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2018 Swing Pink T-Shirts On Sale Now

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School softball team is selling 2018 Swing Pink Shirts.

Short sleeve shirts are \$15 and long sleeve are \$20 each.

Sizes available are youth small, medium, large - adult small, medium, large and extra large.

Add \$2 for 2XL, and \$3 for 3XL shirts.

Contact Starla Pulley, DHS Softball Coach or Leonard Morse, DHS Asst. Softball Coach. Pulley is at Southwest Elementary (573.421.6905) and Morse is at the high school (573.820.5851). You may also purchase shirts from any softball player.

Swing Pink is slated for Saturday, April 7, 2018. A detail article with teams and game times will be posted the week prior to game day.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Dexter Middle School 7th grade volleyball team will participate in the Poplar Bluff 7th Grade Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, March 27th, 2018.

Court #1 Pool A Seeds are #1 Poplar Bluff, #2 Doniphan, #3 Greenville, and #4 Zalma.

Court #2 Pool B Seeds are #1 Dexter, #2 Bloomfield, #3 Clearwater, and #4 Advance.

Pool Play is two sets of 25 points with a 27 point cap.

Pool Play Games are as follows:

9 a.m. Court #1 Poplar Bluff vs Greenville

9 a.m. Court #2 Dexter vs Clearwater

9:45 a.m. Court #1 Doniphan vs Zalma

9:45 a.m. Court #2 Bloomfield vs Advance

10:30 a.m. Court #1 Poplar Bluff vs Zalma

10:30 a.m. Court #2 Dexter vs Advance

11:15 a.m. Court #1 Doniphan vs Greenville

11:15 a.m. Court #2 Bloomfield vs Clearwater

12:00 p.m. Court #1 Greenville vs Zalma

12:00 p.m. Court #2 Clearwater vs Advance

12:45 p.m. Court #1 Poplar Bluff vs Doniphan

12:45 p.m. Court #2 Dexter vs Bloomfield

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Nicole and Kaylee Roper both signed to play volleyball at East Central College in Union, Missouri.

Both young ladies will graduate from Bloomfield High School in May.

"We loved the campus there and we get to room together," commented Kaylee Roper.

When asked about their major course of studies, "Neither of us have made a decision on that, we just want to general courses now and play volleyball," commented Nicole Roper.

"I am very excited to have both Nicole and Kaylee join us for next fall! I think their experience they bring of playing together will help us as a team since we will have a lot of new players next season," commented Lisa Mathes-Peters, East Central College Women's Volleyball Coach. "Nicole has experience of running a fast tempo offense and will work into a running a 6-2 with our sophomore returner and Kaylee has been playing the libero role a long time and will be fighting for the libero role as a freshmen. They both come from a successful program and are very hard workers. I feel they will really grasp the college level of play well and can't wait to see how they do."

East Central College (ECC) is a comprehensive community college with three locations in east central Missouri in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The main campus is located in Union, Missouri, sitting on over 200 acres (80.9 ha). In addition, ECC also offers classes in Rolla and Washington. Approximately 2,100 students are enrolled in classes each semester. Students can complete the first two years of coursework toward a bachelor's degree and then to transfer to a four-year institution. More than 25 career/technical programs are offered with Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and certificate options available for students who intend to immediately enter the workforce. ECC is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Pictured from left to right Brett Roper, Kaley Roper, Nicole Roper, Tammy Roper, Coach Haley Sillman and Brandon Cook, Bloomfield Athletic Director.



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Lauryn Davis Signs With Mineral Area College

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School Lady Bearcat softball outfield Lauryn Davis was a perfect pick by Mineral Area College.

"She is a good softball player, Coach Dave Guemmer commented. "A lot of girls are not outfielders and we get a lot of infielders and we have to convert some to the outfield. We don't have to do that with her."

Dexter Softball Coach Stara Pulley is looking forward to the 2018 Spring Softball Season. She spoke highly of Davis' ability as an outfield and said she was a very well rounded talented young lady.

"She has great range in the outfield and has a very good arm on her," stated Pulley. "Last year she had 24 putout. She continues to work on her offense and works hard out of season on her offensive and defensive abilities."

"She has great leadership abilities and works very hard on and off the field. She will make a great addition in the Mineral Area program."

Last season Lauryn hit .306 and a .370 on-base percentage and nine stolen bases. She made 24 putout and had an .824 fielding percentage. Davis moved to Dexter from Naylor for her junior and senior years.

"She came from a great softball program," commented Coach Pulley. "Lauryn came to us with a winning drive and winning experience. She was a great addition to our team and it felt like she had been here for more than just one year."

Davis believes she will continue to be an outfield at the college level and enjoy that position.

Why choose Mineral Area? "I like that ii is smaller and closer to home," stated Davis. "It's not like jumping into a big college."

Mineral Area College is a NJCAA Division II college located in Park Hills, Missouri.

"Lauryn will truly be missed, she has a smile that will brighten anyone's day. She is a great leader to our team, she is our only senior this year and is a great role model for our younger players. She has a great personality and is a great teammate. She works hard and continues to pursue to get better. Lauryn has a great family that supports her and has supported our program, I am thankful for the last two years that I have gotten to coach and know Lauryn. I know she will continue to do great things in her life after high school and will be a great asset to the Mineral Area College softball program. I am looking forward to watching her pursue her passion at the next level."

Pictured are front row from left to right: Dexter softball coach Starla Pulley, Lauryn Davis, Amy Davis, Brad Davis, and Jonah Davis.

Back row from left to right Athletic Director Aaron Pixley, Dexter Assistant softball coach Leonard Morse, Arlene DAvis, Joe DAvis, and Mineral ARea Coach Dave Guemmer.

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Moberly, Missouri - A familiar face to Saints fans is now leading the women's basketball program at Central Christian College of the Bible. Director of Athletics Jack Defreitas, on Wednesday, announced the hiring of former All-American Katelynn Frazier as head coach, effective immediately.

"As always so now also that Christ would be magnified by my body..." I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity. The people at Central became my family and my community very quickly into my freshman year, and now I get to give back to this place. Jesus was faithful to guide me through so many circumstances and never left my side. There is a fourth man who stands in the fire!! Our God shows the kindest of loves, and He knows our hearts better than we imagine. With the thousands upon thousands of heavenly hosts we sing, "Blessing honor, glory and power to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb who was slain, forever and ever," stated Frazier on her Facebook page.

"I have watched Katelynn grow and mature as a leader on and off the court, and most recently as a coach on the sidelines," Defreitas said. "She adds a great deal of energy, loyalty, and concern for the spiritual growth of our student-athletes. I am excited to now watch her lead as the head coach of our women's basketball program."

Frazier replaces Reggie Chapple, who announced his retirement from coaching last month after just one season with the Saints. Last season she served as an assistant coach under

Chapple, following a successful four-year playing career.

"I am to grateful to Jesus and to the leadership at Central for giving me this opportunity," Frazier stated. "I know there is a lot of work ahead of me in this new role, but I am confident this is where I am meant to be, and I am very excited to see what Jesus has planned for our women's program."

A native of Dexter, Mo., Frazier was a staple in the Saints' success during her four seasons as a player. She was named the Midwest Christian College Conference's Most Valuable Player as a freshman, later became a two-time recipient of the NCCAA Division II Scholar-Athlete award, was a three-time all-region performer and an NCCAA Division II All-American as a freshman and sophomore.

As a sophomore, Frazier helped guide the Saints to their second MCCC regular season title in program history and a runner-up finish in the 2015 NCCAA Division II national tournament. A knee injury sidelined her for the first halves of her junior and senior seasons, but she went on to finish with 1,306 points in her career for third on the CCCB women's basketball all-time scoring list.

Additionally, the success in college came on the heels of helping Dexter High School to the Class 4 state championships as a senior.

"Success has followed Katelynn wherever she's been," Defreitas said. "I know that she will work hard and pour everything she has into leading our group of young women."

The Central Christian women finished 10-17 overall and tied for third in the MCCC with a 4-4 record in 2017-18. Recruiting will be the highest priority starting out as the Saints endured the entire season with a thin roster.

"My immediate goals as I look to this upcoming season is to expand my knowledge of the coaching side of basketball and bring together a strong roster for the 2018-2019 season," Frazier said. "Spiritual development is very important to me, and I want to push our student-athletes toward athletic excellence. I believe we have the resources to do both of those things."

Frazier graduated from CCCB in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Counseling. In addition to coaching, she will also serve as a counselor in the admissions department at CCCB.

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