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# Clinton Opens 76th Puxico V.F.W. Homecoming with Blowing of the Horn!

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## Clinton Opens 76th Puxico V.F.W. Homecoming with Blowing of the Horn!

It is tradition in Puxico to open the annual V.F.W. Homecoming with the sounding of the horn on the Tuesday, the first day of Homecoming.

Ronnie Clinton, Puxico High School Class of 1966, a Vietnam Veteran and V.F.W. member continued that timely tradition on Tuesday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. by sounding the horn.

Every year they “toot” the horn once for each year of the homecoming.

The nostalgia and tradition of blowing the horn has passed down through the generations. The horn was from the old Puxico Handle Company and has been used for many years.

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## New City of Dexter Officials Named

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### New City of Dexter Officials Named

The Dexter Board of Alderman appointed Kerry Jarrell to Administrative Assistant, Sierra Luttrull to City Treasurer and Melissa Wright to City Collector!

Pictured left to right are Jarrell, Luttrull, and Wright.

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## 31st Annual 4th of July Patriotic Parade for Kids

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### 31st Annual 4th of July Patriotic Parade for Kids

The 31st Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Parade for Kids will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

This annual parade will begin at the corner of Elm and Vine streets in downtown Dexter, across from the License Bureau.

The youngsters guided by Uncle Sam (aka Mayor Banken) will gather on the steps of the U.S. Post Office on Stoddard Street to salute the American Flag with the Pledge of Allegiance. They will sing a few patriotic songs and pose for those everlasting photos and videos. (ShowMe Times will be there!)

The parade will follow its traditional route down Elm Street to Stoddard Street with kids on bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, golf carts, on foot or in strollers. You may even see a few patriotic dogs in the parade.

The parade will get moving again, east down Stoddard Street to Poplar Street, where it will turn south at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) back to Vine Street and turn west returning to the Bankens' front yard where they will be treated to lemonade and a small snack.

The "just for kids" parade was started by Janice Barney, Lisa Greer and Jean Rahm. The parade leadership has passed to a new generation, as Kristina and Jason Banken, now host the holiday parade each year. The Banken family began hosting the parade 16 years ago, and have continued to build upon the Independence Day tradition.

Children are invited to participate. They may walk or bring their bikes and other means of transportation for the parade. Parking will be available for grown-ups in the city parking lot on Vine Street across from the Dexter Municipal Building

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## Dexter Fire Chief Don Seymore Honored Crystal Bracken

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### Dexter Fire Chief Don Seymore Honored Crystal Bracken

Dexter Fire Chief Don Seymore honored Crystal Bracken with the Fire Chief's Signature Coin.

Seymore awarded the win for her actions following a piece of equipment fire at BA Promotions recently.

"Her quick reaction and utilizing a fire extinguisher was excellent," stated Seymore. "Her actions saved the building from significant damage and possibly saved the business."

Seymore further said had everyone left the building and waited on the fire department the fire would have spread by 16 percent per minute. Because of Bracken's actions the building suffered no damage and the business only lost the piece of equipment. Seymore said this is the first such coin he has awarded since 2012.

The coin bears the same wording as the Dexter fire trucks, Honor, Integrity, Pride and Strength. On the opposite side it says Dexter Fire Department.

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# Madison Glaus Named to the 2023 MBCA Academic All-State Girls Basketball Team

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Madison Glaus of Dexter High School has been named to the 2023 MBCA Academic All-State girls basketball team.

She is the daughter of David and Kara Glaus and is a senior at Dexter High School.

Seniors who met the qualifying criteria and were nominated were eligible for this team.

- 1) Player in good standing with team.
- 2) Possesses outstanding moral character.
- 3) Has ONE OR MORE of the following verified minimum scores (a. b. or c.):
  - a. ACT score of 27 composite or above

b. SAT score of 1280 composite or above

c. PSAT score of 185 selection index or more

and qualify with a ....

4) Grade-Point Average of 3.25 out of possible 4.0 (or equivalent on alternate grade scale)

5) Athletes must be nominated by their high school coach and their high school coach must be a member to nominate.

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