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Puxico, Missouri - The 70th Annual Puxico VFW Homecoming will begin Tuesday, August 9, 2016. There are several events schedule for Tuesday evening includingt he Little Miss Puxico and Miss Puxico Contest, and the Midway opens with Bracelet Night from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Don't forget the parade on Saturday, August 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Below is a schedule of the week's events.

TUESDAY – Aug. 9 2016

10:00 a.m. - Official Opening

6:30 p.m. - Midway Opens

6:30-10:30 p.m. - Bracelet Night on the Midway

7:00 p.m. - Pre-Queen Contest Ceremonies in Veterans Park

Immediately following speeches - Little Miss Puxico contest

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10:30 p.m. - Attendance Drawing

WEDNESDAY – Aug. 10th

7:00 p.m.....Church Night – Veterans Park

6:30 – 10:30 p.m.....Bracelet Night

10:30 p.m..... Attendance Drawing

THURSDAY – Aug. 11th

8:00 A.M.....Goat Burger Golf Classic
Ozark Ridge Golf Course – PB
6:30 – 10:30 p.m.....Bracelet Night
7:00..... Puxico Band in Veterans Park
10:30 p.m.....Attendance drawing

FRIDAY- Aug. 12th

10:00 A.M..... Baby Contest
6:30- 10:30 p.m.....Bracelet Night
6:00 p.m.....Alumni Meeting in Puxico School
Cafeteria
11:00 p.m.....Attendance Drawing

SATURDAY – Aug. 13th

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.....Mingo Tractor Club Show
1:00 P.M..... Parade
10:00 -4:00 P.M.....Berry-Glenn Museum Quilt Show
7:00 – 4:00.....Heartland Cruisers Cars on display at
the museum
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.....Children’s Bracelet Matinee
4:00 P.M.....Children’s Attendance Drawing
6:30 – 10:30 P.M.....Bracelet Night
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.....Maggie Thorn
11:00 P.M..... Attendance Drawing

SQUARE DANCING EVERY NIGHT

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Bernie PAT August Student of the Month Ashlynn Chance

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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie Parents as Teachers have selected Ashlynn Elizabeth Rae Chance as the August Student of the Month. She is the two-year old daughter of Aaron and Ashley Chance.

Ashlynn enjoys reading her Llama Llama books, playing with her baby dolls, singing, and spending time with her older brothers and sister, Lexy, Blaze, Jake, and Drake.

She is always shy when Mrs. McGarity comes to visit the family, until she is shown the new activities. Her mother says she enjoys seeing Ashlynn learn new things and develop new skills while participating in Parents as Teachers.

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 and six other countries.

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Bottom line is that when police and law enforcement are appreciated and supported, they will only increase their commitment and desire to protect and serve.

Brad Brown, Badge #924, has been a patrolman with the Dexter Police Department for over four years.

Why did you become a police officer?

"I became a police officer to ensure the safety of the citizens of the community."

What do you like most about your job as a police officer and why?

"I like being able to help people when they can't help themselves."

What do you like least about your job as a police officer and why?

"Directing traffic."

With the recent unrest in our country with regards to attacks on police officers would you still recommend policing as a career to others? Why or why not?

"Honestly, no. Many people who get into law enforcement don't stay long, so really it does them a favor. The ones who really want to be an officer, you can't discourage."

What is the most gratifying incident you have ever been involved in?

"There are too many daily events to list. I take satisfaction in just making a difference in the community."

If you didn't become a police officer what profession would you have wanted to join?

"Financial planning."

Sometimes we forget that police officers have families that they are human just like us. Our our darkest day they will be there for us. We hope they all return home safe to their families each and every day.

Thank you for keeping us safe!

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Sammy W. Stone, Badge #911, is the Chief of Police at the Dexter Police Department. He has been with the Dexter Police Department for 31.5 years and has been a police officer for more than 35 years.

Why did you become a police officer?

“A friend of mine, who was an officer, talked me into applying. I knew on my very first day on the job that I was meant to be an officer.”

What do you like most about your job as a police officer and why?

“I like having the opportunity to give back to my city that has taken care of me through good and bad times.”

What do you like least about your job as a police officer and why?

“The helplessness I sometimes feel for the victims of crime. I think if I could just do more maybe an incident might not have happened.”

With the recent unrest in our country with regards to attacks on police officers would you still recommend policing as a career to others?

“Yes I would recommend becoming a police officer. What kind of country would we have if not for our laws and the law enforcement officers to enforce them? However, I fear for my officers and their safety.”

If you didn't become a police officer what profession would you have wanted to join?

“I would have become a teacher and coach.”

Sometimes we forget that police officers have families. Sometimes on our darkest day a policeman is there for us. They are human too, they even feel your pain at times. They fish, they hunt, they attend church, and they spend time with their children and even grandchildren. They are human just like us and they have feelings just like us.

Sammy has been married for 26 wonderful years. He has five children and four grandchildren.

He reminds us, “Everyone should always be aware of their surroundings. I will admit that

I am more attentive then I have ever been.”

Thank you for keeping us safe!

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Bernie, Missouri - Makayla Turner has been chosen as the 2016 ShowMe Times August Calendar Girl! She was crowned 2nd Alternate in the 2016 Miss Bernie pageant.

Makayla Turner is the 15-year old daughter of Lisa Turner and Ronnie Turner.

Makayla will be a sophomore at Bernie High School this year.

She is active in volleyball, softball, cheerleading, Senior Beta, FCCLA, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After graduating high school in a couple of years she plans to attend the University of Missouri and pursue a career in education.

Congratulations Makayla! Our community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

Photo by Norman Swafford Photography! Thank you Norman for the awesome photo!

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