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2020 Dexter Firemen of the Year

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2020 Dexter Firemen of the Year

Dexter, MO - Lieutenant Landon Miller and Josh Craft were named 2020 Firefighters of the Year at the annual Fire Department holiday dinner held at the Hickory Log in Dexter.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic attendance was restricted to fire department personnel only.

Photo courtesy of Dexter Fire Chief Don Seymore.

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Local Christmas Card Exchange 2020 - Let's Make this a Very Merry Christmas

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This holiday season will be like no other in our lifetime. COVID-19 has brought so much change and sadness. What if we returned to the old days of exchanging Christmas cards? Many of us have stopped this annual tradition because of social media and the internet. It's easier to say Merry Christmas to so many people without sending a card. Most of us don't even have handwritten address books anymore. Let's make this season a little brighter for everyone!

So here is the challenge for this Christmas or even after the holiday.....list your address below the post and anyone can send you a card. When you get a card just send a card in return or pick out a few addresses listed and send a Christmas card now. Don't forget the nursing homes. Those residents would love to have cards to hang on their door. Just send to the nursing home address and they will distribute or call ahead, you may be able to drop off several at one time. (Just remember they are not allowing people inside at this time due to COVID).

You will have until December 17th to mail your card locally to arrive by Christmas. Just let the post office know it is a local address.

After the holiday, brighten someone's day by sending a pick-me-up message of inspiration. Insert a recipe or a little note "thinking about you". We all know isolation can be demanding on our psyche so let's brighten everyone's holiday with a special card!

Pictured is Kallen Glaus who is ready to brighten a few people's day by mailing Christmas cards!!!

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12th Annual Dexter Christmas Reading Will Be Virtual

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12th Annual Dexter Christmas Reading Will Be Virtual

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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