200, 400 and 4x4; and All State in the 100, 200 and 400 meter.

"Krisman is a very dedicated, skilled and knowledgeable track athlete," said Beth Lewis, track coach. "Her hard work and dedication shows through every time she steps foot onto the track. She has been a huge asset to the girls' Poplar Bluff Track team."

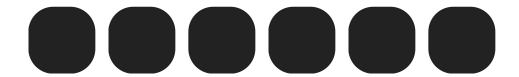
Pictured: Presenting the awards on Monday, June 4, to Krisman Eakin and Ben Stewart is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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# 2018 SEMO Conference Baseball Team Announced

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2018 SEMO Conference Baseball Team Announced

The 2018 SEMO All Conference Baseball Team names have been released.

Pitchers
Sam Pierce Jr Poplar Bluff
Will Gilmer Sr Sikeston

Will Ferrell Sr Notre Dame Tyler Martin Jr Jackson

Infielders
Andrew Spence Jr Kennett
Nate Self Jr Sikeston
Turner Fritts Sr Poplar Bluff
Tyson Cox Sr Poplar Bluff
Landon Hahn Jr Jackson
Justice Crosnoe Jr Jackson

Outfielders
Ty Ellis Sr Kennett
Jacob Keene Sr New Madrid
Jaxson Huffman Sr Poplar Bluff
Joe Baker Sr Cape Central
Layne Robinson Jr Notre Dame
Cole Welker Sr Jackson

Catchers
Mason Libla Sr Poplar Bluff
Hunter Hiett So Cape Central
Brayden Eftink So Notre Dame

DH/Utility Noah Burkey So Poplar Bluff Patrick Maddox Sr Kennett Payton Howard So Sikeston

Pitcher of the Year – Tyler Martin (Jackson) Player of the Year – Turner Fritts (Poplar Bluff) Coach of the Year – Steven Edwards (Poplar Bluff)

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### 2018 All Conference Softball Team Announced

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2018 All Conference Softball Team Announced

The Stoddard County Athletic Association (SCAA) All-Conference Softball Team has been announced.

Bernie - Alyson Marcum, Cymber Arnold, Cassidy Freed, and Makayla Turner.

Dexter - Chaylea Mosby and McKenzie Yount

Advance - Danielle Markham

Woodland - Mackenzie Althenthal and Abbey Williams

Coach of the Year - Brad Botsch

Honorable Mention:

Bernie - Taylor Anthony

Bloomfield - Tyrah Hartle

Dexter - Demi Cecil

Puxico - Vickie Burch and Kate Haynes

Advance - Addie Curtis

Woodland - Kelsie Long

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# Rib City Boys Basketball Set for Friday and Saturday

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Rib City Boys Basketball Set for Friday and Saturday

Dexter, Missouri - The 8th annual Rib City Shootout featuring boys basketball will be held on Friday, June 15th and Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Bearcat Event Center, Dexter High School, Southwest Elementary, Dexter Parks & Rec, court, and Dexter Middle School courts.

# The Cats varsity schedule is as follows: Friday Only:

11:15 a.m. Dexter V vs Scott City V at BEC Court 3 Noon Dexter V vs Steelville V at BEC Court 1 6 p.m. Dexter V vs Rector, AR V at High School 8:15 p.m. Dexter V vs Harrisburg V at BEC Court 2

#### No Saturday games for the Dexter Varsity

# Dexter JV Schedule Friday

2:15 p.m. Dexter JV vs Steelville JV at High School Gym 3:45 p.m. Dexter JV vs Centralia JV at TS Hill Middle School

### **Saturday**

9:15 a.m. Dexter JV vs Alton JV at High School Gym 2:30 p.m. Dexter JV vs Harrisburg JV at High School Gym

Schedule is subject to change. Please watch Facebook and Twitter for updates!

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# Public Input Sought for Otter Slough Conservation Area

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Public input sought for Otter Slough Conservation Area The Otter Slough CA management plan is open for public review until June 30.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is in the multi-year process of updating Conservation Area Management Plans, and is seeking public input on how the Otter Slough Conservation Area (CA) is important to Missourians. The Otter Slough CA management plan is open for public review until June 30.

MDC invites comments from recreational users, neighboring landowners, conservation groups, elected officials, government agencies, and other interested persons or groups. To make a comment on this area plan, go online to www.mdc.mo.gov/areaplans.

MDC manages nearly 1,000 conservation areas covering almost one million public acres throughout the state for the purpose of restoring and conserving fish, forest and wildlife resources, and for providing appropriate public use, research and demonstration areas.

Conservation Area Management Plans document strategies for natural resource management and public use on specific conservation areas. Area plans also help communicate an area's purpose and management direction to staff and interested citizens.

"It's important that citizens have a chance to provide their input to their conservation areas," said Matt Bowyer, MDC's Southeast Region Wildlife Supervisor. "We provide a service by managing these areas and we strive to develop quality habitat to promote wildlife health as well as outdoor opportunities for Missourians."

Conservation Area Management Plans do not address regulations on hunting, fishing and other area uses, which are set by the Conservation Commission and enforced under the

Wildlife Code of Missouri.

Area plans are currently posted on the MDC website and available at MDC offices for public comment for a limited time.

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