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Thad Powell Chosen as January Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Thad Powell has been selected as Bernie Parents as Teachers Student of the Month for January.

Thad is the eight and a half month old child of Brandon and Lydia Powell.

Recently Thad has been pulling up on anything he can and he really enjoys knocking down towers that his parents have built for him.

Thad also enjoys eating and his favorite foods are fruit. During his PAT visits, Thad enjoys playing iwth the different colored and textured balls Mrs. Williams brings for him.

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

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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Bernie, Missouri - Ethan Parker has been selected as Bernie Parents as Teachers Student

of the Month for January.

Ethan is the one-year-old son of Kevin and Jessica Parker.

He enjoys chasing the dogs around, playing peek-a-boo, and driving his new Spider Man car. Ethan's favorite part of participating in the Parents as Teachers program is playing with all the toys that Mrs. Casey brings each month.

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Dexter Elk's Host Essay Contest

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Dexter Elk's Host Essay Contest

Dexter, Missouri - The Elk's Lodge in Dexter hosted their annual American Essay contest at T.S. Hill Middle School and the winners have been announced.

The topic "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me" is an ongoing event held each year. The top three winners will on to the next level of judging at the district and then on to the state level.

First place was Chaylea Mosby. Second place was Brock Simmons and third place went to Sarah Smith.

Shown in the photo provided by Michelle Cannon is Americanism Chairperson Randy Northington, Chaylea Mosby, Brock Simmons, and Sarah Smith.

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Dexter Rotary to Host Annual Chili Day

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Dexter Rotary to Host Annual Chili Day

Dexter, Missouri - The Rotary Club of Dexter will host their annual Chili Day on Tuesday, January 20th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Dexter. The weather is cold, but the chili will be nice and warm!

The serving times are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and again from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. with carry-outs also available. Call 820-6168 to order a carry-out meal. the cost is \$6.00 per meal with vegetable beef soup available as an alternative.

All proceeds go to fund Dexter Rotary Club projects including Boys State, Girls State, Stoddard County Gospel Mission and high school scholarships, beautification projects and more.

Children under three years of age eat for free.

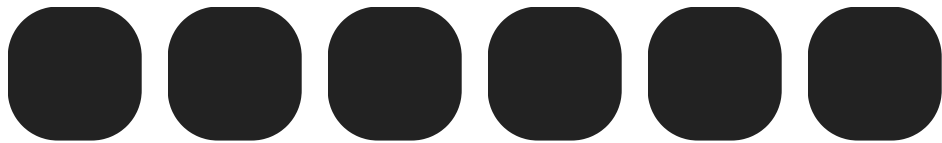
The public is encouraged to attend.

Shown in the photo are Rotarians Phil Ternes, owner of Pizza Hut and Wayne Jean, owner of Jean & Company.

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Courtney Potts is January 2015 Calendar Girl

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Dexter, Missouri - Courtney Potts has been chosen as the ShowMe Times January Calendar Girl for 2015. She is the 18 year-old daughter of Randy and Peggy Potts and is a senior at Dexter High School.

Courtney is a member of Future Teachers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA, and Future Business Leaders of America. She is also a Dexter Honor Society student and a member of the 2014/2015 Yearbook Staff. Courtney is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is actively involved with the youth group. She is a varsity Basketball Cheerleader and after school is an instructor at Dexter Tumbling and Cheer. She is also a Cadet Teacher.

Miss Potts plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and will obtain a Bachelor of Science in education.

Miss Courtney Potts was an attendant in the Miss Dexter 2014 Pageant. This is an annual pageant sponsored by the Dexter Senior High School Music Department. Each year Miss Dexter and her attendants are chosen as Calendar

Girls throughout the year.

Congratulations Courtney! The Dexter community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

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