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## Lady Cats Begin Season on Black Friday

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2018-2019 Lady Bearcat Basketball season begins on Black Friday against St. Joseph's Academy.

They will compete in Class 4, District 1 against Cape Central, Fredericktown, Notre Dame, Perryville, and Sikeston.

They will also compete in the SEMO Conference Tournament, SEMO Border Challenge Tournament, and the Twin Rivers Lady Royals Classic Tournament.

There will only be five home games this year, eleven away games and three tournaments.

The SEMO Conference Tournament will be held on November 26th - 30th in Sikeston.

The SEMO Border Challenge will be at Dexter in the Bearcat Event Center on December 6th - 8th.

The Twin Rivers Lady Royals Classic will be held on Dec 15th - 22nd at Broseley.

The 2018 - 2019 Lady Cats Varsity team is comprised of nine players; six seniors, one junior, one sophomore and one freshman.

### **2018 - 2019 Lady Cats Team:**

#1 Maycie Martin - Senior - 5'10" Forward

#4 Rylee Allen - Senior - 6'1" Center

#5 Sydney Asberry - Sophomore - 5'1" Point Guard

#10 Natalie Sitze - Senior - 5'2" Point Guard

#15 Keirstan Keirse - Senior - 5'9" Forward

#20 Dulce Pullen - Freshman - 5'7" Forward

#21 Maci McBride - Senior - 5'1" Guard

#25 Shea Baker - Junior - 5'6" Guard

#35 Chaylea Mosby - Senior - 5'6" Guard

Head Coach is Chad Allen, Assistant Coach is Eric Sitze.

### **2018-2019 Lady Cats Basketball Schedule**

Nov 23rd and 24th St. Joseph's Academy Turkey Shootout

Friday, Nov 23rd 12:30 p.m. vs St. Joseph's Academy (JR Varsity)

Friday, Nov 23rd 2:00 p.m. vs St. Joseph's Academy (Varsity)

Saturday, Nov 24th 10:30 a.m. vs Kirkwood (St. Louis) (JR Varsity)

Saturday, Nov 24th 12:00 p.m. vs Kirkwood (St. Louis) (Varsity)

Nov 26th - Nov 30 SEMO Conference Tournament (at Sikeston) Varsity Only

Mon Nov 26th 4:00 p.m. #1 Dexter vs #8 Kennett

Dec 6th - Dec 8th SEMO Border Challenge (HOME) Varsity Only (TBA)

Tue Dec 11th 6:00 p.m. at Paragould

Dec 15th - Dec 22nd Twin Rivers Lady Royals Classic (Varsity Only)

Thurs Jan 3rd 6:00 p.m. vs Farmington (HOME)

Mon Jan 7th 6:00 p.m. at Kennett

Thur Jan 10th 6:00 p.m. at Neelyville

Sat Jan 12th 1:30 p.m. at Miller Career Academy (JR Varsity)

Sat Jan 12th 3:00 p.m. at Miller Career academy (Varsity)

Tue Jan 22nd 4:00 p.m. at TRC vs Thayer High School (Varsity Only)

Thurs Jan 24th 6 p.m. vs Sikeston (HOME)

Mon Jan 28th 6:00 p.m. at Saxony Lutheran

Thurs Jan 31st 6:00 p.m. vs Naylor (HOME)

Mon Feb 4th 6:00 p.m. vs Notre Dame (HOME)

Thurs Feb 7th 6:00 p.m at Cape Central

Mon Feb 11th 6:00 p.m. at Poplar Bluff

Wed Feb 13th 6:00 p.m. vs Oran (Senior Night)

Mon Feb 18th 6:00 p.m. at Jackson

Feb 23rd - Mar 2nd - Class 4, District 1 Tournament

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### **MDC reports November firearms deer harvest ends with 199,427**

Top counties: Franklin with 4,021 deer checked, Howell with 3,858, and Callaway with 3,695.

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested a near-record 199,427 deer during the November portion of fall firearms deer season, Nov. 10- 20. Of the 199,427 deer harvested, 102,930 were antlered bucks, 19,924 were button bucks, and 76,573 were does.

Top harvest counties were Franklin with 4,021 deer checked, Howell with 3,858, and Callaway with 3,695.

Last year hunters checked 192,797 deer during the 2017 November portion of firearms deer season with 100,161 being antlered bucks, 20,267 being button bucks, and 72,369 being does.

The recent-record season was 2012 with 204,668 deer harvested, including 87,368 antlered bucks, 27,143 button bucks, and 90,157 does.

MDC reported eight firearms-related hunting incidents during the November portion of firearms deer season of which three involved fatalities -- two of which occurred incidental to hunting while at hunting camps and one self-inflicted incident while in the field. Of the five non-fatal incidents, four were self-inflicted and the fifth occurred when the shooter struck a victim while swinging on game.

Deer hunting in Missouri continues with archery deer hunting from Nov. 21 through Jan. 15, 2019. The late youth portion of firearms deer season runs Nov. 23-25. The antlerless

portion of firearms deer season runs Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Lastly, the alternative methods portion will run Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, 2019. Learn more about deer hunting in Missouri at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer)

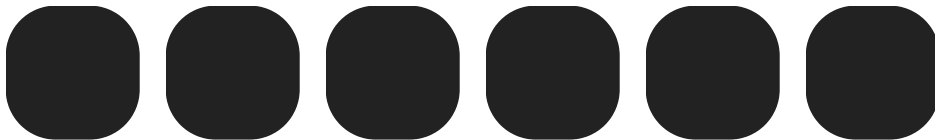
Missouri offers some of the best deer hunting in the country and deer hunting is an important part of many Missourians' lives and family traditions. Deer hunting is also an important economic driver in Missouri and gives a \$1 billion annual boost to the state and local economies.

Pictured is Ben Ray of Sikeston, Missouri with his first doe!

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## Alan Hedrick Receives Honorary Charles Bland Award

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## Alan Hedrick Receives Honorary Charles Bland Award

Dexter, Missouri - There is one award that is only given to one Bearcat Football athlete each year. A bronze trophy, similar in appearance to the Heisman Memorial Trophy and that's the Charles Bland Award. It was first awarded in 1994, 25 years ago. This year's award went to the 25th recipient Nate Gargas; however one more trophy was created and given this year to a man who gives to the community, loves his Bearcats, and was one of the creators of the Bland Award, Mr. Alan Hedrick.

Hedrick was not only instrumental in creating the coveted trophy, but also the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club. He has a passion for football and also his fellow Bearcats! He has been serving the Dexter community and the Dexter schools for a many years through various projects. He is one of those men who enjoys working behind the scenes and not out in the limelight. His compassion and generosity can not be matched. He loves his family, friends, and community.

Here is a little background on the Charles Bland Award. 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.

### *Past Winners of the Bland Award*

*1994 - Kevin Young*

*1995 - Jason Comfort*

*1996 - Kent Essner*

*1997 - Mike Guethle*

*1998 - Justin Kelley*

*1999 - David Howard*

*2000 - Jason mayer*

*2001 - Nathan McKay*

*2002 - Drew Wethington*

*2003 Marc Thrower*

*2004 - Derek Clark*

*2005 - Andrew Stuever*

*2006 - Drew Pixley*

*2007 - Eric Windham*

*2008 - Nick Hessling*

*2009 - Gary Summers*

*2010 - Taylor Jarrell*

*2011 - Tyler Miller*

*2012 - Ryan Joiner*

*2013 - Holden Bruce*

*2014 - Noah Kronk*

*2015 - Tyler Stevenson*

*2016 - Jason Jarrell*

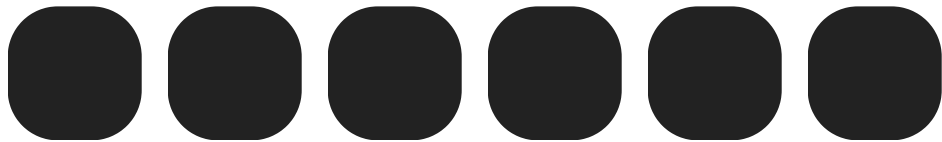
*2017 - Ben Sindle*

*2018 - Nate Gargas*

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# Nate Gargas Receives 2018 Charles Bland Award

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Dexter, Missouri - Brett Dorton announced the 25th recipient of the 2018 Charles Bland Award at the annual fall sports recognition program at the Dexter High School on Tuesday. Senior athlete Nate Gargas was quite surprised to hear his name and once at the podium thanked everyone.

Award winners are judged on several criteria, including community activities, school participation, attendance, attitude, leadership qualities, grade point average and athletic ability.

Gargas exceeds in all of these categories. He plays football, basketball and tennis. He is a member of the Sr. Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, and the National Honor Society.

He is the son of Ed and Tina Gargas. His future plans are to attend a 4-year university and major in either financial management or sports marketing.

Pictured from left to right: Brett Dorton, Bland Award Committee Member, Ed Gargas, Nate Gargas and Tina Gargas.

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## Bloomfield Wildcats to Host Basketball Jamboree

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### Bloomfield Wildcats to Host Basketball Jamboree

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield High School Varsity Boys Basketball will host a jamboree on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Start time is 6:00.

Other game times are approximate.

Each game will consist of two, 6 minute quarters.

Admission will be regular season prices.

6:00 pm Bloomfield vs. Leopold

6:30 pm Risco vs. Delta

7:00 pm Leopold vs. Risco

7:30 pm Bloomfield vs. Delta

8:00 pm Delta vs. Leopold

8:30 pm Bloomfield vs. Risco

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