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Bernie, Missouri - Paisley Renea Owens has also been named a Bernie Parents as Teachers July Student of the Month.

She is the nine-month-old daughter of Chad and Sara Owens and has two bottom teeth, blue eyes, and brown hair.

Her favorite show is Mickey Mouse, her favorite foods are Lil' Crunchies and ice cream, and her favorite toys include an alphabet activity cube and her Herman doll from the Mr. Peabody movie.

Paisley can crawl, pull up, eat some big food, and take a few steps. She also enjoys bath time and like all little ones, she likes to get into stuff and climb, including the dishwasher. Now if her parents can only get her to load the dishwasher.

She loves spending time with her Mommy, Daddy, Nana, Papa, Grandma, and Grandpa. Paisley's favorite part of each visit is seeing Mrs. Paige and playing with her mirror. Her mom's favorite part of participating in PAT is that Mrs. Paige helps her become Paisley's first and best teacher.

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](#).

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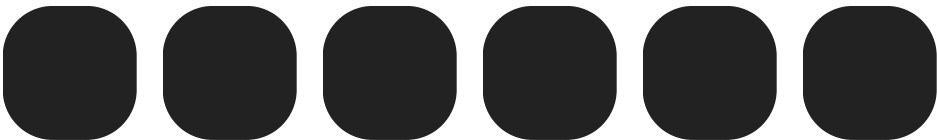
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Bernie, Missouri – The Bernie Parents as Teachers Program has selected their July Students of the Month. Hattie and Ryder Galloway are the children of Chase and Andrea Galloway.

Hattie is two years old and enjoys swimming, riding her bicycle, playing outdoors with her brother Ryder and she loves being around horses.

Ryder is only five months old, but he loves watching their dogs, swimming with his big sister Hattie, playing outside and of course taking naps.

Hattie and Ryder both enjoy when Mrs. McGarity from Parents as Teachers visits them. Hattie gets so excited when Mrs. McGarity brings her bag full of fun activities.

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Bernie, Missouri – Challenge to all Bernie high school students over the age of 16 and to the Bernie teachers!! The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations. Please mark your calendar for ***Monday, July 14th at the United Methodist Church from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.*** The church is located at 307 W. Main in Bernie, Missouri.

The American Red Cross encourages blood donors to help prevent a summer shortage by rolling up a sleeve to give. Donors of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative.

Type O negative is universal and can likely be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to patients with either Rh positive or negative blood. These blood types are the most in demand and the first to run out if there is a shortage.

The Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood and help save lives, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at

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Dexter, Missouri – Family Video will host a fundraiser until the end of July for the Dexter Animal Shelter.

They are asking for donations to help off-set the cost of housing stray, unwanted, and lost dogs and cats in Dexter.

Supplies needed are black trash bags, lots of paper towels, gloves, cat food, dog food, bleach, spray bottles, cat litter, blankets, cleaning supplies for the floors like Pine Sol. They would really like to have some old cages for both cats and dogs, especially animal carrier cages. They don't have to be brand new, just in working condition.

Financial donations are always welcome!

It takes a great deal of money and supplies to help our lost friends find great homes. Financial donations will go towards dog and cat shampoo, rubber mats, treats, toys, and collars.

Family Video also has available bracelets created by Brandy Fox, Manager of the store. They are just \$1.00 with all profits going to the Dexter Animal Shelter.

Please stop by with your donation and help the Dexter Animal Shelter. If you would like more information contact Family Video at 573-624-8226 or contact Ross (Animal Control Officer) at 573-624-5512

The Dexter Animal Shelter is located at 601 E. Grant St. in Dexter and there are plenty of sweet dogs and cats waiting for adoption. It is an extension of the Dexter Police Department. Thanks to Ross and many volunteers they are solely responsible for taking dogs off the street and providing them a temporary home at the shelter until their owners are found or they are adopted.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for A&A Loans located at 907 B. West Hwy 60 just behind Family Video.

The newly established business focuses on Check and Title Loans. For Check Loans bring in current bank statement, proof of income, proof of address and a valid photo ID. For Title Loans bring in title in applicant's name, proof of insurance, current registration, proof of income, proof of address, valid photo ID, and one extra set of keys.

They are open 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday and Friday. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Contact them at 573-624-8887 for more information or stop by their office.

Owners are Sherry, Jan, and Alma Ward of Batesville, Arkansas.

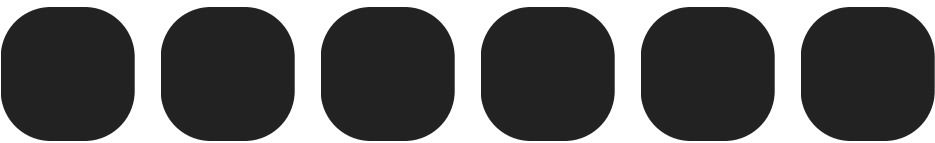
Shown in the photo - from left to right: Chamber Executive Director Janet Coleman, Ricky Perkins, Chamber 2nd Vice President Debbie Stidham, Mayor Joe Weber, Manager Dana Perkins, Chamber President Jackie McKuin, property owners Connie Smith and

Sherm Smith, and Alderman Terry Battles.

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