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Missouri - The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association (MBCA) is very proud to select and present the Academic All-State basketball teams each school year.

The MBCA honors these top scholar athletes at the banquet on April 17, at 1 PM at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri.

Tyler Heil and **Ethan Flowers** of Dexter and **Nathan Dare** of Puxico were named to the 2016 MBCA Boys Academic All-State.

Darian Doser of Twin Rivers was also named to the 2016 MBCA Girls Academic All-State.

Athletes must be a senior in high school, started 90% of his or her team's games or played in 75% of the total team quarters played. They must possess outstanding moral character and have a GPA of 3.25 out of 4.0 or equivalent on alternate grade scale. They must also have one or more of the following verified minimum scores: ACT score of 27 composite or above, SAT score of 1920 composite or above or a PSAT score of 185 selection index or more.

Congratulations!

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Bernie, Missouri - The 2016 Bernie 8th Grade Volleyball Tournament is slated to begin on Monday, March 28th at 4:00 p.m. in both the high school gym and the junior high gym.

Each team will play three games on Monday and the results of pool play will determine their place on the tournament bracket for Tuesday's playoffs.

Pool A will be played in the Bernie High School Gym. At 4:00 p.m. Bernie vs Bloomfield, 5:00 p.m. Sikeston vs Advance, 6:00 p.m. Bernie vs Advance, 7:00 p.m. Bloomfield vs Sikeston, 8:00 p.m. Advance vs Bloomfield and at 9:00 p.m. Bernie vs Sikeston.

Pool B will be played in the Bernie Junior High Gym. At 4:00 p.m. Dexter vs Puxico, 5:00 p.m. Woodland vs Bell City, 6:00 p.m. Bell City vs Dexter, 7:00 p.m. Puxico vs Woodland, 8:00 p.m. Dexter vs Woodland, and at 9:00 p.m. Bell City vs Puxico.

Games will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29th as well. The ShowMe Times will post an update of the schedule prior to the start time.

Tuesday's playoff games will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the first and second rounds being played in both gyms. The finals will be played in the Bernie High School gym.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second places. All spectators will be admitted through the high school gate and their hand will be stamped so they may enter either gym. The concession stand will be located in the high school gym.

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Dexter Boys Tennis Team Returns Several Starters

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats boys tennis team begin their season at home on Thursday, March 24th against the Poplar Bluff Mules.

They return all but two starters off of their 2015 historic season, finishing 11-1 and advanced to the Class 1 State Quarterfinals.

"Our only graduates off of last year's squad were Brooks Propst and Noah Kronk," said Coach Kurt Lovelady. "So we have six lettermen returning from last year that saw some varsity action. We have got a good, strong team coming back that has been playing a lot over the winter. Some have even been going over to Paducah, playing this winter so they don't have much rust to shake off."

Returning varsity starters are high school seniors Ethan Flowers, Josh Kohlbaker, and Addison Moore along with junior Zach Potts.

"We just finished our varsity boxes last week," continued Lovelady. "We have four seniors a couple of juniors in starting slots right now, but things could change.

Lovelady expects to fill the other varsity slots with seniors Tyler Stevenson and Jacob Crumley, junior Will Brehmer, or sophomore Matthew Chesser.

"I see the bottom part of our varsity being very competitive," stated Lovelady. "All eight of those guys had very good records last year and it should be very competitive to see who earns those bottom varsity spots."

Dexter will open at home on Thursday, March 24th at 4:00 p.m. against Poplar Bluff.

"Poplar Bluff is a lot like us," Lovelady said. "They have a lot of returning players and boys that go to camps in the summer. They also put in a lot of time."

Dexter will have five home matches against Poplar Bluff, Notre Dame, Cape Central, Sikeston, and end with Poplar Bluff again in May. They also have five away matches against Cape Central, Notre Dame, Poplar Bluff, and Sikeston twice. They even host the Poplar Bluff Invitational on April 2nd.

"It's about the same schedule as last season," stated Lovelady. " Poplar Bluff is undergoing new school construction so we will be lucky enough to host the Poplar Bluff Invitational in Dexter."

Dexter will compete in the Class 1, District 1 with Notre Dame, Cape Central, Potosi, Arcadia Valley, DeSoto, and North County at the end of the season. Dexter beat Notre Dame 5-0 in Districts last year, but lost to John Burroughs in the State Quarterfinal.

Ethan Flowers, a senior, finished 8th in the state in individual doubles with teammate Noah Kronk last season. He ended with a 17-6 record.

"He's worked a lot," Lovelady said. "He has gone to Springfield and worked with some pros. He's well on his way and has some rust to shake off after basketball season, but he will progress quickly and be tough to beat this year."

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2016 Dexter High School Boys Tennis Schedule

3/24 Poplar Bluff Home

3/29 Notre Dame Home
3/30 Cape Central Away
4/2 Poplar Bluff Tournament Dexter
4/5 Notre Dame Away
4/7 Poplar Bluff Away
4/13 Sikeston Away
4/16 Cape Central Tournament Cape Girardeau
4/25 Cape Central Home
4/27 Sikeston Home
4/30 Farmington Tournament Farmington
5/3 Sikeston Away
5/5 Poplar Bluff Home

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Dexter, Missouri - The annual Hits for Hope middle school volleyball fundraiser is slated for Tuesday, March 22nd at T.S. Hill Middle School between the Dexter Little Lady Cats and the Bernie Mules. Game time is 6:00 p.m. with the 7th grade taking the floor first.


"We are excited this year to play on the court at the middle school," commented T.S. Hill Middle School Principal Scott Kruse. "The gym is already decorated with pink volleyballs made by our students and we hope to have a packed house for the event! I am always proud of these kids and what they do to help those with cancer."

Each year the athletes play in honor of someone who is fighting the cancer battle, survived their battle or passed away from cancer. All proceeds will benefit 18 FORE Life.

People from around the area and local businesses have graciously donated items for a silent auction to be held during the event. Volunteers will man the silent auction in the lobby of the middle school. Pink t-shirts with the Hits for Hope logo will also be sold to raise money.

These young athletes will be dressed in pink uniforms, pink whistles will be used by the referees and the game is always played with a special pink volleyball.

The 18 FORE Life originated in 2000, when four friends got together and 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.

 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, 18 FORE Life has given away just over 1.2 million dollars in love offerings.

Please join the 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball team on Tuesday, March 22nd and raise money for an awesome cause! Thank you in advance for your patronage!

Playing on the 7th grade team are: Hannah Pyles, MeKenzie Yount, Bailey Chamberlain, Destiny Durham, Karlee Keirse, Payton Phelan, Chloe Thurmon, Bronwen Young, Shelby Bishop, Molley Murphy, Mikayla Dodson, Mattilyn Williams, and Sydney Asberry.

Playing on the 8th grade team are: Colby Christian, Emily Jarrell, Margo Nea, Alexa Werneck, Blair Rogers, Madilyn Hampton, Sydney Patrick, Madeline Parker, Kelsey Carrier, and Audrey Lutmer.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Spring has sprung and that means it's time for BASEBALL and SOFTBALL! The Bloomfield Little League will have their annual registration Sunday, March 20th at the Bloomfield City Park from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Age categories T-ball 4-6, Boys 7-8, Girls 7-8, Boys 9-10, Girls 9-10, Boys 11-12, Girls 11-12.

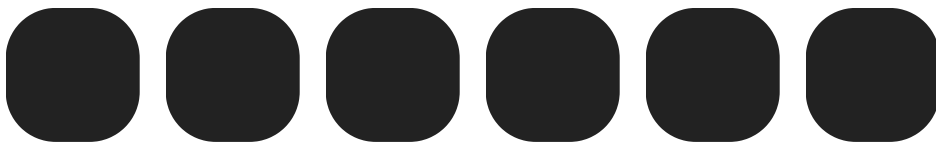
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