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Puxico, Missouri - US Representative Jo Ann Emerson recently toured Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center near Puxico. Representative Emerson is often found visiting with her constituents as well as remaining well informed of the successful programs in our region.

Job Corps is based upon offering education and training program that help young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. Eligible young people that are at least 16 years of age must qualify in order to be accepted into the program.

Job Corps works to provide the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. Those accepted into the Mingo Job Corp program display a high level of respect and determination to achieve their personal goals.

During the course of her visit, Representative

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Emerson spoke with Health Occupations students Kayla Woolsey and Kristen Medlock, who plan to become Certified Nursing Assistants after completing their Career Technical Training at Mingo Job Corps.

Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is a residential vocational and educational training program serving students ages 16 to 24, located near Puxico, Missouri. In addition to seven vocational trades, Mingo Job Corps offers GED or High School attainment, driver's education, and basic health care all at no cost to the student.

The U.S. Forest Service administrates the program in Southeast Missouri and at 27 other centers across the nation. For more information, call 573-222-3537 or visit www.jobcorps.gov.

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A Special Gather; "The Christmas Reading"


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Dexter, Missouri - As Christmas gets closer and closer, it's easier for us to get caught up in the hustle of the holidays and forget about the real reason why we celebrate Christmas. Greg and Lisa Mathis knew that there had to be a way to slow people down for a minute or two so they could share the story of Jesus with them.

While many families have the tradition of sitting together near the fireplace and reading the Christmas story on Christmas Eve, Greg and Lisa wanted to read it at the beginning of the December so that the meaning and the words are fresh in your mind as you go and battle the stressful Christmas shopping at the mall and the hustle and bustle of running around to each relatives' house during the holidays. The tradition first started when Greg remembered his mother-in-law reading the Christmas Story to his two sons when they were younger and he knew he wanted to share that feeling of warmth and peacefulness with other people.

The Mathis's have held The Christmas Reading since 2009 and they are grateful that it is still a wonderful and popular event, even with the community's busy holiday schedules. This is the official fourth annual Christmas Story Reading and the hosts are proud to see the numbers increasing each year. Last year, they had 300 people gathered together and they hope to see more and more people from the community come out and celebrate with them in the years to come. It's important that someone decided to reach out to the community in this way to share the light and teach others about the birth of Jesus and Christmas itself.

Although the special reader  is a secret for now, you can come to the event to find out who it is. The previous speakers over the past few years were Jim Hall, Lydia Lovins, and Corey Mouser. You will also get to take pleasure in great holiday music and Christmas carols and enjoy many treats and warm drinks while you listen to the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

 We hope to fill the streets of Downtown Dexter with holiday cheer. It's easy to get whisked away in the negative and stressful things of the

season but we would like to take this night to “Get Our Spirits Right” and find warmth in not only the fire, but in our families and friends. If the Christmas music doesn’t get you into the Christmas-mood, then hopefully the lights and decorations will. With a beautiful scene and great music, we hope that you find this event heartwarming and memorable.

On December 1st, the Christmas Reading will be held across from the Rainy-Mathis Funeral Home on an open lot at 130 West Stoddard Street in Downtown Dexter at 6pm. You can stay as long as you wish or leave as early as you’d like but the reading of the story will not last very long. You can dress casually but keep in mind that even though there is a bonfire, you still need to bundle up to keep warm.

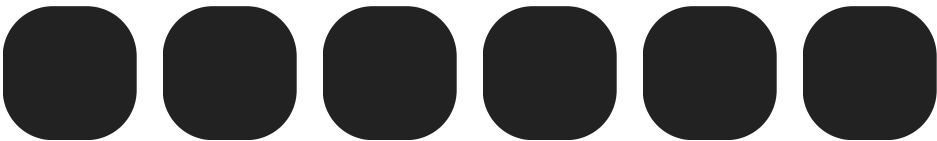
The Christmas Reading is becoming more and more of a Dexter Tradition and we’re proud to call it our own. After all, what’s a better way to start the Christmas season by hearing the wonderful Christmas story read by a special guest right out of the Bible, drinking cider and hot chocolate with your friends, and listening to Christmas music? We hope that you can come out and join us for this fantastic and uplifting event with a night full of fellowship, prayer, and the true reason for the season.

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Young Signs With UT Martin

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Earlier this afternoon, Chase Young signed his national letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Chase is the 17-year-old son of Marty and Christine Young. Throughout his high school career, Young has been apart of many academic and athletic achievements.

Young has been recognized by many for his athletic talent while playing football, basketball, and baseball in high school. Although Young excels at all three sports, it is baseball where he sees his future.

UT Martin recruited Young to play centerfield. After much thinking about this huge decision, Young decided UT Martin was the right place for him. "They gave me an opportunity to play right away and it was just an overall good fit for me and my family," commented Young on his decision.

 Center were, of course, Chase Young, Marty and Christine Young (parents), Chandler Young (brother), Dexter High School Athletic Director Derek Urhan, Coach Aaron Pixley, and Coach Brian Becker.

We congratulate Chase Young on all his athletic achievements and the wonderful opportunities that will be available for him in the future after

signing with UT Martin! Good luck in all your future endeavors, Chase!

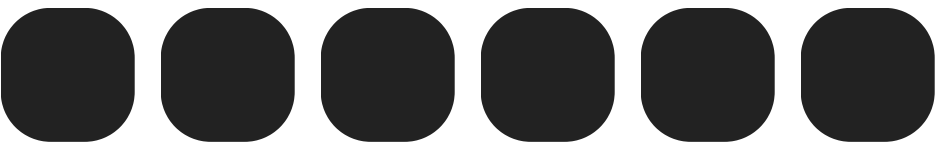
The above photo shows Chase Young signing the letter of intent surrounded by his family, high school athletic director, and high school coaches who have very much enjoyed coaching him the past four years.

The photo on the right shows Chase speaking with other media in attendance at today's signing.

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Chamber Business After Hours

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The Loft hosts the Chamber of Commerce business after hours this month. The Loft will be hosting a drop-in event from 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M.

The Loft is still a fairly new addition to the Historic Downtown Dexter and if you haven't had a chance to visit yet, tonight is your perfect opportunity!

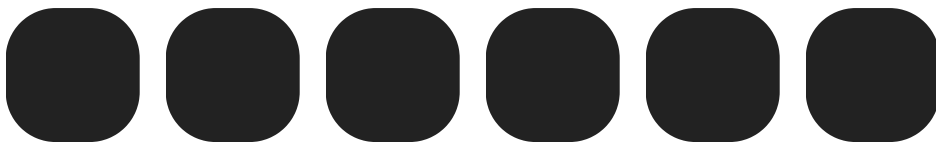
The Loft is located at 8 East Stoddard Street in Downtown Dexter. Tonight's after hours at The Loft will be a great way to kick off your Christmas shopping!

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and also everyone in affiliation with The Loft hope you will drop by this evening!

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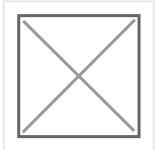
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"SPC James Burnett, Jr. Memorial Highway"

FRIDAY

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SIKESTON - The Missouri Department of Transportation would like to make everyone aware of a special event that will take place to honor SPC James Burnett, Jr.. A one mile section of Hwy 25 beginning at the Advance city limits and continuing south will be named in honor of SPC Burnett.

The ceremonies will be held this Friday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. at the Advance R-IV Elementary School Cafeteria located at 33790 State Highway 91 North in Advance, Mo. All servicemen and the general public are encouraged to attend the event.

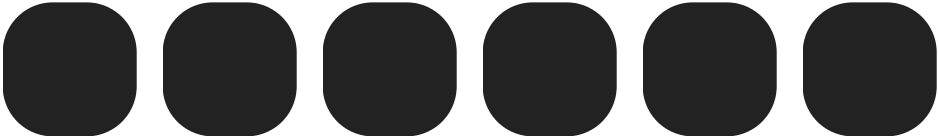
SPC Burnett died on Nov. 16, 2011 at the age of 21 as a result of injuries he received from a roadside bomb incident while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar province in Afghanistan. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

SPC James Burnett, Jr. was a highly decorated soldier with many awards and decorations that include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat and Special Skill badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle), Expert), and the Overseas Service Bar.

Senator Rob Mayer will be on hand as one of the speakers for the event. Senator Mayer was responsible for sponsoring the legislation to name this section of Highway 25 in Stoddard County as the "SPC James Burnett, Jr. Memorial Highway" in honor of the soldiers dedication and sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

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