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Bloomfield, Missouri - Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield invites the public to participate in Wreaths Across America Program on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

The program will begin at 11:00 AM in the cemetery at the Committal Shelter Pavilion.

Master of Ceremony for the program will be Randy Dunn.

The cemetery has participated in the program for the last eleven years by placing a ceremonial wreath on the grave of a member from each branch of service and a former POW. Due to the fund raising efforts the cemetery will be able to fully participate in the program again this year and will place a wreath on every grave within the cemetery for the ninth year in a row.

Families and friends of those interred, as well as the general public are invited to attend to help us remember the fallen; honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom.

Information about the Wreaths Across America Program can be found at:
www.wreathsassamerica.org

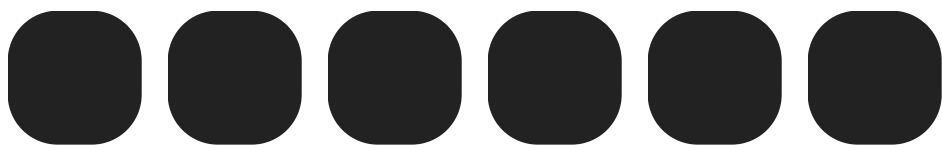
For further information you may contact the cemetery at (573) 568-3871

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Kim Norman grew up on a farm where being outdoors and digging in the dirt are a part of daily life. Add to that a cherished grandmother who loved flowers and derived great pleasure from growing them, and the result is a florist whose passion is fresh flowers and floral design. “My grandmother would use flowers from her yard to make our corsages to wear to church on special occasions,” Norman lovingly recalls, “so I probably got my

interest from her.”

Norman says after she graduated from Dexter High School, she tried college two or three different times, but she could not find an area of study that appealed to her. “Finally, my mother suggested floral design. I absolutely loved it, and once I had my degree, I never had to worry about being able to find a job.”

Through the years Norman worked locally, but nine years ago things began to fall into place for her to be able to open her own shop. “First I bought the inventory; then, I had to find a place to put it,” she laughingly explains. She secured the space which once housed A Small Restaurant, moved in her merchandise, and opened the doors to Locust Street Florist.

“I started with practically nothing, and today I own the building and occupy most of the space.” Locust Str is a full-service florist specializing in fresh floral design. A variety of services are available including custom home or business decorating, wedding planning, and cemetery dressing. They also carry an array of gift items and their custom gift baskets are among their most popular items.

Locust Str Florist is located at 10 South Locust in Dexter. They are open 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Saturday, with a 24-hour phone service available, as well.

Shown in the photo above: Kim Norman and Santa invite you to visit Locust Str Florist during the #DexterFirst shop local promotion.

Locust 1

Seasonal décor and gift items are available at Locust Street Florist.

Locust 2

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Bernie PAT December Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Cooper Wayne Zimmerman is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for December.

He is the ?nine? month old son of Tony and Natalie Zimmerman. Cooper loves playing with his big brother Drake, listening to his mommy read, and climbing on everything! Cooper likes getting new books and the fun new activities Mrs. Casey, the family's parent educator, brings each visit.

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold at 573-293-5335, ext 293 or find them on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website. For more information click **HERE**.

Our Vision

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

Our Mission

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Our Values

The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.

All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations.

An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

History

In 1981, Missouri pioneered the concept of helping parents embrace their important role as their child's first and best teacher. Today, Parents as Teachers continues to equip early childhood organizations and professionals with information and tools that are relevant and widely applicable to today's parents, families and children.

The Parents as Teachers leadership team and Board of Directors is engaged in a three-year strategic plan, which positions the organization as a valued partner to support the organizations and professionals who serve families and children, especially those most vulnerable.

The concept for Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading and writing.

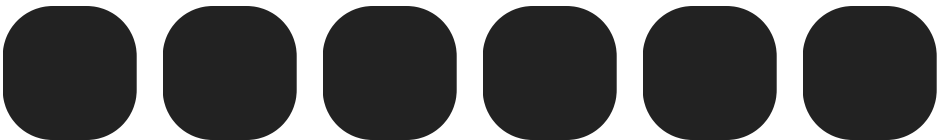
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

With funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Danforth Foundation, Parents as Teachers began in 1981 in Missouri as a pilot project for first-time parents of newborns. Recognizing the program's benefits and cost effectiveness, the Missouri legislature provided state funding in 1985 to implement Parents as Teachers programs in all Missouri school districts. Since 1985, Parents as Teachers has expanded to all 50 states and six other countries.

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The Jewelry Shop has been in business at 9 West Stoddard Street for 26 years. "I came from Memphis, where I had been in the jewelry business for 28 years," Lem Hubbard explains. "I started with a booth at Old Timers', but moved to this location a year later."

Hubbard says he learned the jewelry trade from a jeweler in Memphis. "I was about 18 or 19 and working in a grocery store when my brother suggested I see about the jewelry store job. I have been working in jewelry ever since."

The Jewelry Shop is a full-service jewelry store, specializing in yellow and white gold 10 karat and 14 karat fine jewelry, diamonds, wedding sets, and fashion jewelry. He offers both genuine and synthetic stones in many of his pieces. In addition to sales, Hubbard repairs all kinds of jewelry, sizes rings, replaces stones, builds prongs on rings, and sets diamonds and stones that have been cut. He also sells and replaces watch batteries.

Through the holidays The Jewelry Shop is offering select items at a 30 to 50 percent discount. The Jewelry Shop is open 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Saturday.

Pictured above is Lem Hubbard who has been a jeweler for 54 years

Jewelry 2

The Jewelry Shop offers a side selection of necklaces and earrings.

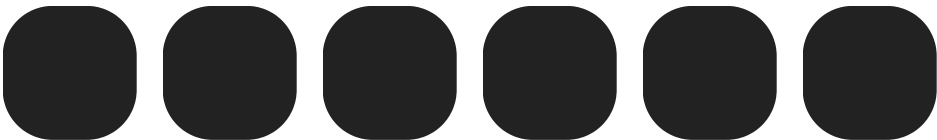
Jewelry 3

Fashion jewelry is also available at The Jewelry Shop. The Jewelry Shop is located at 9 W. Stoddard

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It's A Wonderful Life in Bloomfield to Feature Polar Express Movie

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomfield Lions Club would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual It's a Wonderful Life in Bloomfield event on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This year's special entertainment will be a showing of the movie The Polar Express on the big screen. So bring a chair and a blanket and warm up with a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate! The movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. following the doggie costume contest.

Enjoy an evening of Christmas cheer filled with entertainment, photos with Santa Claus, a Holiday Pet Costume Contest at 5:15 p.m. There will be lots of hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, snacks, candy, chili and more all FREE!!!

The Chamber would like to invite all local businesses and churches to join them. Goldie DeGroot, President of the Bloomfield Chamber, encourages anyone to participate by setting up a booth or table. If you are unable to set up a booth, donations are welcome. There will also be prizes. Just give her a call at (573) 568-9996 or (573) 568-2584.

The purpose of this event is to bring Bloomfield together for one special night of Christmas cheer and to enjoy an evening around the courthouse. Roadblocks will be set up so traffic will be diverted that evening. Burning barrels will also be available to keep your hands toasty warm while listening to beautiful Christmas music.

Please go to the event page and let them know you are attending! Click [HERE](#).

Event sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Bloomfield Lions Club, Muddy Paws, ShowMe Times, and Billy Pat Wright.

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