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# Back the Blue Appreciation Day in Dexter

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**Dexter, Missouri** - In what has been some unstable times for police officers throughout the country, Sue Edwards, of Dexter felt it was time to celebrate our law enforcement.

“I just am tired of all the negative talk about the men and women who wear the badge,” stated Edwards. “I was sitting at the kitchen table one day and the more I thought about it the more I wanted to do something for our local officers who risk their lives each day.”

Dexter’s police department is fortunate enough to have so many citizens show their appreciation throughout the year, but on August 4, 2016 this day will be set aside each year to celebrate our local police force and all they do for the citizens of Dexter.

On Thursday the Dexter Police Department, the Stoddard County Sheriff’s Office, and several of our local Missouri Highway Patrol Troopers will be treated to lunch at Hickory Log at noon.

Dexter’s Mayor, Joe Weber, will be on hand to sign a city Proclamation dedicating August 4th as “Back the Blue” Day. Hopefully this will become an annual tradition and grow each year to include surrounding police departments.

Sue Edwards is point of contact for this event and she has already received a few donations from local businesses to help promote the event. For police officers invited, but not able to attend, gift certificates to Hickory Log will be given to them as a show of

appreciation.

Missouri Senator Doug Libla will be the guest speaker.

The Boy Scouts plan to fly the American Flags down Business US 60. If your business has a flag, please display it August 4th.

**Sue asks that everyone wear BLUE to work that day and if businesses could display BLUE ribbons to let the police know how much we support them in Dexter.**

“I think about all those mothers, wives, and children who kiss their loved ones goodbye as they go off to work not knowing if they will return that evening. It can be a very dangerous job,” commented Edwards.

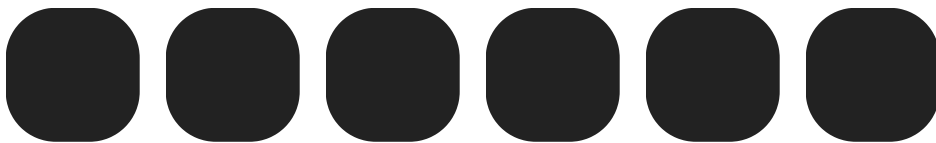
An account has been established at Southern Bank in Dexter for donations. The bank is located at 713 W. Business US Highway 60 in Dexter. Their phone number is (573) 624-5525.

If you would like to donate or need further information, please contact Sue Edwards at (573) 614-9266.

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