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Mayor Banken Signs Proclamation for National Police Week

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Dexter, Missouri - Jason Banken signed his first proclamation as the new Mayor of Dexter on Monday, May 14, 2018 honoring men and women who have served as police officers for the city of Dexter. May 13th - May 19th is National Police Officer Week.

Established by President John F. Kennedy, National Police Officer Week also has designated Tuesday as National Peace Officers Fallen Day. **Flags are to fly half-staff all day on May 15, 2018.**

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Proclamation

Whereas, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2018 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week;

Whereas, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared law enforcement officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and

Whereas the members of law enforcement agency of Dexter Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Dexter, Missouri; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

Whereas the police department of Dexter PD has grown to be modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

Now, Therefore, I, Jason Banken, Mayor of the City of Dexter, call upon all citizens of Dexter, MO and upon all patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14th as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past, and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Dexter, Missouri to observe May 15, 2018 as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Dexter, Missouri to be affixed this 14th Day of May, 2018.

Pictured are from left to right City Administrator Mark Stidham and from the Dexter Police Department Hank Trout, Trevor Pulley, and Joshua Benton. Seated Mayor Jason Banken ready to sign the Proclamation.

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Dexter Wal Mart Donates to Local Police Department

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Dexter Wal Mart Donates to Local Police Department

Dexter's Walmart presented the Dexter Police Department with a \$1,500 donation on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

The monies will be utilized in supplying the department with updated body cameras.

This is the second time Walmart has committed to assisting with the local department's upgrade of equipment.

Accepting the grant are Lt. Joshua Benton and Capt. Trevor Pulley. At left are Walmart Asset Protection Assistant Manager Cory Nugent and Assistant Store Manager Randee Holder.

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Weber's Ben Franklin to Close After 109 Years of Business in Downtown Dexter

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Dexter, Missouri - It is with bittersweet emotions that the ShowMe Times announces the closing of Weber's Ben Franklin in downtown Dexter. For more than 109 years the store has graced the downtown as one of the best locally owned shopping retail stores in Stoddard County. Dexter has been truly blessed to have such a store in our community. However life is ever evolving and time has a way of changing our goals, aspirations, and priorities.

Edward and Alice Weber began the store under the name of Weber's Novelty Store in 1909.

Ernest Weber, Joe Weber's grandfather ran the store from 1920s through the mid1950s. When Joe returned home from the Air Force in 1955 he took over working the store.

While originally it was a variety, 5 and dime store, the business transitioned to an arts and crafts store with floral, framing and fabric in the early 1980's. .

You can find Joe working the counter most every day, but due to health he has been in the store less and less. He started when he was about 10 years old weighing candy, barely tall enough to see over the counter.

Another familiar face you would see everyday is Donna West. In 2012 she celebrated her 50th year at Weber's Ben Franklin. Donna has been with the store since her high school days and has managed the store for 40+ years. She is looking forward to retirement.

The Weber family wishes to thank the Dexter community as well as faithful customers from the surrounding Southeast Missouri area for their continued support over the years.

"The decision to end the business after 109 years was not an easy one to make, but the timing is right," commented Cynthia Weber Chesser, Joe's daughter.

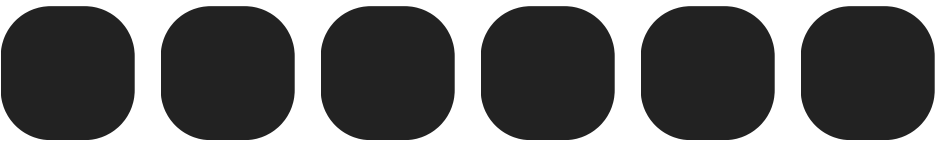
Sales begin Wednesday, May 2, 2018 with discounts up to 30% on most items in inventory. They will keep the doors open long enough to sell the majority of the merchandise.

You might want to stop in one last time and enjoy a little Ben Franklin. It's the end of an era.

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Air Tech to Host Customer Appreciation Luncheon

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Air Tech to Host Customer Appreciation Luncheon

Dexter, Missouri - Air-Tech will host a Customer Appreciation Day on May 4th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

"Since we value every customer at Air-Tech Heating and Air LLC we thought we would show you our appreciation for standing behind us loyally. This day is ABOUT YOU," commented Jason Johnson, owner of Air Tech.

"Don't hesitate to come down to Air-Tech and fix you a plate of Fried Catfish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies."

There will be units on display as well as brochures that educate anyone interested in what the company has to offer!

Their love for their customers has truly grown and they hope to see you all here May 4th from 11 - 2:30 to enjoy good food and conversation!

Air Tech Heating and Air is located at 203 N. Elm Street in Dexter. For more information call them at (573) 624-0061 or follow them on Facebook by **clicking HERE**.

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Dexter, Missouri - Mark Avery of Tyson presented a sponsorship of \$5,000.00 in support of The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Charity Golf Event Banquet.

The Banquet to be held on June 1st still has a few tickets available and on sale now for \$30.

The lineup includes John O Leary, the Pixley in honor of Adam, and Brandon Jines with the Toast to Ben.

June 2nd golf event still has a couple of spots open!

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