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Dexter PD Selling Shirts for 2020 Special Olympics Torch Run

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Police Department will participate in the Law Enforcement Special Olympic Torch Run again this year! The date for the Torch Run will be in May and the route will be from Business 60 at Wal-Mart to MO 25 at On the Go.

Each year several agencies from the surrounding area participate in the Special Olympics Torch Run. The Dexter Police Department is selling shirts to raise money for their cause.

The shirts can be purchased by contacting the Trevor Pulley, Chief of Police at (573) 624-5512 or send an email to trevor.pulley@dexterpd.com.

Please support the Dexter Police Department as they raise money for Special Olympics!

"Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into Opening Ceremonies of local competitions. They also carry it into Special Olympics State, Provincial, National, Regional and World Games. There are over 97,000 law enforcement members that carry the "Flame of Hope" annually. The flame symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Torch Run has grown over the years and now includes many fundraising platforms. These platforms include: Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops, and more. Since the beginning, LETR has raised over \$600 million for Special Olympics programs.

As retired Chief Richard LaMunyon once said, “What started in 1981...as a flicker of hope for Special Olympics has now become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympics athletes worldwide.” LETR is changing the future for people with intellectual disabilities. Through the LETR and Special Olympics partnership we are lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion."

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Dexter Rotary Club Donates to Mother-to-Mother Program

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Rotary Club received a Community Assistance Project Grant for 2019. this CAP Grant is designed to be used to support small projects that

address a specific community need.

"This year we chose to assist the Regional Healthcare Foundation's Mother-to-Mother Program," stated Hank Trout, Dexter Rotary Club member. "Their mission is to create self-confident young parents with hope for the future through education, support and services in partnership with the community. This project will assist approximately 14 young women, under the age of 24, and their families, to help ensure that children and families are free to grow and reach their full potential in a nurturing, healthy and safe environment."

The Dexter Rotary Club received \$1,000.00 through the CAP grant and matched the grant with \$1,000.00 of their local club funds.

The Dexter Rotary Club purchased ten convertible cribs, five toddler cribs and toddler bed mattresses and five safety convertible car seats to donate.

Dexter Rotary Club is a service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. The club meets weekly at Hickory Log Restaurant at noon each Tuesday.

Pictured from left to right are Bill Boone, Rotary Club Member, Hank Trout, Rotary Club Member, Teresa Overall, Mother-to-Mother Program, Larry Chamness, Rotary Club Member, Jack Rodgers, Rotary Club Members.

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Keller Public Library Children's Story Hours for February 2020

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Dexter, Missouri - Keller Public Library Children's Story Hours for February 2020. Story hours are each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - "Busy as a Bee" - Presented by Jana Jennings, Farm Bureau.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - "Very Valentine" - Presented by Teresa Overall, Regional Healthcare Foundation.

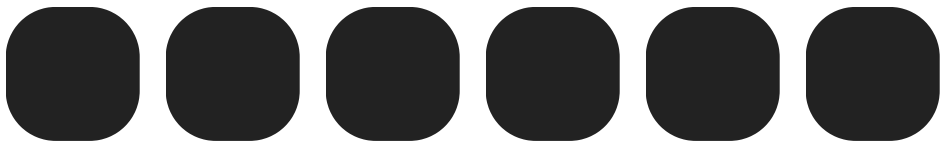
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - "Jungle Jam" - Presented by Joeli Barbour, KDEX

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - "Green Eggs and Ham" - Presented by Matt DePro, Elara Caring

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Stars and Stripes to Offer Kid's Night at the Museum

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Stars and Stripes to Offer Kid's Night at the Museum

Bloomfield, Missouri - The National Stars and Stripes Museum and Library has a new program starting in 2020 called “Kids Night at the Museum”.

On the second Monday of each month, for a registration fee of \$10, kids can come to the museum and participate in a fun history related craft that they’ll get to take home! The registration fee covers the cost of all the materials provided. Kids 12 and under must have a parent or guardian present to attend.

The first Kid’s Night will be held on January 13th from 5pm to 7pm and the craft will be Nazca Line Art!

You can pick up your registration form at the museum or have it emailed to you directly.

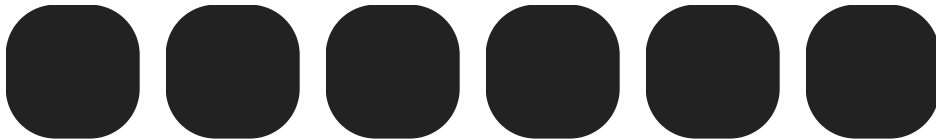
All registration forms and fees must be turned in by January 10th!

Only 12 spots seats available for each activity!

Call the Stars and Stripes Museum at 573-568-2055 or check out the event page on Facebook for more details!

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Bernie PAT Student of the Month for December

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Bernie, Missouri - Helena Cobb is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for December.

Helena will be two on January 21, 2020 and is the daughter of Clayton and Lacey Cobb.

She loves cats, music, dancing, painting, and lipstick. During PAT visits, Helena loves to take everything out of Mrs. Casey's bag.

She also enjoys reading the new books she receives during the family's monthly visits.

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website.

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

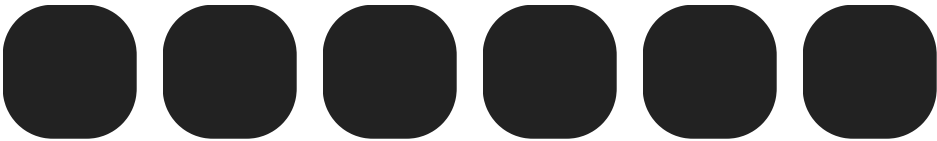
school readiness and parent involvement.

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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