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# Bernie PAT February Student of the Month

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**Bernie, Missouri** - Braylon Cagle is one of Bernie Parents as Teachers Students of the Month for February.

Braylon is the five month old son of Rayne and Michele Cagle. Braylon likes to snuggle with his mom and dad, chew on his toes, and splash in the bathtub. Braylon's favorite part of PAT with Mrs. Casey is receiving a new book at each visit. He enjoys reading the books with his big sister Jayci.

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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## Masonic Lodge Will Host Breakfast on Saturday!

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Masonic Lodge in Dexter will have their annual "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Saturday, February 21st from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Rain or shine, sleet or snow - It's a GO! These guys are braving the weather to bring you

their special delightful breakfast so show your support! The Masonic Lodge raise money for local Lodge improvements, Little League Baseball, and each year they adopt families for Christmas.

Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Coffee, Juice and Milk!!

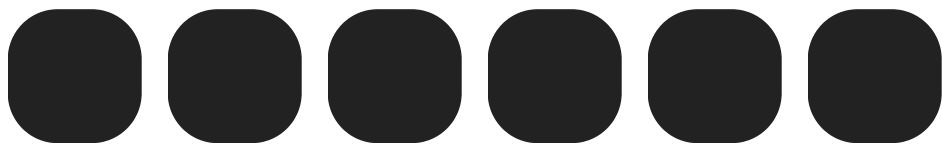
Don't have to cook just come out to the Lodge located at 500 S. Walnut Street.

Children 12 and under \$3.00 and adults are \$6.00 each.

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## Dexter Rotary Club Blood Drive Slated for Monday

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## Dexter Rotary Club Blood Drive Slated for Monday

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Rotary Club is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 16, 2015 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church.

This will be a great opportunity to give to an organization that helps our community in many ways. The Red Cross not only handles 1/2 of the United States supply through these blood donations, but offers CPR classes, first aid classes and other health and safety programs, they provide food, shelter and emotional support to victims of disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and floods.

### **What do you need to donate blood? It's very simple!**

1. A blood donor card and driver's license or two forms of identification, especially if you are a first time donor are required to check-in.
2. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in reasonably good health.
3. Donating blood involves four basic steps: Registration, Medical history and mini-physical, Donation and at the end a nice Refreshment.

Any information given to the Red Cross during the donation process is confidential.

The need for blood is constant and every pint counts. Each day, patients in our county are helped by donors who have given blood.

Here is just one example of how a blood drive recently helped a person. Thirty units of red blood cells and five units of platelets were transfused to a car accident victim and saved their life. Had generous donations not been made his/her family would be attending a funeral instead spending time with their loved one. Thanks to the many dedicated Stoddard County residents who have given over the years, the blood products were available for these types of patients and other like them.

The Red Cross needs your help! Donate today! Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 for more information on how to volunteer or donate. We hope to see you at the Rotary Club Blood Drive Thursday.

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## Stoddard Couty Garden Symposium Workshop to be Held

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The University of Missouri Stoddard County Extension Office is seeking your support in hosting The Stoddard County Garden Symposium Workshop in Dexter.

The Garden Symposium Workshop is a program geared to connect gardeners of all levels. The program will consist of hands on demonstration activities that will allow garden enthusiasts to leave with a practical understanding and greater confidence towards developing their own garden for the coming spring season.

Sponsors help pay for the expense of the workshop and the University of Missouri Extension and Stoddard Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to partner with them as a commercial sponsor.

Sponsors help pay for the expense of the workshop, not limiting to materials, breakfast, snacks, lunch and preparations. If your business or organization can provide \$200 as a full sponsor they will provide a 3'x8' table for display and 5-10 minutes to highlight your major product. If you do not need a display or want to be included in a sponsors highlight session you can co-sponsor for as little as \$50.

For more information about this wonderful event contact 573-568-3344.

The Stoddard County Gardening Symposium will be held at the Bootheel Regional Planning Building in Dexter on March 17, 2015.

Features exhibits and sessions will be a Farmers Market that will be on display, Insect and Disease ID by Dr. Mike Milam, Spraying Technique by Sam Atwell, the Art of Pruning by Sarah Denkler, Soil Sampling by Dr. A.J. Foster and much more.

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# Local High School Bands to Participate in 3Rivers Jazz Festival

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## Local High School Bands to Participate in 3Rivers Jazz Festival

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - The Three Rivers College Music Department will host the 24th annual Three Rivers College Jazz Band Festival on Feb. 12, 13 and 14 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the Three Rivers' Poplar Bluff campus.

The festival includes **free** concerts at 7 p.m. each night, featuring junior high, high school and Three Rivers College jazz bands on Thursday, Feb. 12; Arkansas State University Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Feb. 13; and the 2015 All-District High School Jazz Band on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Dr. Joel Vanderheyden will be guest clinician for the Festival and will direct the All-District Jazz Band. Vanderheyden is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Jazz at Jefferson College. He has performed with the St. Louis Symphony, St. Louis Jazz Orchestra, and Missouri Saxophone Quartet and has performed on stages throughout the world.

“Joel Vanderheyden is an accomplished player and educator who will bring his vast knowledge of jazz, and music education and share it with our students and their directors,” said Three Rivers Band Director and Festival Manager William T. (Buddy) White.

After a day of performance clinics, there will be a concert **at 7 p.m. Feb. 12** by participating schools, including Jefferson R-7 Junior High and High School directed by Ron Sikes; Poplar Bluff Junior High, directed by Gary Garner; Poplar Bluff High School, directed by Stephen Winters and Dustin Brown; Dexter High School, directed by Scott Rybolt; Charleston High School, directed by Mike Dipasqual; North County High School, directed by Dobie Carroll; Sikeston High School, directed by Darrin Steelman; and Three Rivers College, directed by William White. Admission is free.

The Arkansas State University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Ken Carroll, will perform at **7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13**, at the Tinnin Center. Carroll is an Associate Professor of Saxophone and Director of Jazz Studies at ASU. Admission is free.



“The ASU Jazz Ensemble performed at the William F. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark., last year. It will be a treat for everyone to hear this fine group perform on our stage,” White said.

The Three Rivers College Jazz Band and the Southeast All-District Jazz Band will perform at **7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14** in the Tinnin Center; admission is free. The All-District Jazz Band is a select group of the best high school jazz students in the Southeast Missouri District 10 chosen by audition.

“We annually bring the best jazz musicians in the area to our campus,” White said. “Dr. Vanderheyden and Dr. Carroll are accomplished educators, directors, and musicians. These three concerts will bring some of the finest jazz musicians in the bi-state area to our campus. We have a terrific slate of concerts lined up for the 24th Annual Jazz Festival.”

Call the Three Rivers College Music Department at 573-840-9639 for more information.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit [trcc.edu](http://trcc.edu).

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