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Where Simple Pleasures Become Lifetime Treasures!

Well, here we are about to enter into Dixon's sesquicentennial, that is 150 years since Dixon became a booming Railroad town in the middle of the Ozarks! 2019 marks the 150th year celebration of being a community since 1869! Many of our older generation have seen tremendous changes over the years!

Many people appreciate the slower pace of living in a rural Missouri town in the heart of the Ozarks! We take for granted waking up to clean air and basically quiet countryside that we call home in Dixon!

Dixon is nestled up on a hilltop with winding roads from several directions leading to our quaint community. We are minutes and a beautiful drive from Ft Leonard Wood, Mo.... Lake of the Ozarks, Rolla, St. Robert, and Jefferson City!

Small towns across America are vital to what completes this great nation we are so proud to call home. We share in the values, tradition, and commerce of an ever growing society of people who more often are choosing to relocate to smaller towns such as ours.

British Politician and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once stated, "It is passionately interesting to me that the things that I learned in a small town, in a very modest home, are just the things that I believe have won the election."

I am continually amazed at the rallying around each other during times of crisis in this compassionate community! Whether it be a fire, financial distress due to illness, or just love of neighbors who look out for one another during those crisis... the feel of extended family is one that we know in Dixon! I like to believe that the simple pleasures of small town living indeed become lifetime treasures!

From Interstate 44, the scenic drive on Hwy. 28 along Missouri's tree covered bluffs and across the Gasconade River Valley reminds one of untouched landscapes of days gone by. Just around the corner spectacular views from Portuguese Point can be enjoyed where eagles are often spotted nesting in the bluffs and soaring overhead.

Traveling a short 11 miles from interstate 44 closer to the city of Dixon one can check out "Music In The Barn" for great family

entertainment! Not your typical barn structure or atmosphere but a unique experience that you will be sure to remember! "The Barn" located on Hwy 28 just two miles south of Dixon not only seats 400 people but boasts a state of the art stage, sound system and an annual calendar that includes country and bluegrass music concerts as well as various events in a climate controlled setting. (see details elsewhere in this magazine)

Dixon also enjoys preserving tradition. An early 1900's town gathering and cow giveaway was resurrected 34 years ago! The historic event promoted the dairy industry during the "the Great Depression." We at the newspaper ran with the idea and organized local merchants. Dixon's current Cow Days Fall Festival was born. A Merchants Association was formed and The Dixon Pilot spearheaded the festival which became an annual event.

The current Dixon Chamber of Commerce continues to organize and host the event each year! The fantastic city-wide Fall Festival occurs each third weekend in September. Not only do attendees get a chance at winning a cow but they enjoy live music, great food, sales from local merchants, arts and crafts, a parade, antique and classic car displays, karaoke and many more activities to participate in and watch!

In addition, Dixon offers several recreational options. Oak Hills country Club boasts a 9-hole golf course like no other. Golfers from around the state play the course! Families who are members enjoy the swimming pool and snack bar while dad plays a round of golf.

Other enthusiasts enjoy sports, fishing, hunting, canoeing and camping. Warnol, Rinequin and Cardin Lakes are three favorite fishing spots! Boiling Spring Campground and Country View Acres offers many amenities for the outdoor lovers including river floating, tubing, kayak and canoeing. Nature hikers can tackle the Clifty Creek area's scenic terrain. Picturesque landscapes frame our city and hilltop community with the country charm of small town living at its best!

As you walk through the pages of Welcome to Dixon...perhaps you will get a glimpse of why 'Simple Pleasures Become Lifetime Treasures.' Where faith in God and country is a common thread that connects many!

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Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce



Looking for a way to serve the Dixon community? There are numerous events and projects in which you can volunteer by getting involved in the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber works for the betterment of the community with a goal to make Dixon an area that people are proud of and would like to make it their home. They also want to do all they can to promote the businesses in the community.

The Cow Days Fall Festival is their major community service each year. It is always a big attraction and is scheduled for the third weekend (Friday and Saturday) of September. The 2018 event will be the 34th consecutive year of the festival and it's the only place we know that people can actually win a cow!!

For the past 33 years, the Dixon Chamber of Commerce has also sponsored the annual Miss Merry Christmas Pageant each November. The Chamber has hosted movies in the park, donated to the local Christmas decorations and Back to School Fair, along with numerous small projects throughout the community.

A few years ago the Chamber was instrumental in the return of the Dixon Christmas Parade. This event is scheduled at night, allowing participants to display lights. Followed by cookies and punch with Santa. The Parade is generally held the second Saturday of December, and subject to weather. This is a fun filled night and fills the community with the Holiday spirit!

The Chamber is constantly trying to think of ways to improve the organization and invite others to become a part of the Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers are always needed in the different areas of organizing events. Any and all residents are encouraged to join!

They have a Facebook page that provides information about all scheduled events and other information about the Chamber. They can be found on Facebook at Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce.

DIXON AREA Chamber of Commerce

We Invite You to Attend Dixon's Annual Cow Days Fall Festival!



WIN
A
COW!

3rd Weekend Every September

- LIVE MUSIC
- PARADE
- FESTIVAL FOOD

UDDER
FUN!

- CRAFTS
- KIDS ZONE
- CAR SHOW

For information on Cow Days, or to request Cow Days vendor registration form, please email the Chamber at cowdayvendor@yahoo.com

For more information about meeting dates, special events, or on the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, visit our website at dixonchamberofcommerce.com.



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