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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 Educator of the Year recipient was Peggy Pots. She is a Southwest Elementary speech and language therapist.

On hand to present the award was Katrina Prance.

This teacher has been described as hard-working, loving, and dedicated. She continually goes above and beyond for not only her students, but the taff as well.

She is known to decorate the halls and teacher facilities with inspirational quotes, prayers, and hilarious memes. This educator works primarily in Southwest Elementary where she encourages sounds, words, and sentences. For some students she has shaped clearer speech, and for others she has developed communication systems that works best for each individual student.

She is active in Communities Loving and Supporting Students and has initiated Southwest Clothes Closet where teachers or students can select new and gently used clothing for those in need. not only does she give 100% at school, but she also owns and operates Dexter Tumble and Cheer. She often uses her gym to host events for community

organizations, such as The Boone Park Project and Relay for Life.

Students instantly light up when she enters the classroom and drop what they are doing in hopes to be the lucky chosen one who gets to play in her "Magical wonderland that is her) speech classroom.

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