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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Lady Cats will be traveling to Charleston, Missouri on Saturday, January 26th to participate in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament.

Once again, the Charleston Lady Bluejays basketball team will be raising money to fight cancer. On Saturday the Lady Bluejays will be one of fourteen teams participating in their annual Coaches vs. Cancer Shootout at the Charleston High School.

Coach Josh Thompson stated, "We have had a lot of folks touched in some way by cancer here in Charleston and the surrounding area. Everyone is affected in a small town, so we are just trying to do our part to help fight it.

The very first year proceeds from the event were donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Eva Grissom Henshaw, who was the Athletic Director at East Prairie, Missouri when she died of cancer at the age of only 52. She was well loved by many students and impacted the lives of all that knew her. Last year the Lady Bluejays gave 100% of the proceeds to the St. Francis Foundation in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. They provide free mammography screenings for woman who otherwise could not afford them.

The Lady Bluejays took it upon themselves to sign-up sponsors and get donations from businesses around the area to help with concessions and general donations in running this shootout.

It is truly a worthwhile cause and it raises breast cancer awareness in our area. Last year the Lady Bluejays received word from the St. Francis Foundation that three women had some type of breast cancer issue. Had they not been screened their illness could have gone undiagnosed and untreated.

The Sikeston Lady Bulldogs will start the day at 10:30 a.m. playing Scott County Central, followed by Greenville vs. Portageville at noon.

The East Prairie Lady Eagles will take on the Woodland Lady Cardinals at 1:30 p.m. and the Dexter Lady Bearcats will play St. Joseph's Academy at 4:30 p.m.

New Madrid will play at 6:00 p.m. against Meadow Heights.

Charleston will end the slate of games by hosting Twin Rivers at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$6.00 each.

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