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Dexter, Missouri - It's that time of year when the Lady Cats host their annual Swing Pink softball tournament to raise money for 18FORE Life. The schedule has been released and all the fun begins out at the softball park in Dexter on Saturday morning. There are 16 teams scheduled to compete.

This will be the 4th annual Swing Pink. The 3rd annual however was rained out. All proceeds from the Swing Pink Tournament will got to the Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation, a local organization dedicated to helping families who are battling cancer.

The 18 FORE Life originated in 2000, when four friends got together an decided it would be fun to raise some money for a good cause by hosting a golf tournament. In 2002, love offerings were sent out for the first time to families all over Southeast Missouri battling cancer and in need of love, hope, and encouragement.

After losing Ben Kruse in 2004, the event grew into much more than a golf tournament. The phrase Celebrate/Give/Remember was coined and guided the efforts of organizers, sponsors, volunteers and golfers as hundreds gathered for the 2005 event and over \$100,000 was raised. To date they have given over one

million dollars in love offerings.

The Lady Cats raised over \$4,300 in their first year and placed third in the tournament of eight teams.

In 2013 the girls once again placed third and raised \$3,800 with twelve teams participating.

The 2014 Swing Pink was rained out however teams did donate their entry fees to 18 FORE Life.

Sixteen teams will compete: No. 1 seeded West County takes on No. 8 seeded Charleston, No. 4 seeded Dexter takes on No. 5 seeded Southland, No. 3 seeded Neelyville takes on No. 6 seeded East Prairie and No. 2 seeded Van Buren takes on No. 7 seeded Senath-Hornersville Saturday at 9 a.m in Bracket B. The semifinals for Bracket B are at 1 p.m. and the Bracket B championship is at 5 p.m.

No. 1 seeded Naylor takes on No. 8 seeded South Pemiscot, No. 4 seeded Advance takes on No. 5 seeded Winona, No. 3 seeded Clearwater takes on No. 6 seeded Holcomb and No. 2 seeded Scott City takes on No. 7 seeded Bloomfield Saturday at 11 a.m. in Bracket A. The semifinals for Bracket A are at 3 p.m. and the Bracket A championship is at 7 p.m.

BRACKET A

11:00 a.m.

Field A Naylor vs South Pemiscot

Field B Advance vs Winona

Field C Clearwater vs Holcomb

Field D Scott City vs Bloomfield

3:00 p.m.

Field C Winner of Naylor/S. Pemiscot and Advance/Winona

Field D Winner of Clearwater/Holcomb and Scott City/Bloomfield

7:00 p.m. Championship Game - Field C

3:00 p.m.

Field A Consolation Bracket

Field B Consolation Bracket

7:00 p.m. - Field A Consolation Bracket

BRACKET B

9:00 a.m.

Field A West County vs Charleston

Field B Dexter vs Southland

Field C Neelyville vs East Prairie

Field D Van Buren vs Senath-Hornersville

1:00 p.m.

Field C Winner of the West County/Charleston and Dexter/Southland

Field D Winner of the Neelyville/East Prairie and Van Buren/Senath-Hornersville

5:00 p.m. - Field C - Championship Game

5:00 p.m. - Field D – Third Place Bracket

Good luck to all of the teams and remember it's all for fun and to raise money for those who are battling cancer!

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