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Ed Crow, Running for Liberty Township Treasurer

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I'm Ed Crow, a lifetime resident, of Liberty Township. I was born near Dexter and was one of six children raised on a farm near Bernie, Missouri. I attended Bernie School District all twelve years, then received my Bachelors Degree from Murray State University, and have been involved in agriculture and local banking all of my working life.

I retired in 2015, but still retain a desire to be involved in helping our community. I served as Treasurer of Liberty Township in the past and understand the importance of our rural infrastructure to all residents in our local area.

My background in agriculture and banking gives me an overview of the transportation needs of the area and how to achieve the most value from available funding. I can formulate a balanced budget for Liberty Township, but most importantly see that the budget is followed and maintained.

I am not a politician - I term myself as a Progressive Conservative. I want to see the area grow and prosper, but I also realize we must live within our means and pay as we go. I do not believe in deficit financing.

My wife Marilyn and I have three children and five grandchildren. All of our children are college graduates as are their spouses and all work and contribute to the well being of their communities. Three of our grandkids are in college with the other two still in high school.

I want to see jobs created and southeast Missouri prosper for them as well as your families. Our system of roads and bridges are an important part of the local economy and I would like to see them maintained as finances permit.

I respectfully ask for your vote and support as Liberty Township Treasurer on April 6th!
Thank you!

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Dexter, Mo - National Athletic Training Month is held every March in order to spread awareness about the importance of athletic trainers.

Lindsay Hampton is employed as an Athletic Trainer at Select Physical Therapy in Dexter, Missouri. She graduated from Missouri State University, Springfield in 2017 with a Bachelors of Science in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training. She continued her education at Missouri State University and graduated in 2019 with a Masters of Science in Athletic Training.

She passed the Board of Certification (BOC) Exam and has been a Certified Athletic Trainer for four years.

"I work at Select Physical Therapy in Dexter to provide coverage for Bloomfield High School sports, Puxico High School sports, and I also see Dark Horse gym members," commented Hampton.

She provides onsite injury evaluations, therapy exercise recommendations such as stretching, strengthening, cupping, and soft tissue manual therapy, and return to play programs.

As an athletic trainer she works to prevent athletes from encountering injuries and other related medical conditions during sporting activities. She applies preventive items, such as braces or tape and educates athletes on how to avoid injury. She also provides recommendations on helpful exercises and stretches to prevent further injury. She also acts as liaison between the patient and physicians, support staff, and medical assistants when necessary.

Hampton has a very compassionate personality which is an essential quality one must have to be an athletic trainer. She has worked hard over the past two years building a rapport with students who enjoy sports at the high school level.

If you are interested in an athletic trainer in your high school, please give Select Physical Therapy a call at 573.624.6405

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Henry's Plants LLC Celebrates Opening with Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of Henry's Plants LLC with a ribbon cutting on Monday, March 15, 2021. The store is located at 907 Mallory Street.

Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Henry Kestner is the owner and stated that they will probably stay open until 7 p.m. some evenings as demand for plants increases. To call for more information (573) 820-6168.

"We will carry several varieties annuals and succulents as well as garden vegetable plants and ferns," commented Kestner. "We will have a complete line of garden seed and potting mix as well."

"You don't find anyone with garden seed anymore that is not pre-packaged. We will also have ribbon grass and lemon grass as well as a complete line of herbs and even a few cactus plants," continued Kestner. "We raise plants at our home in our greenhouses and then bring here to this location."

Pictured in front from left are Dexter Chamber President Cecil Haley, Sara Kate Elfrink, Maddie Guethle, Tiffany Wright, owner Henry Kestner, owner Linda Kestner, Tracy Elfrink, Grace Wood, Crystal Bishop, Dustin Mayer and Mark Whitehead. In back from left Chamber Economic Development Coordinator Ed Dust, Stan Elfrink, Anthony Elfrink, Dexter Mayor Jason Banken, Tara Barker, Linda Ulm, Diane Adams, Patrick Adams, Jake Nesselrodt and Dexter Chamber Executive Director Alisha Trammell.

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Three Rivers College signed an agreement with the Dexter Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, March 9 to purchase the building that houses TRC-Dexter. The four-year lease-to-own agreement will secure a permanent home for the College in Dexter and provide room for growth.

“The Dexter Chamber of Commerce is excited to see Three Rivers College accelerate their growth into our Dexter community. The pathway for Dexter and surrounding communities to further their higher education will remain constant,” said Alisha Trammell, Executive Director of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce.

The property, located at 515 W. Market, is owned by the Dexter Chamber of Commerce Development, Inc. The building has a total of 62,400 square feet. Three Rivers currently occupies 19,613 square feet.

“The potential expansion of the Three Rivers College Dexter campus will create a profound positive economic impact on our community and its citizens. We are thrilled to continue the partnership between the Dexter Chamber of Commerce and Three Rivers College,” said Trammell.

Currently, TRC-Dexter offers a wide range of classes, including several programs that can be completed without a long commute: Behavioral Health Support; General Education; Green Diesel Technology; Information Systems Technology, Medical Coding Option; and Welding.

“We were pleased to make this agreement with the Dexter Chamber of Commerce,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “It not only shows our ongoing commitment to the Dexter community, it also gives us the option to expand our facilities in the future so that we can better serve them.”

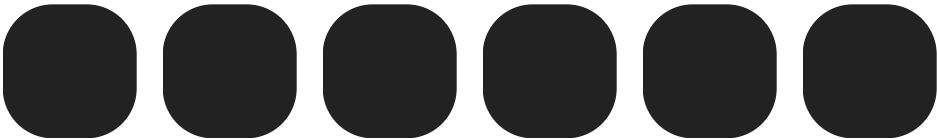
For more information about courses and degree pathways offered at TRC-Dexter, please call 573-614, 1081.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

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The Late Mark Stidham Receives 2020 Community Lifetime Achievement Award

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards ceremony on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at The Gathering. A reception, tasty finger foods and a delicious cake bar was held along with the 2020 awards ceremony.

Missouri State Representative for the 151st District Mr. Herman Morse and Missouri State Senator for the 25th District, Mr. Jason Bean, presented proclamations to the winners along with Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive who handed out the awards.

"A little over a year ago I interviewed for the Executive Director position," commented Alisha Trammell. "In that interview the very first question I was asked was, what is Dexter's greatest asset. My response was, it's people."

"As I have reflected on that question, I realize I was speaking primarily of one individual. That one individual, Dexter's greatest asset was the person asking the question...Mark Stidham."

Mark started his work for the City of Dexter in 1997 as Ward 3 alderman. In March of 2001, Mayor John Pruitt appointed Mark as Dexter's first City Administrator.

During Mark's 20 years with the City, he worked tirelessly for Dexter. And it shows. From 1997 to 2020, Dexter has consistently seen a yearly sales tax increase.

Mark was a huge driving force in making sure this city and its departments were supported.

He didn't just think of today, he thought of the future. He planned for Dexter's future.

Mark served on several state and local boards to ensure Dexter's today and tomorrow were bright.

Such boards were the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, The Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, the Transportation Advisory Council,

and most notably last year he was appointed by Governor Mark Parson to the Missouri 911 board.

Mark was Dexter's fiercest advocate and its biggest supporter.

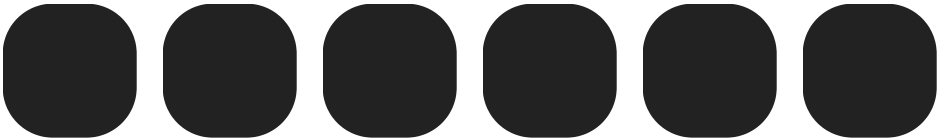
There is one thing I know for certain. Mark is up there giving God pointers of how to protect this city and his family. That is his level of commitment.

Pictured from left accepting for the late Mark Stidham are Senator Jason Bean, Debbie Stidham, Brent Stidham, Lauren Stidham and Representative Herman Morse.

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