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Sikeston, MO - Looking for some summer baseball fun? The Silver Sox will have tryouts on May 4th. With the extended shut down from Governor Parson the original date of May 3rd had to be extended.

Please be at VFW Baseball Field on Monday, May 4th. 6 p.m. 13-14 year old (born in 2006-2007) 7 p.m. for 15 - 16 year olds (born in 2004-2005)

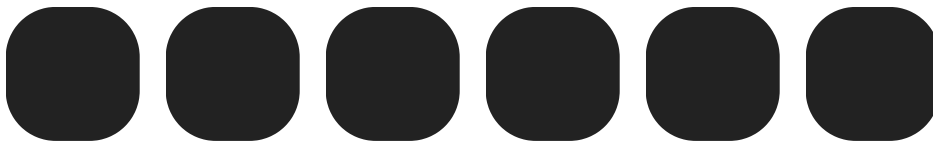
On May 5th at 6 p.m. for 17, 18 and 19 year olds born 2001, 2002, and 2003.

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Columbia, Mo.- The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Board of Directors voted to grant relief of portions of the MSHSAA By-Laws that include summer limits on contact between coaches and student-athletes, at its April meeting on Thursday, April 16th.

Dependent upon approval from local and state health officials, the MSHSAA Board voted to make the summertime dead period and the summer limits on contact optional for the summer of 2020. MSHSAA By-Law 1.5 requires member schools to establish a period of nine consecutive days beginning on a Saturday and lasting to the second following Sunday, in which no contact takes place between school coaches/directors of MSHSAA-sponsored activities and students enrolled in the member school, or who will be enrolled in the member school during the next school year.

With Thursday's decision, a school may choose to comply with this "dead period" or to allow teams to hold activities. This decision also relieves portions of By-Law 3.15.3 and 3.15.4, which limits teams to 20 days of contact during the summer. Member schools may

allow teams to have more than 20 days of contact in which any coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques of any sport takes place.

“The abrupt changes that took place to our normal system of education this spring, have our schools pleading for access to students this summer,” said MSHSAA Executive Director Dr. Kerwin Urhahn. “The membership asked about what possible flexibility and modifications to by-law restrictions that could be offered. If there is no local, state, or national clearance for safe contact with students, then any allowances dealing with summer will be moot. But, in an effort to be prepared for what we hope is possible, this action was taken to grant some relief for the member schools.”

In other action, the Board of Directors voted to allow seniors to be viewed as enrolled students through the summer, which allows them to represent their high schools in summertime interscholastic competition. This relief of By-Law 3.15 is designed for this summer only.

“Hopefully, this will allow schools to play contests against other schools to provide closure and recognition for students and allow teams and kids to play together this summer,” said Urhahn.

At this point, no action was taken to alter any other sections of By-Law 3.15, or the fall no contact period (3.15.1.b) that is scheduled to take place between August 3, 2020 and August 9, 2020. All summertime activities remain optional for students, attendance or participation could not be required.

“The first thing that needs to be clearly understood is that all decisions about anything summer-related – be it contact, access, practice, games, conditioning, etc. - must first be approved, cleared and deemed safe by the CDC, State and Local Health Departments, the Governor, and local Mayors” Urhahn concluded. “The end of social distancing and ‘safe at home’ is still not clearly visible yet, and summer activities may not be possible due to the covid-19 pandemic and its own timeline.”

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Turtles are crossing Missouri roads this spring looking for grub and a mate.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages drivers to be cautious on the roads this spring and give turtles a brake! These reptiles are often hit by cars during the warmer months, but are at special risk this time of year because they are more active.

Common turtles spotted crossing Missouri roads include three-toed box turtles, ornate box turtles, and snapping turtles.

Turtles emerge from their burrows and begin the hunt for food and mates during warm and wet conditions, which can lead them to cross roadways, oftentimes resulting in their death. Thousands of box turtles are killed every year by vehicles.

Young males make up most of the travelers, sometimes wandering as many as six miles searching for territories and mates. Females are also crossing the roads in search of nesting areas.

Turtles are cold-blooded creatures and depend on external sources of heat to determine their body temperature. This explains why people see them on warm asphalt during cool, spring days.

Vehicles are one of the leading factors in box turtle declines, and MDC urges motorists to be cautious and slow down when they see a turtle in the road. If helping a turtle make it safely across, check for traffic and move the turtle across the road in the direction it is traveling.

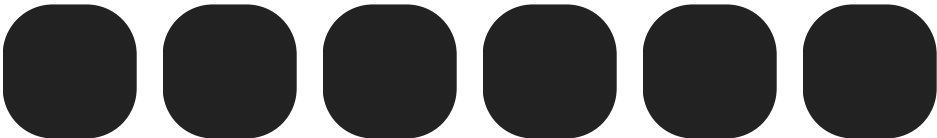
Additionally, MDC encourages Missourians to leave turtles in the wild. Taking a wild animal, whether a turtle or other wildlife species, and keeping it as a pet normally ends in a slow death. Leave turtles in the wild, follow the speed limit, and keep your eyes on the road.

DID YOU KNOW: Most Missouri turtles can live up to 30 years, but the common box turtle can live up to 80, occasionally living more than a century.

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Dexter, MO - Spencer Warren is a senior at Dexter High School and is the 18 year old son of Tim and Dawn Warren. He is on the DHS Golf Team.

His grandparents are Charles and Judy Nea and Sue Warren.

He is a member of DECA, and the Yearbook Club. He has participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sr. Beta Club, and Basketball during his high school career.

Spence received All-District Golf three years. Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020) his senior spring sports season was cancelled. He was an All-Conference golfer for three year and State qualifier all three years. He was a Golf Season Medalist all three years as well and earned a SEMOBALL nomination his junior year.

When asked what his most memorable moment was during high school, he replied, "It was my junior year when my team won the District Title and whey we broke the school record during the Jackson Invitational."

Coach Eric Sitze said of Warren, "Spencer has had a great career at DHS. He has also been great to coach. Spencer is a hard worker, has a great personality and is a very talented young man."

"He has been a great leader for us and number one for three years. He respects the game so much. We hate that we didn't get to see what he and this team would have done this year. I will miss our one-on-one conversations and the interaction we shared on the golf course."

"Spencer will do great at the next level as he loves the game and is willing to do whatever it takes to get better and compete."

Spencer's future plans are to play golf at Calhoun Community College in Alabama.

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PBHS March Athletes of the Month Named

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Poplar Bluff, MO - The Mules Booster Club has named Katherine Rose Pattillo and Luke Becker of Poplar Bluff High School the March Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Katherine, a senior basketball player, averaged 5.6 points, 2.4 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game, with an assist to turnover ratio of 4.63. She was 36.5 percent in the three-point range, and 87.5 from the foul line. Katherine was named to the All-District team for two years, and was an honorable mention at SEMO All-Conference this past season. In the classroom, she maintained an 11.34/11 grade point average.

“Katie has been our floor leader the past few years and has really played strong through this year’s conference and post seasons,” said John David Pattillo, her coach. “She played through pain and injury all year that has ended her athletic career.”

Luke, also a senior basketball player, averaged 7 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game. He was a three-year letterman during his four years of basketball, and was named to the All-District team. In the classroom, he earned a 9.71 cumulative GPA.

“Luke is a joy to be around. He works hard and has a great attitude,” said William Durden, his coach. “The growth he has made as a student and athlete over the last four years has been fun to watch.”

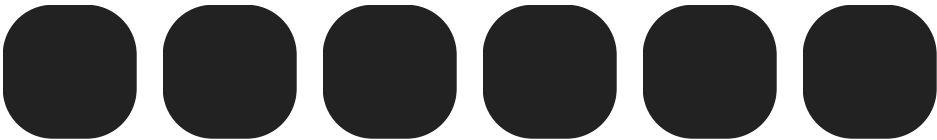
Pictured while social distancing are: Presenting the AOM awards to Katie Rose Pattillo and Luke Becker on Wednesday, April 8, is Booster Club vice president Brian Taylor.

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