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Dexter, Missouri - The excitement is growing as the 1st Annual Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Spring Carnival unfolds on West Business Highway 60 in Dexter. The activities will get started Tuesday evening at 5:30 and will run through Saturday evening. Show hours are:

5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Weeknights
5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Friday
2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Saturday

With the 12th Annual golf tournament  the previous weekend, it didn't take long for a new inspiration to hit the group. And as usual, the ideas are spontaneous and creative. But more so, the new activities are an inspired idea that are searches for a way to become involved and make a contribution.

The most recent 18 Fore Life Banquet featured an incredible video highlighting the wide variety of events held by the Foundation to include the long time projects of the golf tournament, the banquet and the 10 Pins for Ben bowling tournament. Also featured were several new events for 2011 such as the 18 Fore Life Crappie Tournament, Julie Dodd's Claus for a Cause event and the T. S. Hill Middle School Inspired "Dig Pink" Volleyball and "Hits For Hope" contests, to name a few.

These events are simply an opportunity where both young and old are given a chance

to become involved and contribute to those in need. They are filled with fun and great memories, but participants share in the accomplishments of delivering kindness, love and help to those hurting and in need.

The Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Foundation is in fact *More Than Just a Golf Tournament* - so what happens when a new idea surfaces? A call is quickly made to Scott Kruse who, with an excited tone in his voice says, "What else could I say but yes?".

Sometimes, the opportunity is thrust upon the Foundation at breakneck speed. Miller's Extravaganza Shows hit town last Friday afternoon in search of a location in Dexter. Within a couple of hours, the agreement had been reached that the carnival would partner with the 18 Fore Life Foundation to have an incredible week of big fun, great food and fantastic memories, while raising funds for the charity all in the same event.

Dana Adams, of Montgomery Bank, was quick to capture the idea that this event could become an annual event and broadened in coming years to include other activities. Ideas have been kicked around such as an 18 Fore Life BBQ Contest, an 18 Fore Life Music Festival, and even a dress up Mardi Gras Night. So there is great hope that attendance this year will be an encouragement for future activities that will be planned for 2013.

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Even as easy as this event may appear with the support of Miller's Extravaganza Shows, there are always those that kick in a little extra effort on this short of notice. And a special thanks goes out to:

- **Ryan Duley of A Cut Above Lawn Care:** *for quickly mowing and preparing the lot for the Miller team to setup.*
- **Scott Rankin of SEMO Land Design:** *for pitching in last minute to fill the "duck ponds" and deep tire ruts.*
- **Dana Adams & Scott Nelson of Montgomery Bank:** *for their quick planning, promotional activities and willingness to plan for the future.*
- **Alan Hedrick, Jason Comfort & the County Wide Insurance Crew:** *for their willingness to say "Yes" and contribute to the great community of Dexter.*

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The Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Foundations is a lot about having good times with friends, butt it has a pure heartbeat of a driven purpose to serve others in times that their lives face great difficulties.

"One week after one of the largest and most successful events in our history," event organizer Scott Kruse said. "We still have names of people on our list that need help. So yes, yes, yes ... let's have a Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Carnival!"

The weather promises to be great the remainder of the week. This is a great opportunity for you to gather up your kids, your grandkids or your neighbor kids and come to the 1st Annual Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Carnival. You will be able to ***CELEBRATE a great time, GIVE to a worthy cause and make memories you will always REMEMBER!!***

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