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Local VFW Donates to Dexter Police Department

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Dexter, Missouri - The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented a check in the amount of \$600 to the Dexter Police Department on Friday, January 19, 2018.

The funds represent proceeds from the organization's 2017 "Back the Blue" fish fry.

Presenting the donation to Police Chief Sammy Stone are, at left, Quartermaster Terry Atchison, and at right, VFW Commander Robert Myers.

Nyers noted that the VFW is committed to presenting the donation annually to the local police department.

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Team Hornets to Host Chili Supper Fundraiser Friday Night

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Advance, Missouri - Team Hornets is a fundraising team who help those in our local community that have been diagnosed with cancer and are going through cancer treatments.

Team Hornets will host their Annual Chili Supper in the Advance elementary cafeteria on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

They will serve an "all you can eat" chili with dessert and drink for \$6.00 for school age-adult and preschool children eat for free.

There will be a St. Louis Cardinal's Basket Raffle with 4 box seat tickets tickets and a Dooney & Bourke Cardinal purse. Tickets are \$10 each.

There are also two homemade afghans for raffle at \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00 as well as several silent auction items.

Tickets are available at the door.

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Annual Library Fashion Show Planned

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Dexter, Missouri - Friends of the Library will be sponsoring their Annual Fashion Show and Dinner on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Two Mile Road in Dexter.

The theme for the 2018 Fashion Show will be "America the Beautiful."

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from Friends of the Library members or at Keller Public Library on Grant Street.

Ticket price includes a full dinner prepared by the Elks and the Fashion Show. During the evening there will be several raffles and prizes for people to win.

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Stoddard County Resource Meeting Minutes January 3, 2018

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Resource Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Dexter Chamber of Commerce at 10:00 a.m.

Below are the minutes from that meeting.

Program: Ben Thatcher, Functional Leader of Sikeston Job Center; Lori Caldwell, Supervisor of Sikeston Job Center; James Colyer, Veteran's Representative of Sikeston Job Center

Mr. Thatcher discussed the upcoming satellite job center that will be located inside the Dexter Public Keller Library. This is a pilot program to serve Dexter and the surrounding areas. Mr. Thatcher believes this will be a monthly or bimonthly event.

Ms. Caldwell spoke about coming into the Job Center for multiple services such as: job seeking; employers writing their own job orders or with the assistance of the staff; connections to partnering staff; workshops being offered. Ms. Caldwell stated that

Unilevel, located in Sikeston, has worked closely with Job Center staff and Probation and Parole Department to employ people that were otherwise not employable due to the previous job restrictions about certain felonies.

Mr. Colyer spoke about the opportunities afforded to veterans that utilize the Job Center. He stated that when he comes into contact with the veteran, he helps with their personal needs and connects them to resources that help their present situation.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

One Step Leadership meeting on January 23rd at 11 is with the Department of Labor to discuss how to cut down on layoffs.

Fitness Challenge at Regional Healthcare Foundation is from January 10th- April 25th. You can contact them at 573-624-1607 for further instruction.

January 25th the Point-in-Time (PIT) homelessness count will be conducted in Stoddard County. This event occurs at night-time. Anyone that is aware of locations in Stoddard County that are frequented by homeless, please contact Becky McDonald at Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 573-481-0659, before January 25th.

February 10th at the Stoddard County Nutrition Center there will a Death by Chocolate event and it's \$10/ticket.

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri has an Emergency Assistance Program that has been given a grant to assist with utilities in Stoddard County for those that qualify for the program. Funds have a tentative release date of April 2018; will know more in the coming months.

Staff Openings:

SEMO Healthnetwork is looking for a Marketing Director that will be housed in the Benton, MO, location.

Other discussions:

Sikeston Job Center currently has funding for adults that need to take the HiSet test. Regional Healthcare Foundation also offers free Adult Education Literacy classes and funding for HiSet testing.

Three Rivers College is registering until January 12th.

Next Meeting: February 7th, 2018 at 10AM at Dexter Chamber of Commerce

Next Presentation: Keller Public Library

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Help Us Kickoff the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County on Monday, January 8th

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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Stoddard County kicks off its new fundraising season on Monday, January 8th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Dexter Chamber of Commerce, 515 West Market St #B in Dexter. The community is invited to come out and learn more about the Relay For Life movement and how they can help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle.

“This is our community’s opportunity to help save lives from cancer by taking our message to more people and raising more dollars to fund the fight,” said Belinda Worley, Relay For Life Event Co-Lead. “Together, our efforts can make a big difference.”

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world’s largest peer-to-peer fundraising event to save lives from cancer. At Relay For Life events, participants celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Together, we can beat our biggest rival. Join a Relay For Life event and help us attack cancer from every angle.

The program will highlight how the community has benefited from funds raised and how you and your team can do your part in the fight against cancer. During the kickoff event, community members will have the opportunity to register a team for the Relay For Life event, which will be held on May 4, 2018 at Dexter East Park.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society attack cancer in dozens of ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer – from developing breakthrough therapies to building supportive communities, from providing empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness.

Visit RelayForLife.org or relayforlife.org/stoddardcomo.

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