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Dexter, Missouri - The Puxico High School Rhythm Steppers Band took First Place at the 87th Stoddard County Fair Parade.

The parade was held on Tuesday, September 22nd down Stoddard Street. This marks the 5th consecutive year that the Puxico Marching Band has earned the top spot among all the bands.

Second place went to the Bloomfield Marching Wildcats. Third place went to the Bernie Marching Band.

Photos of the bands can be found on the ShowMe Times Facebook page as they are posted in separate albums throughout the week of the Fair!

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Weekly Senior Center Lunch Menu

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Dexter, Missouri - Senior Center Lunch Menu for Monday, September 21, 2015 thru Friday, September 25, 2015.

Monday, September 21st - Polish sausage, breaded beef fritter, baked potato, cabbage, whole grain bread and pears.

Tuesday, September 22nd - Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, and cinnamon roll.

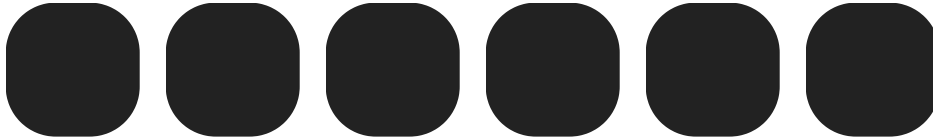
Wednesday, September 23rd - Chicken and dumplings, ham, green beans, yams, cornbread, and gooey butter cake.

Thursday, September 24th - Beef and noodles, barbecue leg quarters, corn, coleslaw, whole grain bread and pineapples.

Friday, September 25th - Fish sandwich, Sloppy Joe, potato wedges, baked beans, bun and banana pudding.

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Bernie, Missouri - The Parents as Teachers in Bernie has selected Danielle Wilhite as Student of the Month for September.

Dani is three years old and her guardians are Sandy and Tim Summers.

Some of Dani's favorite things to do are playing on the piano and singing, going to church, sorting things, beading, and listening to stories from the books Mrs. McGarity brings to her.

Sandy says, "Dani looks forward to our Parents as Teachers visits and loves all the extra attention!"

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold at 573-293-5335 ☐ 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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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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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 - Parents as Teachers in Bernie have selected Addison Blair Murphy as Student of the Month for September.

Addison is the daughter of Dylan Murphy and Sami Palmer.

Addison is 17 months old and loves to go to Wal-Mart with her mommy. She also enjoys reading books, coloring, singing, dancing, and playing outside.

?During the ?family's PAT? visits, Addison enjoys participating in the fun activities with her mother and Mrs. Casey and ?also ?receiving a new book.

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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie CTA will host a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, September 17th from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Bernie High School.

The money raised will go to upcoming school year activities as well as the Bernie CTA Scholarship.

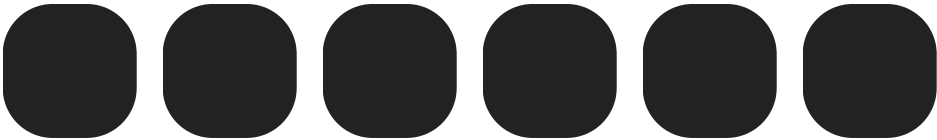
Spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert, and a drink all for \$5.00. Children under three eat for free! Take out meals are also available.

After the Spaghetti Supper, stick around to cheer for the Bernie Lady Mules Volleyball Team as they take on the Puxico Lady Indians. Also on the field will be the undefeated Bernie Mules baseball team who host the Puxico Indians. It's a night of BLUE! Let's go MULES!

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