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Honor Our Honor Guard - Dinner and Dance

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Dexter, Missouri – The Stoddard County Veteran's Honor Guard needs our assistance! They have dedicated hundreds of hours of service to provide military honors at funerals for those who have served our country and it time for us to give back.

Saturday, August 9, 2014 the will be an "Honor Our Honor Guard Dinner and Dance" at the Dexter Armory on Hwy 114 just east of the Dexter Airport. All proceeds will go for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms for the Stoddard County Honor Guard.

Just in the past year the Stoddard County Honor Guard has performed over 100 graveside services and numerous other parades and official ceremonies. Each time their uniform must be properly cleaned and over the years the uniforms have become frayed and worn. **A new uniform cost approximately \$600**. Aside from having to purchase uniforms that have already seen better days, uniforms for new members have to be purchased as well. There has been some turnover in recent years due to members passing and uniforms can only be altered so many times.

Fifteen wonderful men became the first Stoddard County Veterans Honor Guard in 2003 to provide military honors for those who served. We as a community owe them so much for their continued dedication and service to our loved ones who are buried at the State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield. Over the years they have consisted of veterans from all over the county who represent all veteran's organization including the American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter. Besides honoring the fallen they have provided services for parades and official ceremonies throughout Stoddard County.

Saturday night will be a night to honor those who have served in the Honor Guard. The entertainment will be awesome! The barbecue dinner will be delicious! Bring the entire family! Tickets for adults are \$15 each, \$25 for couples, and only \$10 for those who wear their military uniform. Children 10 years and younger are only \$5.00 each.

Tickets are available at Elderland Restaurant in Bloomfield (573-568-2866) or from Brenda Pruitt (573-820-3882). The event will be from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Stoddard County Honor Guard Citizen Support Committee.

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Dexter, Missouri – The Southeast Missouri Regional Jazz Orchestra will provide an evening of musical entertainment at Dexter's First Assembly of God Church. The concert is FREE and the public is encouraged to attend.

The orchestra provides two summer concerts in the region with the next in Kennett on Saturday, August 2nd at the First Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.

They will perform many different styles of music including classic jazz, swing, Latin, and funk tunes. Selections include: The Star-Spangled Banner, Johnny's Theme, Bill, Little Brown Jug, West Side Story Suite, Brass Machine, Soft as Velvet, Hit the Ground Running, In the Mood, Beauty and the Beast, Corner Pocket, Village Dance, La Fiesta, Makin' Whoopee, Fly Me to the Moon, and The Chicken.

This volunteer group of musicians is comprised of 18 individuals and five local teachers Scott Rybolt, Adam Clark, James Eldreth, Cody Jinkerson, and Corey Bennett. Dexter High School Band director Scott Rybolt serves as the conductor of the group. This is the 15th year the group has performed.

The Saxophone Section is comprised of Dr. Kyle Dare, Superintendent of Puxico Public Schools, Lauren Dudley, former Dexter band student and current music student at Arkansas State University. Brandon Moore, former Dexter band

student and is currently attending the University of North Texas as a music major, Scott Rybolt band director at Dexter High School, Pride Wilder, paraprofessional/teacher aid at East Carter Elementary School in Ellsinore.

The Trumpet Section is comprised of Adam Clark, third grade teacher at Dexter Central Elementary School, Brooke DeArman, Admissions Specialist at Southeast Missouri State University, James Eldreth, Music Teacher at Dexter Southwest Elementary School, Jeremy Frazier, Band Director at Scott County Central High School, and Cody Jinkerson, Band Director at Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School.

The Trombone Section consists of Corey Bennett, Dexter High School English Teacher, Ken DeArman, Banker at the Isle of Capri Casino in Cape Girardeau, Matt Gates, Southeast Missouri State University music student, and Alex Martin, Teacher from Chaffee High School.

The Rhythm Section is comprised of Kyle Clay on the Bass Guitar, a Southeast Missouri State University music student, Owen Flowers on percussion, former Dexter band student and is currently attending Harding University, Addison Moore on percussion and is currently attending Dexter High School, and Samantha Schupback on piano is a music teacher at Bell City Schools.

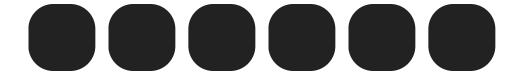
Come out for an enjoyable evening of entertainment. The church is located at 911 Brown Pilot Lane in Dexter. Concert begins at 5:00 p.m.

Photo is from once of many practice sessions in 2013.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The American Red Cross has two Blood Drives schedule for next week in Stoddard County.

The American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to make and keep donation appointments to maintain the summer blood supply and help prevent a shortage. Donors of all blood types are currently needed, especially those with type O negative, B negative and A negative.

While the need for blood remains constant during the summer, donations drop. Between June and August, on average, two fewer donors give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what hospitals need. This seasonal decline could be overcome if just two additional donors – above what is expected – give blood at each Red Cross blood drive this summer.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Recently, a patient needed 79 blood products after injuries sustained during a car accident. Thanks to blood donors who gave in the days and weeks prior, blood products were readily available for this patient and thousands of others at approximately 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country supported by the Red Cross.

This summer, there are 100 chances to give hope with the Red Cross by giving blood. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to learn more and make an appointment.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: Stoddard County

Augus 6, 2014 - American Legion Post 59 located at 620 West Oak St., Dexter. Across from West Park. Time 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August 8, 2014 - Mingo Job Corps Center located at 4253 State Hwy T, Puxico. Time 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visitredcrossblood.orgto make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visitredcross.orgor visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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New Business Opens in Dexter - High Quality Water Works

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Written by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

Dexter, Missouri – Looking for a locally owned premium automotive detail shop? Look no further! High Quality Water Works LLP strives to deliver a clean shining product to their customers. Locally owned and operated by perfectionists Evan Jackson and Matt Banken, they will take your vehicle and put a sine on it like you have never seen before.

"Big or small we can do it all," says Evan Jackson, co-owner. "We can do everything that a car, truck, camper, would need from washing, waxing, buffing, polishing, sealant, cleaning wheels, tires, chrome polishing, steam cleaning, leather and vinyl treatment, carpet protection, shampooing carpets, and washing the motor compartment. We can do it all!"

Currently they run by appointment only at 24 East Business Hwy 60 in Dexter. They have a bright orange bay door and have painted the mailbox and office door to match. Call them at 573-614-2881 or 573-820-6114 for an appointment.

Did you know that some automatic carwashes can damage or dull the finish on your vehicle? Correcting these imperfections in your paint can cost hundreds or even thousands! Also, trade-in values on vehicles with poorly maintained paint generally drop 10%-20%.

"We have a love for cars that helps set us apart from the competition. We can keep your car or truck maintained year round." stated Jackson. "We won't consider a job done until we are completely satisfied with the outcome!"

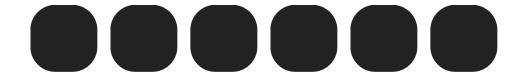
You can get a complete detail package or purchase specific cleaning needs such as the never ending BUG REMOVAL which is \$9.00, a regular wash is only \$12.00, and a wash and vac is just \$20. Quite reasonable prices!!

Evan and Matt have also created a Facebook page for their new business. Just click **HERE** and check it out. Let them know you saw their article on the ShowMe Times!!!

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Dexter, Missouri – Addie Medley is about to turn nine years old on August 13th, however her wisdom and generosity is that of an adult far beyond her years.

She decided to cut her hair after years of growing and even learning to French braid her own hair at the age of eight. She thought of all the people who needed wigs because of cancer or childhood accidents or even those who have alopecia and knew that she could make a difference.

Addie's family is so proud of her decision and with a snip of the scissors over 10 inches of hair was donated to Locks of Love.

"I am very proud of her as hard as it was tow watch them cut it, I know that's what she wanted," stated Kelly Medley, Addie's mom. "She learned to French braid and Fishtail braid her hair last year and was always fixing her hair in some cute style, so that was the hard part knowing she wouldn't be able to do that for a while. I know it will grow back out, but so thankful that she can do this."

Addie will have a new look when she enters 3rd grade at Dexter's Central Elementary School in just a few weeks. She has always been an overachiever and when her hair grows long enough she may just donate more to Locks of Love.

The Dexter community is extremely proud of you!

Locks of Love provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. If you would like more information or would like to

donate to Locks of Love click HERE.

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