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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.

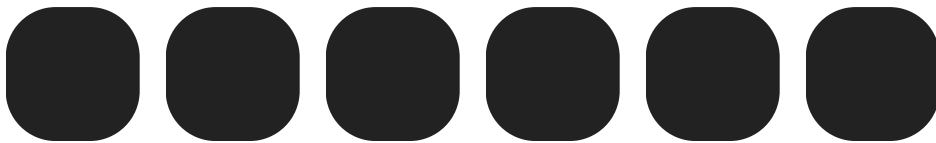
Please go to the event page and let them know you are attending! Click [HERE](#).

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Article By Nancy Vines

Dexter, Missouri - When Kim and Gary Williams began their local home décor business 15 years ago, they had no idea how popular it would prove to be, nor how wide-spread their customer base would become. From a corner spot at Old Timers' Antique Mall to a thriving corner location on Business Highway 60, Corner Cottage is a unique locally owned business that is a vital part of the Dexter small business community.

The business has continued to flourish, even through difficult economic times, because Williams has the ability to gauge what her customers want and adjusts her inventory to meet their needs. "We change with the times," Williams said. "When we first opened we were country, then shabby chic, and now the farmhouse look is popular." In addition to home décor, the Corner Cottage also carries a wide variety of dry soup, dip, and drink mixes; candles; decorative signs; jewelry and other accessory items; and handmade furniture designed and crafted by her husband Gary.

Stocking the business is a family affair as about 40 percent of their inventory is produced by Williams, her husband, and daughter Jansen. Much of the remaining inventory comes from other small suppliers. "We try to support regional small businesses," Williams observed. "We try to get as much from Missouri as possible," noting that both Thompson Farms and Wind and Willow gourmet mixes are produced in Missouri, and Gaylord Soaps come from Jefferson City. "Our purses are a Missouri company, as well. The construction is outsourced," she explained, "but the design, marketing, and headquarters are located near Branson." The popular soy candles come from Indiana.

A unique aspect of her inventory, that has ties to Dexter, is jewelry provided by Luket Ministries. "This endeavor provides a sustainable income for hard-working Ugandan women through recycling old tires into new treasures," Williams explained. "They also make paper bead jewelry." Former elementary art teacher Ruth Gibson's granddaughter is a missionary in Uganda working through Luket Ministries. "I am honored to be able to support the efforts of these women through my business."

Corner Cottage is located at 1424 West Business Highway 60 in Dexter. They are open Monday through Saturday 10-5, and Sundays until Christmas 1-3.

Corner Cottage 2

Corner Cottage 3

They sell soy candles and melts manufactured in Indiana.

Corner Cottage 4

Handmade entertainment center designed and crafted by Gary Williams.

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Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center 2017 Christmas Home Tour

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center (BANC) will host their annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at BANC, Designs On You, The Metro, N' Style Galeria, Granny Pickers, and Classic Buts.

Families sharing their homes are:

Rick and Louise Causey at 16670 County Road 431, Dexter

Kenny and Kim Johnson at 200 North Viola St., Bloomfield

Ryan and Heather Mayo at 707 South Prairie St., Bloomfield

Trevor and Starla Pulley at 501 South Spring St., Bloomfield

First General Baptist Church at 501 Christian Drive, Bloomfield

A chocolate fountain, Wassel, and homemade cookies will be served at the Nutrition Center, located at 609 North Delaware.

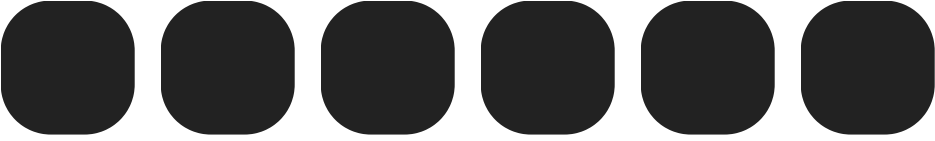
A drawing for a \$100 gift basket will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Buses will be available from the Nutrition Center for your convenience.

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