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Christmas Around the Courthouse and Parade of Lights Event

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Christmas Around the Courthouse and Parade of Lights Event

Christmas Around the Courthouse and Parade of Lights Event is for all of Stoddard County, not just Bloomfield - Come one, Come all and visit SANTA!!

The Parade of Lights will begin at 5 p.m. Enter your Christmas float, boat, golf cart, truck, lawn mower, it doesn't matter, just light up that vehicle and bring it down to the parade. Entry is FREE!!! Starts at the park and ends at Bloomfield schools. SANTA will be riding in the parade also!!

The Courthouse Square will be lit with all the Christmas sounds! Santa will be there for pictures, so bring your cell phone!!

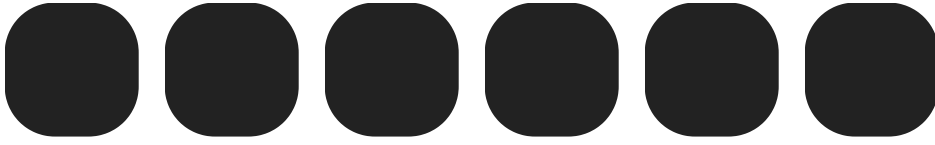
Booths will be set up for last minutes shopping as well as those who are giving back to the community in the form of FREE chili, hot cocoa, cookies and more! Booth spaces are FREE too! Vendors who are selling will have a small fee!

Contact Amy Haas at amy_haas1@outlook.com

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Dexter Historic Downtown Association Holds Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

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Dexter Historic Downtown Association Holds Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Dexter Historic Downtown Association held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Downtown Depot/Welcome Center Sunday, November 6, 2022. Those attending were treated to cookies, hot cocoa, Christmas Carols and Santa.

Denita Shipman spoke to those in attendance and thanked many people and businesses who help contribute to the wonderful evening.

Pastor Darin Kleeman with Mile City Church lead the opening prayer.

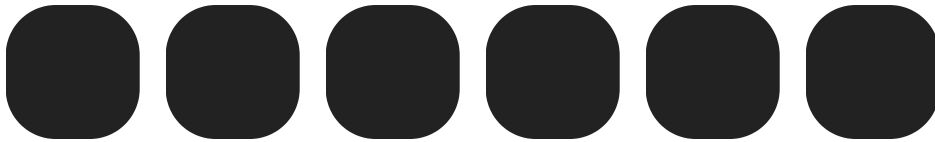
The T.S. Hill Middle School choir students sang several Christmas carols. The choir is directed by Delisa Sitze and Jamie Sepulvado.

Thank you to Bank of Advance for the cookies and hot cocoa, First Midwest Bank for the lights, and to Santa Claus for helping us spread holiday cheer.

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Banken Family Honored at Charles Bland Stadium

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Banken Family Honored at Charles Bland Stadium

On Friday, October 14, 2022, during halftime of the Dexter vs Park Hills Central football game, Hickory Log owners were recognized with a plaque.

Hickory Log has been a staple in Dexter since 1953.

The Banken family and Hickory Log have been supporting Dexter Public Schools for many years.

The Banken family has been very generous; providing food at halftime for our press box staff and officials.

We can't thank them enough for their generosity toward our school and for their loyalty to the Dexter Community.

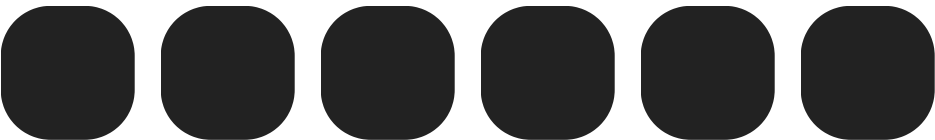
Just last month, the Southeast Regional Athletic Director's Association selected a winner for their annual Distinguished Service Award. Each year, area athletic directors nominate individuals or groups that have pledged lifelong support to high school athletics. The recipient is then voted on by all area directors south of St. Louis. This year's winner was Hickory Log and the Banken family.

Thank you to John and Leveda and the entire Hickory Log Family. We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

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Dexter Resident Hits Elk on Hwy 60, a First in Stoddard County

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Dexter Resident Hits Elk on Hwy 60, a First in Stoddard County

A Dexter resident hit an elk on U.S. Hwy 60 just east of County Road 517 on Thursday, October 13, 2022. The man was heading west when an elk bull weighing about 550 lbs to 600 pounds ran down the median then crossing in front of his Tahoe. The vehicle was towed by Robert's Towing of Dexter.

This was the first documented vehicle vs elk collision reported in Stoddard County and only one of two reported in the southeast Missouri.

The young bull believed to be about 2 1/2 years old was humanely euthanized at the scene by Dexter Police due to the severity of its injuries.

Michael Collins of the Missouri Department of Conservation stated that this particular elk had been spotted in Madison County, Perry County, Cape Girardeau County, and Scott County prior to the accident. Several people had photos of the elk on their game camera. The bull elk had two unique drop down brow tines on his antlers and it was confirmed to be the same animal.

Samples of blood and DNA were taken to check for CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) and other diseases. They may also be able to determine where the elk was from or what herd it may have been related to using the DNA.

The elk was tagged and donated to the Dexter resident.

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Annual Lighting of the Downtown Dexter Christmas Tree

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Annual Lighting of the Downtown Dexter Christmas Tree

Dexter, MO - The annual lighting of the downtown Christmas tree in Dexter will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The event will happen at the Dexter Welcome Center located at 10 W. South Main Street.

Come enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while everyone listens to Dexter High School students perform Christmas carols.

Santa will be making his appearance!

Thank you to Bank of Advance for sponsoring this event!

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