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Dexter, Missouri - Lieutenant Joshua T. Benton of the Dexter Police Department accepted a donation of \$250 from local Walmart Super Center manager Debbie Juden.

The Walmart donation will be utilized to help upgrade and refurbish body cameras currently in use by the police department.

"We are very appreciative of the donation," commented Benton.

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Bernie, Missouri - Owen, Elliot, and Adryan are the 2018 Bernie Parents as Teachers Students of the Month.

They are the sons of Chris and Alysa Costin.

Owen Jayce Lewis is four years old and enjoys playing with his brothers, listening to his mom read to him, learning new things, and helping take care of his baby brother.

Elliot Riley Lewis is two years old and really looks up to his older brother. He enjoys dressing up as superheroes, playing outside, and being mischievous.

Adryan James Costin is eight months old and loves to play with his toys, smile, and giggle at everyone and everything. Adryan is currently working on crawling.

Owen, Elliot, and Adryan all enjoy spending time with their oldest brother, Corben, who attends Bernie preschool and is also shown in the photo.

The family's favorite parts of participating in Parents As Teachers is watching the boys enjoy and interact with the new activities they're given and getting to show the new and exciting things they've learned since their last visit with their Parent Educator.

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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Kathleen's Treasure Cove at 25 North Walnut Street in Downtown Dexter is like a mini-beach getaway. Owner Kathleen Dover says the color scheme of coral, yellow, various blues, and tan is meant to conjure up the image of water, sky, sun, and sand, and she chose to call her business a "cove" rather than a shop or store because one room leads into another, as a hidden island cove might lead a visitor to unknown delights. The seashore reference and name of the business are no accident—they reflect Dover's long-time love of the ocean.

In fact, much of Dover's life and philosophy are incorporated into the business she has owned for the past eight years. Kathleen's Treasure Cove—Special gifts for special people, is the official logo of her store. A beach-themed sitting area complete with coffee pot and packaged snacks serves as the entryway to Kathleen's. Visitors, as she fondly refers to those who patronize her business, are encouraged to "sit a spell" and share the treasure of friendship and pleasant conversation. "Kathleen's is not just a place to shop, Dover explains, "it is a ministry more than a business."

Dover's boutique does harbor a treasure of merchandise. Among some of her more unique items are Tervis Tumblers, wood wick candles, La'Paige Lipstick, and outerwear accessory items. She is the only retailer in Missouri to offer the La'Paige line. The Treasure Cove contains a book room where Bibles, sympathy books, and works by local and regional authors are available. Dover promotes Southeast Missouri authors by sponsoring occasional book signings in her store.

Her most popular item, which continues to sell throughout the fall and winter, is the Oofos line of flip flops, slides, and clogs. "People swear by this line of footwear, and I am one of them," Dover says. "I have customers who wear nothing else on their feet, year-round. Some have had chronic back or foot pain, which they say has been relieved by wearing Oofos. I order them regularly."

Fashion jewelry is available at Kathleen's, as well as local art, and a few seasonal items, such as holiday tea towels. An additional service provided at Kathleen's is a private tanning area. Tanning is available by appointment or walk-in and follows the regular store schedule.

Kathleen’s Treasure Cove is located at 25 North Walnut and is open Tuesday through Friday 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 11:00 to whenever. Be sure to stop in Kathleen’s, which is “More than a place to shop...a place where old friends gather and new friends meet.”

Pictured above Kathleen Dover displays her top-selling Oofos foot wear.

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Fashion jewelry and outerwear accessory items are among Kathleen’s treasures.

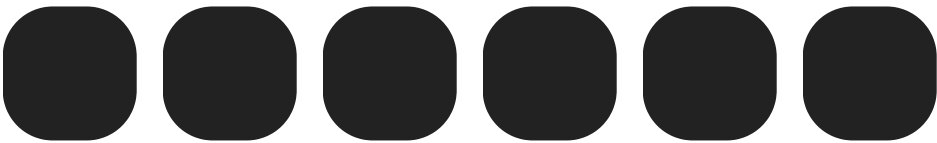
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Kathleen’s Treasure Cove is located at 52 N. Walnut in Dexter.

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As its name implies, Q's Comics & Games is a store that sells comics and games; however, what the name doesn't tell you, is that this business not only sells merchandise, but also provides hours of entertainment and fun for those whose passion is gaming. "We hold weekly tournaments for our top three games, and maybe a few others," says owner Travis Quertermous. Three game rooms provide ample space for participants and on-lookers to actively engage in this popular pastime.

Quertermous says that his business springs from his own-lifelong interest, which is shared with his son Brandon, who is co-owner of the shop. "About seven years ago we began attending ComicCon (comic book convention) as a hobby—I have been reading and collecting comics my whole life—and a couple of years later began buying and selling comics.

Q's has a room totally devoted to old comic books. In the Back Issue Room prices range from one dollar to five dollars, with the oldest comic dating to 1945. New comics are also available, and new issues are received weekly.

In addition to comics and games packs of collectible trading cards are sold, as well as paperbacks, vintage toys, and action figures. They also carry T-shirts and posters. "We don't carry video games and we don't deal in sports merchandise," the owner added.

The board games found at Q's are not what is typically available in the big box stores. Q's caters to the special interest offering classic games with a pop-culture twist. Among the most popular are Monopoly—The Walking Dead; Clue—Harry Potter; and Battleship—Pirates of the Caribbean. "The best-selling board game is Munchkin, and we have a monthly "Munchkin Day," Quertermous noted. Our most popular role-playing game is Dungeons and Dragons."

You will find Q’s Comics & Games: Your one-stop shop for comics and collectibles, at 222 North Walnut in Dexter. Their business hours are noon to midnight Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to midnight on Saturday. Sunday hours are noon to 5:00.

Pictured above are owners, Travis and Kelly Quertermous.

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New comic books arrive weekly at Q's Comics and Games.

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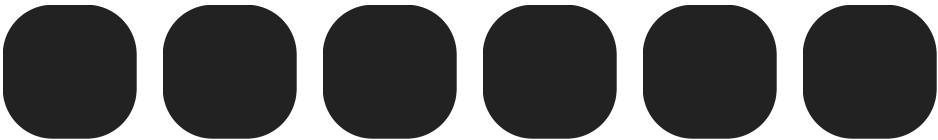
Action figures are a popular item at Q’s.

Pop-culture board games offer a new twist on old classics.

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Located on West Business Highway 60, nestled between a hair salon and furniture rental company, is Ted's Sport Shop. Ted Denkins has been in business in this spot for 45 years, and his parents owned a TV repair shop there before that. "All told," says Denkins, "my family has occupied this building for about 63 years."

Ted's Sport Shop was originally a bait and fishing tackle business that he began with his brother-in-law; however, bait shops quickly became popular in Dexter, so Denkins decided to change the focus of his store. An avid competitive archer, he began to merchandise archery equipment rather than fishing.

Denkins and his brother Bill participated in Olympic-Style competitions for many years. One wall of his business is lined with awards attesting to their skill in this physically demanding sport. "I still bow hunt, but no longer enter the competitions" he said. "Both Bill and I shot at the trials for the 1980 Summer Olympics, which were to be held in Moscow. Bill made it, but I did not. Sadly, though, that was the year the US boycotted the Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. They held a SportsFest in Texas instead." Denkins recalled. "It wasn't the same."

Ted's Sport Shop carries all types of new and used bows, arrows, hunting accessories, and some hunting apparel. In addition, he repairs bows and makes bows and arrows. "I'm not as fast as I used to be," he says, "but I'm better. I'm still learning."

Ted's Sport Shop is located at 109 West Business Highway 60 in Dexter. Business hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 9:00 to 1:00.

Pictured above: Ted Denkins has been in business for 45 years.

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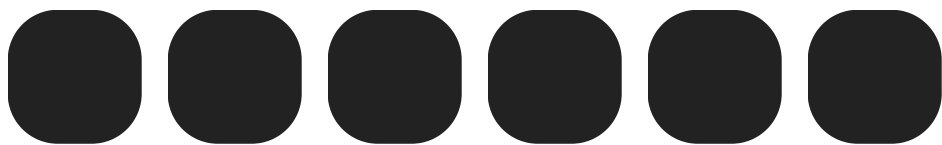
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A variety of bows and arrows are available at Ted's Sport Shop.

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