

Trenton's DAWGS to play celebrities in local softball event

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Rosters have been released for the celebrity softball games in Trenton August 25th. It is one of two major fund raiser for the DAWGS—Disabled Athletes with Grundy Support. The other is the Festival of Trees held in Trenton on Thanksgiving weekend.

Business and community members will be taking on the Special Olympic athletes in a pair of softball games to be played at Griffin Field in Trenton.

This is the fourth annual celebrity softball games which, this year, are held in memory of Lyle Kirk who had served as one of the coaches. According to a list provided to KTTN: Coaching Special Olympic athletes in the first game Joann Kirk and Terry Wynne.

Team members include Toni Orndorff, Dalton Trask, K-D Eagland, Jeffrey Jackson, Isaiah Lickteig, Brian Rice, Charles Gash, Pete Lovell, Mary Brill, Layton Stonger, James Ross, Joey Meyers, Kris Critten, Pierce Rash, Katie Brown, LeAnn Lentz, and Jessica Hazen.

Coaching the celebrities will be Lynda Lynch. Members of that team will include Maggie Bush, Scott Roy, David Bain, Debbie Kinnison, Aaron Huffstutter, Phil Hoffman, Eric Lorenz, Charlie Bacon, John Holcomb, Nicole Neal, Sue Huffstutter, Cindy Gott, Tara Walker, and Rich Schweizer.

After an intermission performance by the B.E.S.T Network dance team of Kansas, a second game will be played at the Griffin ball field in Trenton.

Coaching the DAWGS will be Marty Bonnett. Players are Alanta Bonnett, Josh Dunbar, Tabby Glenn, Earlyne VanHoose, Sammy Gardner, Teresa Stiner, Curtis Brewer, Rachel McCarter, Shelly Leininger, Sharon Simmons, Missy Rowlette, April Dorris, Robert Meyers, Danny Lambert, Isaiah Hernandez, Doug Guy, and Oletha Stark.

Coaching the celebrities will be Jackie Hoffman. Her team includes John Anthony, Danny Stevens, Amy Guthrie, Rodney Herring, Scott Lynch, Diane Lowrey, Warren Woodson, John Barron, Sal Hernandez, Christine Chaney, Jay Olmstead, Derek Miller, Joe Brinser, and Jose Murillo.

The emcee for the evening will be the PAR Broadcast Group's "BeBoppin'" David Burkeybile. A torch will be presented on the field by Rodney Herring and Oletha Stark. The opening pitch will be thrown out by Layton Stonger and Aerial Beers.

The national anthem is sung by Chelsea Woodard, with a concession stand beginning operation at 6:30 and opening ceremonies at 7 o'clock. The first softball game begins shortly after pre-game ceremonies. A second softball game follows. Both softball games will have a one hour time limit.

Admission is free; although donations will be accepted to benefit the DAWGS as they have travel and equipment costs to various other cities for Special Olympics competitions. The first 100 spectators attending the August 25th softball games in Trenton are to receive a free Trenton Bulldogs cooling fan.