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Dexter, Missouri – Addie Medley is about to turn nine years old on August 13th, however her wisdom and generosity is that of an adult far beyond her years.

She decided to cut her hair after years of growing and even learning to French braid her own hair at the age of eight. She thought of all the people who needed wigs because of cancer or childhood accidents or even those who have alopecia and knew that she could make a difference.

Addie's family is so proud of her decision and with a snip of the scissors over 10 inches of hair was donated to Locks of Love.

"I am very proud of her as hard as it was to watch them cut it, I know that's what she wanted," stated Kelly Medley, Addie's mom. "She learned to French braid and Fishtail braid her hair last year and was always fixing her hair in some cute style, so that was the hard part knowing she wouldn't be able to do that for a while. I know it will grow back out, but so thankful that she can do this."

Addie will have a new look when she enters 3rd grade at Dexter's Central Elementary School in just a few weeks. She has always been an overachiever and when her hair grows long enough she may just donate more to Locks of

Love.

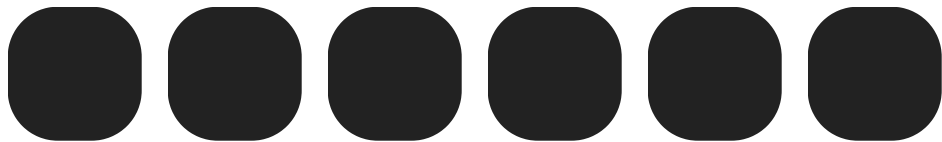
The Dexter community is extremely proud of you!

Locks of Love provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. If you would like more information or would like to donate to Locks of Love click **HERE**.

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Dexter, Missouri – The Dexter Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony with Renea's Ironing Service. The business is owned by Renea Deprow and is located at 202 N. Walnut Street, Suit B.

Renea's offers next day laundering service and ironing services from shirts and pants, to suit jackets, dresses and sweaters.

They also offer pick-up and delivery services.

The business is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Shown in the photo are in the front row from left to right: Genevieve Turner, Reanna Pugh, Mayor Joe Weber, Renea Deprow, Chamber 2nd Vice President Debbie Stidham, and Chamber Executive Director Janet Coleman. In the back are Chamber Member Bill Hampton, Liz Rutledge, Harley Beck, and Ward I Alderman Jerry Corder.

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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](#).

[Our Vision](#)

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Our Mission

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

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Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

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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.

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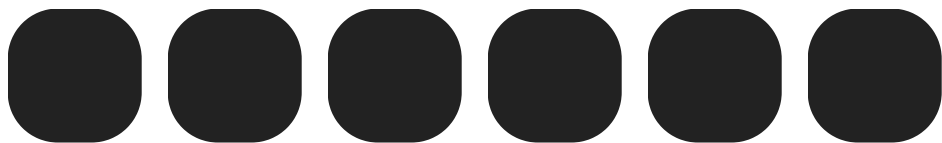
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Bernie, Missouri – Challenge to all Bernie high school students over the age of 16 and to the Bernie teachers!! The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations. Please mark your calendar for ***Monday, July 14th at the United Methodist Church from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

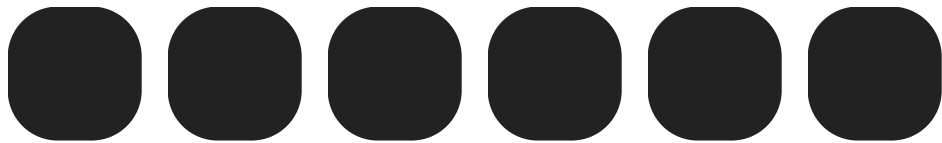
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