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12th Annual Dexter Christmas Reading Will Be Virtual

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The 12th annual Dexter Christmas Reading will be held, Saturday, November 28th, in the chapel of Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Greg and Lisa Mathis began this tradition in 2009 for Stoddard County.

"After making preparations to extend our lot area by closing off Stoddard Street, purchasing additional speakers in order to reach a wider area and purchasing 700 Holiday facial coverings with our Dexter Christmas Reading logo, we have made the decision to go virtual," commented Greg Mathis.

"We feel that with nice weather, which is predicted, we could have had over 500 folks in attendance."

"With the COVID 19 numbers in Stoddard County and surrounding communities rising, we feel that it is in the best interest of our community to go virtual."

June Coffey, Lisa's mother and Greg's mother-in-law read the Christmas story from Luke 2 every Christmas Eve to their two boys when they were young. It was a tradition Greg decided to share with others through the Christmas reading. Mrs. Coffey passed away in 2015.

Folks can access the Dexter Christmas Reading by going to the Mathis Funeral Home Facebook page, where a link will be provided to receive the webcast. Also the

ShowMe Times will place a link on their Facebook page that will allow you to watch.

The Crowley Ridge Mennonite Choir will begin singing at 5:45 PM, The Reading will begin at 6:00 PM, with the choir singing again for 15 minutes after The Reading concludes.

Anyone wishing to have one of our facial coverings, please come by Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter where they will be distributed free on a first come basis.

"We appreciate your understanding and sincerely hope you will join us!"

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Xtreme Body Spa Holds Ribbon Cutting

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Xtreme Body Spa Holds Ribbon Cutting

Dexter, MO - Xtreme Body spa and Family Hair Salon had their relocation ribbon cutting on Friday, December 9, 2020. Lisa Tucker owner/operator is excited to make available new services.

Xtreme Body Spa is locally owned and is located at 202 E. Business Hwy 60 in Dexter. They offer haircuts, colors, perms, eyebrow waxing, teeth whitening, tanning and have various toning tables available.

They are open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call 573.624.1242 for an appointment.

Pictured left to right are Dexter Mayor Jason Banken, Tom Tucker, Lisa Tucker, Patty Sisk, Natalie Robison, Charlotte Vandiver, Executive Director of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce Alisha Trammell and Dustin Mayer.

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The Lair Event Center Holds Ribbon Cutting

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The Lair Event Center Holds Ribbon Cutting

Dexter, MO - The Lair Event Center located at 13583 Highway 25 in Dexter held a ribbon cutting.

Susan Kimball is the Owner and Brandy Kearbey is the Event Director.

You can contact them at 573.793.6591 (Susan) or 573.718.1195 (Brandy) or email them at thelaireventcenter@yahoo.com

The Lair Event Center will be hosting several upcoming events including a Trunk or Treat, Midget Wrestling, and a Parents Night Out!

Pictured in front from left are Dexter Mayor Jason Banken, owner Susan Kimball, Event Director Brandy Kearbey, Johnna Sprouse, Amanda Holiman, Carol Kimball, Rebecca Fields, Florence Johnson, Lanie Wilkerson, Susan Lee, Dexter Chamber Director Sue Ann Williams, Dexter Chamber Director Mark Whitehead and Dexter Chamber Executive Director Alisha Trammell .

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Family Matters Adult Dayhab Holds Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, MO - Family Matters Adult Dayhab held a ribbon cutting celebrating their grand opening located at 13583 Highway 25 in Dexter.

Brandy Kearbey is the director and she says she has several events planned throughout the year.

She is currently building their Behavior Buck Store. If you would like to donate items please give her a call at 573-718-1195. She is there from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

"We teach accountability for ourselves, how to save for things we would like and not instant gratification."

A consumer will be running the store to put in place job skills training.

They have already had a cooking class, apron making class and several other fun activities.

Pictured front row from left are Dexter Mayor Jason Banken, Cindy Decker, Lauren Blagh, Sikeston Dayhab Director Susan Kimball, Dexter Director Brandy Kearbey, Johnna Sprouse, Amanda Holiman, Carol Kimball, Rebecca Fields, Florence Johnson, Lanie Wilkerson, Susan Lee, Dexter Chamber Executive Director Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber Director Sue Ann Williams and Dexter Chamber Director Mark Whitehead.

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Cottonwood Early Learning Academy Ribbon Cutting

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Cottonwood Early Learning Academy Ribbon Cutting

Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Cottonwood Early Learning Academy, LLC on Friday, September 25, 2020.

The Cottonwood Early Learning Academy is located at 1017 Arvin Road. Phone number is (573) 421-3025.

Pictured from left to right are Dexter Mayor Jason Banken, Tara Barker, Bank of Advance, Lea Jenkins, Southern Bank, Bonnie Cooper, Tommy Stafford, owner, Davina Stafford, Krista Stafford, Lisa Britton, Kevin Britton, Sara Selvidge, Dexter City Administrator Mark Stidham, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alisha Trammell, and Cecil Haley of Southern Bank.

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