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### Dexter Chamber 2015 Industry of the Year

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet on Saturday evening.

Chamber Director Debbie Stidham presented the Industry of the Year Award. The two nominations were Faurecia and Tyson.

**Faurecia** has brought over 480 jobs to our community. The original Arvin was built in 1974. It merged with Arvin-Meritor in 2000, was redesigned as Emcon Technologies in 2007 and then became Faurecia in 2010. They are a worldwide automotive supplier of seating, exhaust systems and interiors with 330 sites in 34 countries. In 2015, they wanted to create an initiative called "Being Faurecia". They created a culture on the concepts of entrepreneurship, energy, respect, autonomy, and accountability.

They wanted to be a good ambassador to our community. They created a team focused on raising money and seeking out community projects that the workers could get involved with. They donated to Mother-to-Mother, DARE, Meals on Wheels, Relay for Life, 18FORELife, and Shop with a Hero. They are continuing to find ways to give back to Dexter and expand their industry.

**Tyson** is another major employer with around 625 employees. They started in 1935 in Arkansas and soon after opened a Dexter plant. Over the years this industry's operation in Dexter has grown and today their product goes from the egg to our tables. In fact, we enjoyed their product this evening. They are eager to help the community with donations and volunteer work. They are a huge supporter of our local farm families and keep the poultry business alive and growing around our area.

they are involved with the Downtown Fall Festival, they are a sponsor of the Dexter's Grille it Up Cook-Off in July, a big supporter of the Chamber and much more. Mark makes sure his team is happy and makes a huge effort to acknowledge each one of them by name.

The 2015 Industry of the Year is Tyson Foods.

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