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Dexter, MO - The special meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Municipal Building on Vine Street at noon.

Mayor Jason Banken called the meeting to order. Michael Shepard, Terry Battles, Tim Aslin, Frank Killian, Larry Rogers, and Glen Robinson were present. Also present were City Administrator Trevor Pulley, City Clerk Crystal Bishop, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tom Espey, Fire Chief Don Seymore, Police Chief Hank Trout, and Chamber Director Alisha Trammell.

Trammell informed the Board that the Chamber Development Group owns 30 acres of land west of Faurecia and is selling the property to Elite Cargo Manufacturing. The company has also purchased a building adjacent to the property on Arvin Road. Within the 30 acres is a street that has never been dedicated to the City of Dexter. The Chamber has already corrected the easement for the City to have access to fire and water services via the street and right-of-way to the railroad tracks. The proposed street name was discussed and will be brought to the Board at a regular session meeting when the street is deeded to the City in the near future.

The Public Safety Committee met prior to the Special Meeting and the following recommendations were made:

Police Chief Hank Trout presented Roy Reaves to be hired as a full-time communications officer. Motion by Alderman Aslin, seconded by Alderman Battles and motion was carried 6-0.

Fire Chief Don Seymore presented Zach Midkiff to be hired as a paid-on-call fireman. Motion by Alderman Battles, seconded by Alderman Robinson and motion was carried 6-0.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tom Espey presented Troy Martinez to be hired as a full-time water/wastewater employee. Motion by Alderman Battles, seconded by Alderman Rogers and the motion carried 6-0.

City Administrator Trevor Pulley reminded everyone that Halloween for the City of Dexter and the Fire Department would be held on Saturday, October 30th from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Park Department Halloween Happening will be on Friday, October 29th. Next year he has plans to have all the City events on the same evening. the school will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 28th. He also updated the Board on the following items: roof repairs at the Depot and Library and the grant applications.

Pulley also reported the City had put the mowing and cleaning services and mowing equipment needed out to bid. His recommendation is for the City to begin mowing all City property (including parks) except the cemetery for the 2022 mowing season. A discussion was had regarding the mowing season, hiring seasonal employees for each department, and purchasing equipment needed. he asked the Board to consider purchasing the needed equipment for the next mowing season now. Motion by Alderman Killian, seconded by Alderman Aslin and the motion carried 6-0.

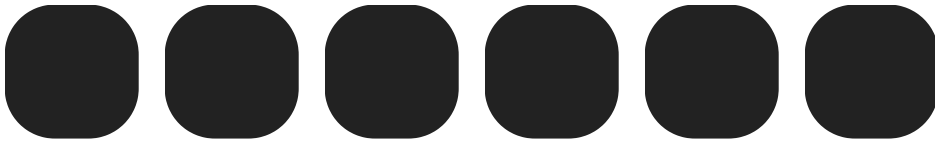
Pulley reported he is still reviewing the cleaning bids for the Park Department.

Pulley asked the Board to consider approving \$1,900 in damages to tombstones at the City cemetery that occurred during the tornado earlier this year. Motion by Alderman Killian, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and motion carried 6-0.

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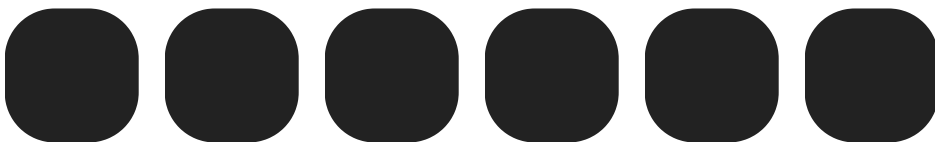
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Emergency Blood Shortage - American Red Cross Needs You In Bernie!

Bernie, MO - The American Red Cross will host a BLOOD DRIVE at the Bernie Community Center on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

The Bernie Community Center is located at 503 South Walnut Street. The hours will be from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This month is scary, and it's not because of Halloween. Fall is typically a time when the blood supply bounces back from summer blood shortages, but this year is different. We're experiencing an emergency blood shortage amid the lowest donor turnout in all of 2021. Hospital demand for blood remains high, so it's critical that blood is always available.

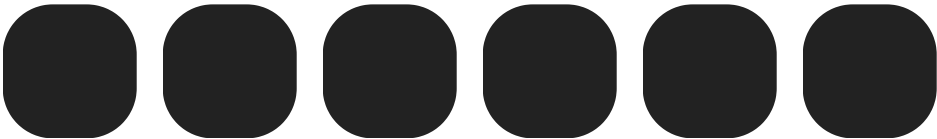
One blood donor can make a big impact, and one appointment is all it takes. Come in to give blood this October and receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby's® Signature Sandwich reward!* Or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.** PLUS, get double the thank-you with an extra \$5 e-gift card when you come to give by Oct. 31!

You may still donate after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Knowing the name of the manufacturer is critical in determining your blood donation eligibility.

The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. For the safety of our donors and staff, the Red Cross will require all those at blood drives and blood donation centers to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Valve face masks are not permitted. Face shields can be worn in addition to face masks but not as a substitute.

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Farm Credit Hiring Customer Service Representative

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Dexter, MO - Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is seeking a Customer Service Representative for the Dexter office.

Experience Level: Entry Level (1-4 years)

Supervisor's Title: Branch Manager

Employment Type: Full-Time

Salary Range: Dependent on Experience

Closing Date: 11/01/2021

Job Description: To begin employment in January 2022 and work alongside the current Customer Service Representative who is retiring in July 2022 to learn the responsibilities of the position.

Responsibilities: Serve as receptionist and handle all clerical duties of the branch office including but not limited to: preparation of loan documents, issuance of disbursement checks and payment receipts, data entry of all loan accounting transactions and preparation of supporting documents. Provide keying, record keeping and other support to the Risk Management activities of the branch. Subject to individual ability and the needs of the branch office, learn and apply skills relating to entering balance sheets and tax returns in the association's loan underwriting analysis tool, as well as other credit analysis types of support activities.

Requirements: Must be very customer service oriented and have a positive work attitude. A strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office, as well as secretarial and telephone communication skills, are necessary. Preference given to individual with financial institution experience in UCC's and mortgage and note related documentation. A farm background would also be advantageous. Two years or more of college or a BA in Business, Finance or Ag is very desirable, but not required.

Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is the area's premier agricultural lending cooperative and part of the national Farm Credit System. Headquartered in Sikeston, Missouri, we serve farmers, agribusinesses, and rural residents in the 12 counties of Southeast Missouri through 7 branch offices and a central office. Farm Credit Southeast Missouri provides financial services to the agriculture industry through operating, equipment, farm real estate, and rural home loans as well as crop and life insurance. We are dedicated to agriculture and rural America and pride ourselves on our commitment to our customers and employees.

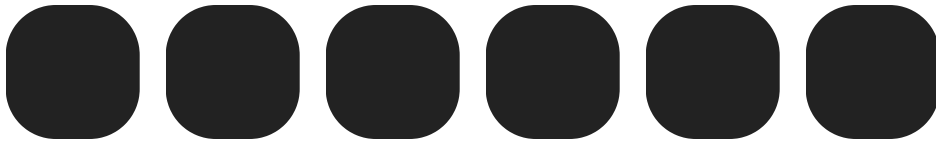
Farm Credit Southeast Missouri offers a great work environment with competitive compensation packages. EEO/AA/M/F/Veterans/Disability

To apply: Qualified candidates should email resume and cover letter with salary expectations to: **HR@FarmCreditSEMO.com**

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Proclamation on the Death of General Colin Powell

October 18, 2021

General Colin Powell was a patriot of unmatched honor and dignity. The son of immigrants, born in New York City, raised in Harlem and the South Bronx, a graduate of the City College of New York, he rose to the highest ranks of the United States military and to advise four Presidents. He believed in the promise of America because he lived it.

And he devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others. He embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He led with his personal commitment to the democratic values that make our country strong. He repeatedly broke racial barriers, blazing a trail for others to follow, and was committed throughout his life to investing in the next generation of leadership. Colin Powell was a good man who I was proud to call my friend, and he will be remembered in history as one of our great Americans.

As a mark of respect for General Powell and his life of service to our Nation, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on October 22, 2021. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

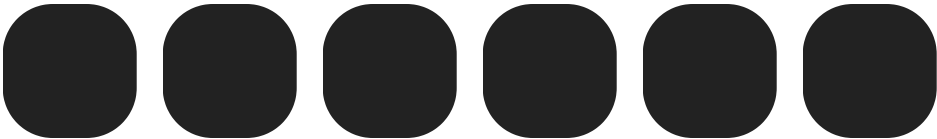
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.
President of the United States

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