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Democratic Club Donates Books to Keller Public Library

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Democratic Club donated two books to the Keller Public Library on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

They donated in memory of former club members Shirla Howard and Judy Sneed Brown. Both women were members of the Democratic Club and each book will feature a memorial inside the cover of the book.

The books donated were "A Full Life" and "A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power," by former President Jimmy Carter.

Shown in the photo are Club Vice President Ruth Gibson, Pam Trammell, Keller Library Executive Director, and Club President Peggy Barks.

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Stoddard County Honor Guard Receives Donation

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Dexter, Missouri - The National Guard 1221st Transportation Company recently held their 25th Reunion dinner in Dexter, Missouri. 1221st members were invited to spend an evening of reminiscing, eating, and just enjoying the company of others who all shared one common event in their life and that was traveling overseas to support Dessert Storm.

After all the expenses were paid to have the reunion, money that was collected but not used for the actual event was donated to the Stoddard County Honor Guard to help offset the cost of uniforms, cleaning of uniforms, and other necessary costs in order to honor those veterans who pass away and have a military service.

A total of \$175 was given to the Stoddard County Honor Guard by Ken Harris, a 1221st National Guard member who helped Alan Hedrick plan and implement the reunion in September.

Fifteen wonderful men became the first Stoddard County Veterans Honor Guard in 2003 to provide military honors for those who served. We as a community owe them so much for their continued dedication and service to our loved ones who are buried at the State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Over the years they have consisted of veterans from all over the county who

represent all veteran's organization including the American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter. Besides honoring the fallen they have provided services for parades and official ceremonies throughout Stoddard County.

This group of men volunteer their time to serve one last time to the veterans who protected us against foreign and domestic enemies. We owe them more than we can ever repay.

Thank you for your continued service to our veterans. If you would like to make a donation please contact Mike Williams at (573) 421-6385.

Front Row from left to right Honor Guard in uniform: Danny Robinette, Dallas Buchanan, Jack Gillis, Rick McClean, and Jesse Deardorff Back Row from left to right: Brad Williams, Elmer Wilson, Mike Williams, and Dale Weaver. Ken Harris (blue shirt) presenting the check.

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Bernie PAT November Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie Parents as Teachers organization has announced the Students of the Month for November.

Vance Owens is also one of the Bernie Parents as Teachers' students of the month for November.

He is the three month old son of Waylon and Kendra Owens. Vance enjoys swinging, rocking, and cooing. He is well taken care of by his big sisters Bella and Mila.

Vance loves to look at the high contrast books with his Mommy during PAT visits and before bed time.

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold 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

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Annabelle Xandria Grace Shelton is one of the Bernie Parents as Teachers’ students of the month for November.

Annabelle is the 18-month-old daughter of Jason and Melissa Shelton.

She loves reading books, dancing, singing nursery rhymes, and chasing around her 3-

year-old sister, Tansley. During the family's PAT visits, Annabelle enjoys reading books and playing social games with Mrs. McGarity and Mommy. She also loves the activities that stimulate her curiosity for learning.

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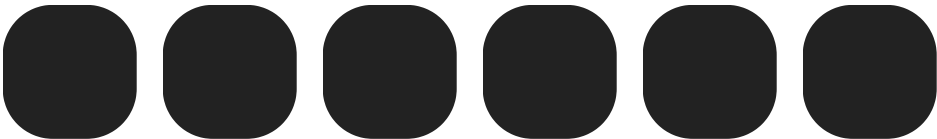
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Donations Made to Stoddard County Children's Home

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The following individuals, businesses, or churches have made donations during the month of October to the Stoddard County Children's Home, Inc. in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Victoria Erman in Memory of Linda Mae Wright

Robert & Linda Stevens in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Raymond & Tina Fuwell in Memory of Cecil Hicks

Rosemary Walker in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Judith Boyle in Memory of Jessie Drury, Wanda Jackson, Ola Kelley & Ed Hicks

Darrell & Debbie Crow in Memory of Donald Stephens

Charlie & Jana Flannigan in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Kim Flowers in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Bruce & Kay Plummer in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Joe & Sharlette Watson in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Jessie & Floella Deardorff in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Curtis & Thelma Blunt in Memory of Cecil Hicks

Scott & Karen Hillis in Memory of Cecil Hicks

Mark Kelley in Memory of Ola Kelley

Merle Taylor in Memory of Ola Kelley

Terri Lloyd & John Kuebler in Memory of Clyde Vaughn

Joanne Newcomer in Memory of Wanda Jackson

Lamar & Dixie Hicks in Memory of Cecil Hicks

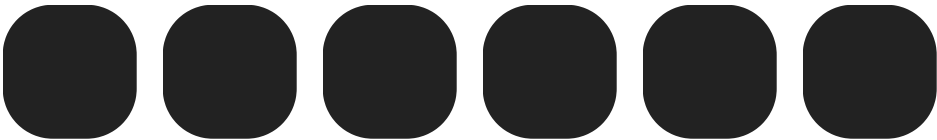
Martha Norris in Memory of Wanda Jackson

James & Tressa Oliver in Memory of Alvin Davis

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