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Bloomfield, Missouri – Every year since 1992, Wreaths Across American has been held across the country. Last year 20,000 volunteers unloaded 33 trucks and placed over 110,000 wreaths on graves.

A very special ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield to coincide with programs across the country.

Approximately 2,000 wreaths will be placed on Veterans graves throughout the cemetery. Randy Dunn will serve as master of ceremonies and seven special wreaths one for each branch, Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and a POW/MIA veterans' wreath will be placed as memorials.

Wreath Across America is a non-profit organization and formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project. Arlington will conduct their ceremonies at the same time as Bloomfield.

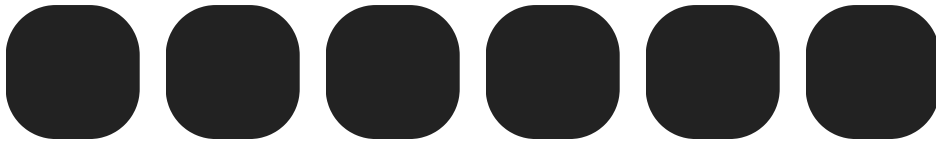
No matter the weather tomorrow, rain, sleet or snow the wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves. It will be a powerful image: a veteran's headstone and an evergreen wreath wrapped in red ribbon. It's an honor to participate. It's a time of remembrance and a kind gesture of gratitude.

Please come out and honor those who have given so much. The public is encouraged to attend the ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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Bernie Parents As Teachers December Students of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri – Brynlee and Baylor Owens are Bernie Parents as Teachers students of the month for December. They are the daughters of Richard Brittney Owens and have two older sisters, Macayla and Blair.

Brynlee is two years old and full of energy. She loves to sing and dance to make others smile. She enjoys everything about the outdoors. Her favorite TV shows are Doc McStuffins and Barney. She enjoys reading books and drawing. Brynlee's favorite things about Parents as Teachers are getting to play different activities and looking at the books.

Baylor is eleven months old and always on the go. She loves to explore as she crawls around. She is starting to walk and always has a smile on her face. She enjoys playing in the bathtub and splashing the water. She does not watch very much TV as she loves playing with all the toys that makes noise. Baylor's favorite thing about Parents as Teachers is the interaction with her parents and Mrs. McGarity as they try the new activities together.

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Paige Williams 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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Mary Kate Miller is December Calendar Girl

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Dexter, Missouri – Mary Kate Miller has been chosen as the ShowMe Times December Calendar Girl. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Mike and Candy Miller and is a junior at Dexter Senior High School.

Mary Kate is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, FCCLA, TARS, and Future Teachers of America. She is also a Dexter Honor Society student. Mary Kate is involved with Rotary Interact, Varsity Tennis, and is a member of the CYF youth group at the First Christian Church. She is Junior Class President as well.

She plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University and obtain a degree in nursing.

Her hobbies are playing piano, swimming, shopping, and supporting the Dexter Bearcats!

Miss Mary Kate Miller was chosen as 2nd Alternate in the Miss Dexter 2014 Pageant. This is an annual pageant sponsored by the Dexter Senior High School

Music Department. Each year Miss Dexter and her attendants are chosen as Calendar Girls throughout the year.

Congratulations Mary Kate! The Dexter community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

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Dexter PAT to Host Breakfast with Santa

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Dexter, Missouri – Dexter Parents as Teachers will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Southwest Elementary School gym.

Each family will receive a FREE picture of their child's visit with Santa. Any family with children ages birth – pre-kindergarten are welcome along with their big brothers or sisters, even if they are not enrolled in PAT.

Donut holes and milk will be provided for the kids and they will have lots of fun playing games and a few activities for the family to do together.

HO! HO! HO! The theme is 'FROZEN' so children are welcome to come in their Anna, Elsa or Olaf costumes or PJs.

Follow DEXTER Parents as Teachers on their Facebook page by clicking [HERE](#).

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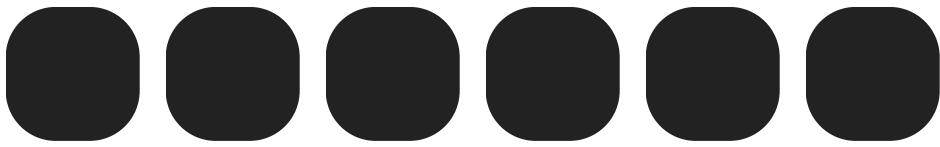
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Patrons of the Arts to Host Chinese Acrobats

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Patrons of the Arts to Host Chinese Acrobats

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Patrons of the Arts Society continues its 2014-2015 season with the return of a world-renowned troupe of high-flying, death-defying Chinese Acrobats to the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

This will be the second performance of The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China at the Tinnin Center in the past five years. The troupe has toured 500 cities in over 70 countries since its inception in 1951, and has inspired generations of performers, including the creators of Cirque Du Soleil.

"The National Acrobats are an absolutely extraordinary group of performers with an almost superhuman set of skills," said Tim Thompson, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. "They dazzled the crowd the last time we hosted them, and I expect that their performance this time will be even more brilliant."

The National Acrobats of The People's Republic of China were founded in 1951 and have been one of the most acclaimed acrobatic troupes in China. In 1972, the Company visited the United States with 72 artists, and was invited as guests to the White House by President Richard Nixon. As performing arts ambassadors, the Company played a key role in the reestablishment of diplomatic relations

between China and the United States

Tickets are \$10 each and are available in limited amounts at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, Dexter Chamber of Commerce, the college Financial Services office, and at the door. The show is expected to sell out.

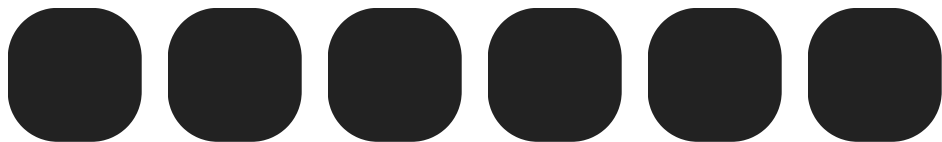
Other upcoming shows for the Patrons of the Arts 2014-2015 season include the children's show "Robin Hood" on February 1, 2015, at 2 p.m., children's show "The Emperor's New Clothes" on March 1 at 2 p.m., and the Russian National Ballet on March 19 at 7 p.m. For more information on the 2014-2015 Patrons of the Arts season, or to buy tickets for upcoming shows, visit trcc.edu/tinnin.

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