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NOVEMBER 16TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Dexter, Missouri - More than 30 businesses will participate in #DexterFirst this year. County Wide Insurance, the Dexter Tourism Committee, the ShowMe Times, and the Dexter Chamber of Commerce are working together to sponsor the 2018 Christmas Holiday #DexterFirst shop local campaign.

Before you travel to larger cities or order online think Dexter First! You aren't just purchasing a product, but supporting your community, creating local jobs, and investing in local people!

In this new age of online purchasing and big shopping malls, we often fail to see the benefit of shopping locally and supporting our local merchants.

Our local business and civic leaders selflessly donate endless time, energy, and resources to promote this sense of home-town pride.

Dexter has a diverse sampling of locally-owned businesses.

Using social media, we are asking that the members of our community Share, Like and Review our local participating businesses by snapping a photo of popular, interesting, or unique items that you find in our local shops. Post these to social media using <https://www.dexterfirst.com> to help generate interest in what our merchants have to offer. Help our merchants with your posts, and we will help you find yourself a bit richer for your local holiday shopping.

#DexterFirst is simply an effort to give your local retailers the FIRST opportunity to provide you with the gifts and merchandise you may be purchasing during the 2018 Christmas Holiday Season. Shop in Dexter first before you head out-of-town or peruse the internet.

The #DexterFirst Contest will begin on November 17, 2018 and end on December 20, 2018. During this period, we ask that you visit local merchants, snap a selfie and give a brief description of the items you found in the local participating merchants' shops. Be sure to hashtag each post with #DexterFirst and post to <http://www.dexterfirst.com> so that you can then be entered into a weekly drawing for \$250 in cash and gift certificates. One winning name will be selected on November 23rd, November 30th, December 7th, December 14th and then on December 21st a grand prize of \$500 will be given to one lucky person.

Join in the fun of #DexterFirst. We look forward to seeing your posts on our ShowMe Times #DexterFirst shop local Facebook page <http://www.dexterfirst.com>.

Contest Steps:

Step 1 - Shop in one of the participating stores listed above and take a selfie with a product.

Step 2 - Go to www.dexterfirst.com and upload your photo. Follow the instructions and you have now entered the weekly contest.

Step 3 - Once it is posted on Dexter First Facebook page share and tell a friend!

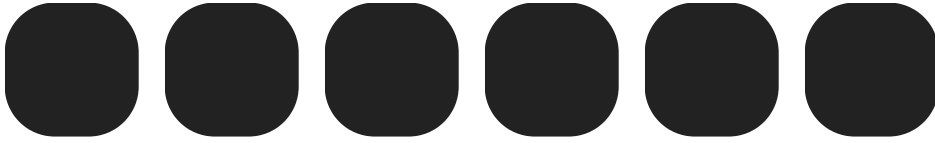
First drawing will be held on Black Friday at noon! Good luck and remember to shop local!

Don't forget on Saturday, November 24th is Small Business Saturday! Check out all the great sales and incentives at several of Dexter's finest retail stores!

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Keeleigh Asks for Donations Not Presents for Birthday!

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Keeleigh Asks for Donations Not Presents for Birthday!

Keeleigh asked for donations for the animal shelter instead of birthday presents this year. This picture doesn't even show how much was donated. She has a heart of gold and a love for all animals.

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Bernie Parents As Teachers Student of the Month November 2018

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Bernie, Missouri - Jett Owen Woodall is the 11 month old son of Kalha Cannady and Austin Woodall and is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' Student of the Month for November.

Jett enjoys playing with his mommy, watching Mickey Mouse, playing with toys at his grandparents, and spending time with his daddy.

During the family's PAT visits, Jett loves to play the fun activities with Mrs. Courtney and his mommy!

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.

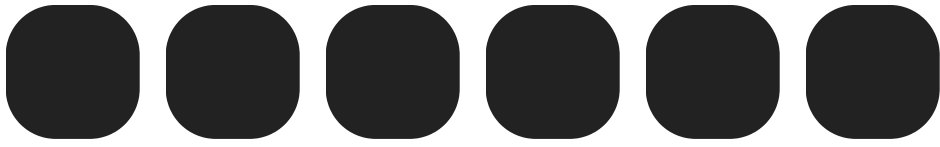
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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Stoddard County Shop With a Hero is Gearing Up!

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Stoddard County Shop With a Hero is Gearing Up!

This is the time of year the Stoddard County Shop With A Hero gears up to take Stoddard County children shopping for Christmas.

They realize that there are some families who have a tough time making ends meet. To be eligible this year, children must qualify for the **FREE & REDUCED LUNCH** program at their school and present proof of qualification for that lunch reduction.

The age limit is 3 - 10 years of age and they must live in Stoddard County, Missouri.

They will enroll the first 300 eligible children that apply. Parents can enroll their children without children being present.

No appointment is necessary so just come on one of the enrollment days listed below.

Wednesday, November 7th 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 8th 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, November 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Last day to enroll is Friday, November 9th

Enrollment place is Stoddard County 911 Services located at 512 Cooper St. in Dexter, Missouri. 573.624.9086

Proof of Eligibility:

Free or Reduced Lunch Qualification from School District or Headstart Enrollment (If child not in school, bring proof of income)

Birth Certificate of Child

Proof of Current Physical Address (Utility Bill, Pay Stub, Rent or Lease Agreement)

Shop with a Hero is a not-for-profit organization made up of Stoddard County Law Enforcement, Firemen, Probation & Parole, and EMS personnel.

The first two Sundays in December, Emergency Responders gather at Wal-Mart to take approximately 300 children shopping for Christmas. They get to spend \$75.

If you know of someone who might qualify please let them know!

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Tyler Stevenson Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa

OCTOBER 30TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

Tyler Stevenson Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa

On Sunday, October 28, Tyler K Stevenson of Dexter was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, in Cone Chapel on the Harding University Campus in Searcy, AR.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded on December 3, 1914 on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA.

Members must juniors or seniors, rank in the top of their school or college and must show leadership in at least one of five areas: 1) scholarship 2) athletics 3) campus or community service, social and religious activities, and campus government 4) journalism, speech, and the mass media or 5) creative and performing arts.

Harding University has the only Omicron Delta Kappa circles in Arkansas, and one of 304 active circles nationwide.

Nationally there are about 300,000 scholars. Membership is understood as an honor that is neither cheaply won -- nor widely bestowed.

Tyler is the son of Kay Stevenson and Keith Stevenson and is a 2016 graduate of Dexter High School.

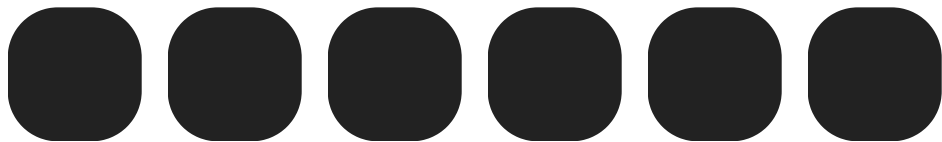
While at Dexter he was a member of the Dexter Bearcats Football team all four years of his high school career. He also played tennis all four years.

Tyler was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, DECA, Rotary Interact, and Dexter Honor Society.

He was a 2nd team All-Conference football team selection in 2014 and ESPN SEMO Gatorade Player of the Week in 2015. He was also a member of the 2014 Academic All-State Football Team.

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