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# 2020 Dexter Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year - Jim Gibson Trucking, LLC

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held their 2020 Awards Banquet at The Gathering on Saturday, February 8th. On hand were Senator Doug Libla and 151st State Representative Herman Morse to present resolutions from the MO House and MO Senate.

The Industry of the Year recipient was Jim Gibson Trucking, LLC.

On hand to present the award was Haley Cecil.

The recipient for Industry of the Year has been in business for over 70 years. They span over three generations and when they first originated they were just a lime business that crushed their own lime. Since then they have expanded their services to a 15-truck fleet with 15 employees and they haul a multitude of materials including lime, sand, rock, fertilizer, asphalt, hazardous materials, farm crops and much more.

Their focus is loading fracking sand on river barges.

This company has been a staple for Dexter and the surrounding communities.

The owner of this business currently sits on the University of Missouri Agricultural of Lime Council and they continue to be involved in and support our local Dexter Future Farmers of America Chapter.

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## 2020 Dexter Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year - FM Bank of Dexter

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The Business of the Year went to FM Bank of Dexter.

On hand to present the Business of the Year was Dustin Mayer.

This year's recipient for Business of the Year holds a strong presence in the Dexter community. One of their core standards is their belief that their employees are treated

like family.

They have made it their mission to support numerous organizations and charities within our community. They have done this by giving monetarily and volunteering with the Dexter Kiwanis Club, Communities Loving and Supporting Students, Backpacks for Friday, Dexter Bearcat Booster Club, 18ForeLife, Shop with a Hero, UCAN, Realty for Life, Dexter Animal Shelter, the Dexter Dog Park, and many others. One of their more notable donations was providing T.S. Hill Middle School students with tablets and a charging station, totalling an expense of voer \$8,000. They pride

They pride themselves in being community focused and creating personal relationships with their customers.

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Presenting the Organization of the Year Awards was Matt Ternes.

This organization has over 50 volunteers and has done in such a short time speaks volumes as to the magnitude they have played in our community. The central goal of this organization is to provide a level playing field for students, so they can focus more on their education and less on their clothing.

In 2019 this organization and its volunteers were able to provide 104 students each with three complete outfits, socks, underclothing, pajamas, tennis shoes, and a winter coat. They currently serve Richland, Bernie, and Dexter school districts and work closely with school counselors teachers, and administrators. It is evident how much heart and dedication this organization has to the betterment of our students and their education.

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### Dexter PD Selling Shirts for 2020 Special Olympics Torch Run

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Dexter PD Selling Shirts for 2020 Special Olympics Torch Run

Dexter, MO - The Dexter Police Department will participate in the Law Enforcement Special Olympic Torch Run again this year! The date for the Torch Run will be in May and the route will be from Business 60 at Wal-Mart to MO 25 at On the Go.

Each year several agencies from the surrounding area participate in the Special Olympics Torch Run. The Dexter Police Department is selling shirts to raise money for their cause.

The shirts can be purchased by contacting the Trevor Pulley, Chief of Police at (573) 624-5512 or send an email to trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com.

Please support the Dexter Police Department as they raise money for Special Olympics!

"Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into Opening Ceremonies of local competitions. They also carry it into Special Olympics State, Provincial, National, Regional and World Games. There are over 97,000 law enforcement members that carry the "Flame of Hope" annually. The flame symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Torch Run has grown over the years and now includes many fundraising platforms. These platforms include: Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops, and more. Since the beginning, LETR has raised over \$600 million for Special Olympics programs.

As retired Chief Richard LaMunyon once said, "What started in 1981...as a flicker of hope for Special Olympics has now become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympics athletes worldwide." LETR is changing the future for people with intellectual disabilities. Through the LETR and Special Olympics partnership we are lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion."

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# Dexter Rotary Club Donates to Mother-to-Mother Program

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Rotary Club received a Community Assistance Project Grant for 2019. this CAP Grant is designed to be used to support small projects that address a specific community need.

"This year we chose to assist the Regional Healthcare Foundation's Mother-to-Mother Program," stated Hank Trout, Dexter Rotary Club member. "Their mission is to create self-confident young parents with hope for the future through education, support and services in partnership with the community. This project will assist approximately 14 young women, under the age of 24, and their families, to help ensure that children and families are free to grow and reach their full potential in a nurturing, healthy and safe

environment."

The Dexter Rotary Club received \$1,000.00 through the CAP grant and matched the grant with \$1,000.00 of their local club funds.

The Dexter Rotary Club purchased ten convertible cribs, five toddler cribs and toddler bed mattresses and five safety convertible car seats to donate.

Dexter Rotary Club is a service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. The club meets weekly at Hickory Log Restaurant at noon each Tuesday.

Pictured from left to right are Bill Boone, Rotary Club Member, Hank Trout, Rotary Club Member, Teresa Overall, Mother-to-Mother Program, Larry Chamness, Rotary Club Member, Jack Rodgers, Rotary Club Members.

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