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MeN'Style Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at MeN'Style in downtown Dexter.

MeN'Style is owned by Pam Garner and features men's clothing, cologne, hats, belts, accessories, and decorative signs. They also offer these familiar brands Big Star and LuckyBrand jeans, Roar shirts, Affliction including American Fighter shirts, Adidas and Izod.

Shown in the photo front row left to right: Jerry Corder, Alderman, Debbie Stidham, Chamber President, Susan Dean, Store Manager, Pam Garner, Owner, Joe Weber, Dexter Mayor, Amelia Banken, Store General Manager, and Kelly Quertermous. Shown on the back row from left to right: Bill Hampton, Hillary Starnes, Chamber Executive Director, Chris Brannan, Mark Stidkham, City Administrator, Debbie Parks, and Sarah Scherer.

Check out the MeN'Style Facebook page by clicking [HERE](#).

Photos of inside their store can be seen on ShowMe Times Facebook page.

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Montgomery Bank Announces Kid's Club Monty Drawing Contest

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Montgomery Bank Announces Kid's Club Monty Drawing Contest

Dexter, Missouri - Montgomery Bank announces Kid's Club Coloring Contest!

To enter, submit an original piece of artwork of Monty in pencil, crayon, ink, paint, watercolor, chalk, or any other drawing medium.

The finished picture must be the child's own handiwork and can be of Monty alone or with "friends."

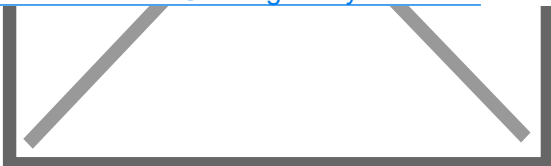
The activity displayed by Monty is wide-open and up to the child's imagination!

All entries must be received by the close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016 to be eligible. The contest is open to all children ages 5-12 and prizes will be awarded in the following age categories:

- 5-6 years
- 7-9 years
- 10-12 years

Click [here](#) to download a brochure and entry form.

Questions or comments regarding this drawing competition can be submitted to customerservice@montgomerybank.com



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Bernie PAT March Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Hunter Gage Cannady is Bernie Parents as Teachers March Student of the Month. he is the three year old son of Tiffany Cannady and Christopher Cannady.

Hunter enjoys playing hide and seek with his Mommy and riding his bike, playing with cars, and listening to music and dancing. He also loves to play outside with his friends.

During the family's PAT visits, Hunter enjoys reading the new books and playing games with Mrs. Courtney and his Mom.

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.

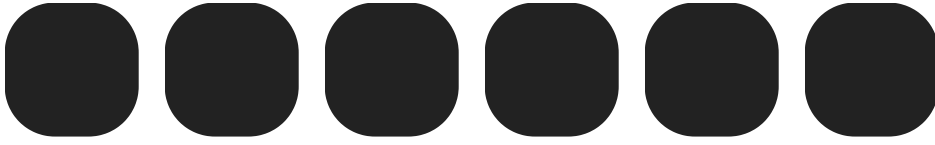
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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Brittney Greer Presents American Wasteland Tour at DHS

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Dexter, Missouri – This is an event YOU won't want to miss! For the first time in history American Wasteland Entertainment will be coming to Dexter High School on Saturday, February 27th from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to screen their award winning online television series, Drifter: Broken Road, Drifter: Lonesome Highway, and Stage Fright!

There will be a Questions & Answers session with filmmakers, Dexter Native, Brittney Greer, and her producer/writer partner Jason Brasier.

The showings will be FREE, but they will also have available exclusive merchandise for sale. Brittney will have incredible make-up demonstrations. She is extremely talented in this field and if you want to learn more about becoming a movie make-up artist she's the person to go to and learn! Plus you get to learn how to make fake blood for those Halloween parties or if you need to prepare for the Zombie Apocalypse! It's will be a fun and entertaining day!

There will also be information and a sponsorship box for their next project they are shooting in the summer of 2016. It is called Strange Happenings, starring Power Rangers David Fielding and Jason Faunt, and much more.

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At 10:00 a.m. there will be an opening address by Brittney and Jason. At 10:30 a.m. Drifter Broken Road will be played on the big screen (40 minutes), 11:15 a.m. Drifter: Lonesome Highway (1 hour and 25 min) then there will be a break for lunch. At 1:00 p.m. Brittney and Jason will have a Q & A session. The first raffle will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by Stage Fright (45 min). At 3:30 p.m. will be another Q & A session and a second raffle drawing. Make-up Demo Class with how to make fake blood to creating cuts and bruises at 4:30 p.m. They will talk about their upcoming projects Strange Happenings and the final raffle will be at 5:30 p.m.

You can come out for a couple of hours or the whole day. This is a drop-in event and

</images/2016 Images/American 1.jpg> FREE to everyone!

There will also be a raffle for just \$1.00 per ticket to raise money for their projects and for the Dexter Drama Club. Local businesses have been graciously donating items. Brittney would like to thank County Wide Insurance Agency, Old Timers Antique mall, Dexter Queen, Walls of Terror, Q's Comics, Dirt Roads, Fashion Exchange, Harps Grocery, Dexter BBQ, Metro Art Gallery, Locust Street Flowers and Stacy and Cindy Greer who donated two Briggs Engines. She would also like to thank those who helped by donating money or their time or both: especially her mother Debbie Snyder, who has supported her from the beginning and has been selling homemade cookies all month long, Stacy Blocker and Cindy Greer, Dana Dowdy Lovins, and Bruce Eskew. Without their support she couldn't have made this possible!

American Wasteland Entertainment has earned several major awards. In 2013 at the LA Webfest, they received the following awards:

Drifter: Broken Road: Outstanding Lead Actress (Vanessa Leinani), Outstanding Composer (Michael Brasier), Outstanding Writing (Jason Brasier), & Outstanding Directing (Jason Brasier).

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Stage Fright: Outstanding Series (Horror/Scifi Category), Outstanding Editing (Jason Brasier and Robert Curry), Outstanding Directing (Jason Brasier), Outstanding Sound Design (Jason Brasier and Rob Curry), & Outstanding Composer (Jason Brasier, Michael Brasier and Tyler Durham), Best Producing (Brittney Greer, Jason Brasier, Babette Nicola Schlum and Jason Lee Knight).

Those wanting more information on Drifter or Stage Fright or how they can support or be a part of these series can check out www.americanwastelandent.com.

Greer is a 2004 graduate of Dexter High School. While attending classes at Missouri State University in Springfield she met Jason Brasier. She graduated with a degree in Film Studies and the Missouri State University Screenwriters Certificate.

“I have a deep love for rich and fun storytelling,” explained Brittney. “My first love is writing and if I am not working on company projects then I am writing on personal projects that I have been working on for some time.”

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“Though I am not a trained actor,” continued Greer. “I enjoy getting to do things you can’t normally do in real life. Whether it is being chased by ghosts, playing with fake blood or being a tough as nails outlaw, I like the challenge!”

Jason Brasier is also a Missouri native, originally from Willow Springs. He graduated in 2009 from Missouri State University with a B.S. Degree in Media Production and also received the Missouri State University Screenwriters Certificate.

“I started at a very young age, and my passion is writing and directing,” commented Greer. “During my college days I developed a passion for producing as well. I love filmmaking and telling stories.”

American Wastland also has a Facebook page, [Click HERE](#) and LIKE their page!

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First Missouri Bank Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 for First Missouri Bank to announce their new name change, formerly known as First National Bank.

"Banking is more than just managing dollars and cents." At FM Bank they understand that banking is about strengthening relationships, helping neighbors, believing in their communities and planning for the future.

First Missouri Bank is located at 310 North Walnut in Dexter. Bank hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – noon.

Shown in the photo from left to right: Zach Pounds, Tiffany Case, Meghan Smith, Jessica Reeves, Brittany Brown, Melissa Stevens, Mike Hobbs (Bank President), Kim Roseberry, Debbie Stidham, (Chamber President), Jason Banken, (Chamber Vice-President), Courtney Aslin, Mark Stidham, (City Administrator), Dana Adams, Rhonda Hall, Elizabeth Henson, Hillary Starnes, (Executive Director of Dexter Chamber of Commerce). Not available for picture were Jennifer Caldwell and Kodie Patterson from the bank.

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