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Dexter, Missouri - The 91st Annual Stoddard County Fair Parade was once again a success! Below are the winners for Commercial, Schools/Clubs, Churches/Others, and Band categories. Though the Dexter High School and Middle School bands participate in the parade they have opted not to be in the running for any type of placement.

Commercial-

1st Place VNA-Visiting Nurse Association 2nd Place- Circle G 3rd Place- NewWave Communications

Schools/Clubs-

1st Place- Dexter FFA
2nd Place- Dexter Headstart
3rd Place- Malden FFA

Churches and others-1st Place- Puxico Fire 2nd Place- Girl Scouts of MIssouri Heartland 3rd Place- Dexter Elks Lodge

BAND WINNERS:

1st Place- Puxico High School 2nd Place- Bernie High School 3rd Place- Bloomfield High School

PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS:

1st Place Kamryn Stubenrauch Bell City, MO. 2nd Place Laura L. Stickles Essex, MO. 3rd Place Ashlan Garner Dexter, MO.

Grand Marshal: Eddie Sifford Puxico, MO.

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Kiwanis Golf Ball Drop to be held September 21st

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Golf Ball Drop on Friday, September 21, 2018. The event will be at NOON in the vacant lot west of Save-A-Lot.

A golf ball can be purchased for \$10 and must be purchased by September 17, 2018.

The golf balls will be dropped from the top of the Dexter Fire Department aerial ladder truck.

The closest ball to the hold will receive 20% of the profit (a possible \$1,000).

The next closest ball will receive 10% of the profit (possible prize of \$500).

All proceeds will be donated to local organizations and charities.

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"Give what you can, take what you need!" Dexter Blessing Box

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"Give what you can, take what you need!" Dexter Blessing Box

Dexter, Missouri - James Kalata's message, "Give what you can, take what you need!."

Kalata earned his Eagle Scout by building a new Blessing Box next to the Welcome Center/Train Depot in downtown Dexter.

Eagle Scout projects are done with the intention of community betterment.

Approximately 62 hours went into this project. The Historic Downtown Dexter

Association helped fund the project. Busy B Lumber donated the plexiglass for the doors.

He hopes that people will utilize the Blessing Box by not only taking food for their needs, but to give back to the community as well.

"Whenever you go to the grocery store just grab a couple of extra cans of vegetables or cereal and drop off on your way home," stated Kalata.

The purpose of the Blessing Box is to help those in need. Anyone can donate nonperishable foods.

The Blessing Box is located next to the depot at the corner of W. South Main and Walnut.

Pictured from left to right: City Administrator Mark Stidham, Dexter Police Chief Trevor Pulley, Kalata, Troop 200 Leader Kyle Gillespie, and Dexter Chamber Executive Director Korie Fish.

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Dexter Police Dept Reestablishing their K-9 Unit

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Dexter Police Dept Reestablishing their K-9 Unit

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department is pleased to announce they will be reestablishing the K-9 Unit. The department is currently undergoing a fundraising campaign to pay for the dog as the general revenue does not fund this cost.

The Dexter Police Department is fully committed to aggressively fighting the methamphetamine epidemic in our city, and keeping our youth safe in our schools," stated Chief of Police Trevor Pulley. "The K-9 will be a great asset to our department for tracking and apprehension, narcotic detection, building searches, crowd control, and handler protection. The K-9 will be available for appearances, presentations, and other public relation situations."

The K-9, of European bloodline, will be purchased and trained by a licensed professional in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The K-9 will be qualified for dual propose, which refers to K-9 training and abilities in narcotics detection, tracking, criminal apprehension, handler protection, building searches, area searches, crowd control, and article searches. Not every dog is capable of being a police K-9, but by using imported dogs, this saves time, money, and guarantees the dog selected will have the highest qualities needed to perform the job of a police K-9 and serve the citizens of Dexter.

The cost of one K-9 will be approximately \$20,000. This cost involves the purchase of the police K-9 and the initial 8-week training program that trains and certifies the police K-9 for the street. The K-9 will be housed with the handler when not on duty. The department must also provide an outside shelter for the K-9. This shelter will include a metal roof, chain link sides, a wooden floor, and a dog house. For the most basic model of a shelter of this kind, the average price is \$1,000-\$1,500. We feel it is essential to provide the police K-9 with the adequate housing to not only protect him/her from various elements, but also provided the comfort he or she deserves when off duty.

Donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Dexter Police Department (305 Cooper St., Dexter, MO 63841.

Please note on the check that you wish for your donation to go toward the K-9 fundraiser. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information on donating, please contact Chief Trevor Pulley at trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com or (573) 624-5512.

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