

Kitchen Named New Cheerleading Coach; Succeeds Yanko

Following two successful years as the volunteer assistant coach, **Nathan Kitchen** has been named the new head cheerleading coach. Kitchen succeeds **Sandy Yanko**, who retired after four highly successful seasons of molding the program into one of the area's finest squads.

"I owe a lot to Sandy," said Kitchen, "She has taught me so much. It's an honor to take over the program she created. I'm extremely excited."

Kitchen has a fine cheerleading background as well. He has mentored a squad from the Fenton area in competitions in recent years, as well as cheering himself while a student at Jefferson College.

He plans no major shake-ups, other than to continue the strong program already in place. Tryouts have been completed for the '08-09 squad with 17 cheerleaders selected. Just two return from last year's squad but they will both serve as captains: **Natalie Struckhoff** (Hillsboro) and **Arielle Doria** (Lutheran South).

The Magic will attend a major regional camp July 24-26 at Missouri State in Springfield. Thirteen of the team members have already signed up for the event. During the upcoming season they may also attend a competition or two for the first time, such as one being held at Six Flags and sponsored by the NCAA with a junior college division

Physicals For Fall Athletes Slated For July 30

One of the final chances to receive the required physical exam before the start of fall sports practices will be held on July 30. Physicals will be given at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center at the corner of Big Bend and S. Kirkwood Rd.

There is no charge for the physical, which is required before a prospective student/athlete may try out for a team.

Baseball Players Earn All-Conference Recognition

Three STLCC-Meramec baseball players earned a spot on the MCCAC All-Conference team while a fourth was given honorable mention status.

Jon Myers (Fort Zumwalt South), **Dan Harris** (North County-Bonne Terre), and **Monty Cooper** (Sullivan) were all named to the prestigious first team. Myers has since signed a full scholarship to play for NCAA Div. I St. Louis University next season. Third baseman **John Wilson** (St. Charles) gained the honorable mention nod.

Myers and Harris were the team's offensive leaders. Harris hammered home 45 RBI's with 11 home runs while Myers hit 13 home runs along with 36 RBI's.