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Famers Market Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Farmers Market has been in full swing this summer and has been quite successful at the new location on Market Street.

"We have 16 season pass vendors and 14 day vendors," stated Hillary Starnes, Executive Director of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. "All together this season we have had 30 different types of vendors. Everything from homemade, handmade, or homegrown from southeast Missouri."

"Scott Garner and Bobby Garner had done a tremendous job getting the location together and ready each Thursday," continued Starnes.

National Farmers Market Week is August 7th - 13th 2016. Dexter Mayor Joe Weber signed a proclamation stated that Dexter recognizes and celebrates National Farmers Market Week and it will be celebrated annually.

The Dexter Farmers Market is held each Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Circle G on Market Street behind Busy B Lumber.

If you are interested in setting up at the Farmers Market contact the Dexter Chamber of Commerce at (573) 624 - 7458.

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Dexter Community Care Center Hosts Ribbon Cutting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Dexter Community Care Center on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

The Community Care Center offers family medical care for all ages, well-child exams, well-woman visits, preventive and health maintenance, sports physicals, scout physicals, and school physicals. They also offer minor procedures and wound care. have a sore throat or a sinus issue, they can treat that as well. Thinking of losing weight or managing a health diet, they offer weight management, hormone testing and management.

Have you tried to quit smoking, but need a little extra help? The Community Care Center has a Smoking Cessation program as well to help you quit the habit.

At Dexter Community Care Center they are able to provide many on-site laboratory services and referrals for specialty needs. They accept most insurances and offer discounted services to non-insured patients. Give them a call at (573) 614-5762 for an appointment. They are located at 1523 Business Hwy 60, Suite 1 next door to Ultimate Flooring & Paint. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hollie Hughes, NP-C, Family Nurse Practitioner is now available. She has worked in the medical field for over 10 years and has worked as a Registered Nurse since 2005. She has been a Nurse Practitioner since 2010 in Family Practice. She is married with three boys that reside in Essex where she grew up. Hollie enjoys being outdoors, riding horses, playing sports, and being at the river, although she spends all her free time keeping up with her three sons.

Dr. Mowaffaq Said has been practicing Nephrology in Southeast Missouri for nearly 15 years. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at St. Louis University Department of Medicine and a member of the National Kidney Foundation. His main office is at the Missouri Delta Physician Services in Sikeston, but will also be treating patients at the Dexter Community Care Center.

Dr. Jennifer Waller, Obstetrics/Gynecology is also accepting patients at the Community Care Center in Dexter. Women's Care includes depression, infertility, menopause management, incontinence, family planning, gynecological surgery, prenatal care, and high risk OB care.

Other doctors will be featured on the ShowMe Times in the near future.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Rhonda Hall (Chamber Director) Gini Dockins (MO Delta Retired), Shannon Davis (Receptionist), Donna Fields (Clinic Manager), Latina Hampton, (Director of Operations), Dr. Mowaffaq Said (Nephrology), Hollie Hughes (Family Nurse Practitioner), Dr. Colleen Hunter-Pearson, Teresa Hutchcraft (Montgomery Bank), Gina Watson (Montgomery Bank), Katie Levart (Nurse), Hayley Staggs (Nurse), Debbie Stidham, Chamber President, Jerry Corder, Alderman,

Back row from left to right: Sharon Urhahn, Director of Marketing, Keith Byrd Ultimate Flooring & Paint, Jerry Dockins, and Mark Stidham (Dexter City Adm).

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Back the Blue Spotlight- Ross Culbertson

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Dexter, Missouri - The ShowMe Times "Back the Blue" series will feature our local men and women in law enforcement. A healthy bond already exists between the Dexter Police Department and our citizens.

The ShowMe Times hopes that you can get to know our local police force and they can share with you a little about themselves. While a good relationship exists between the police and residents of Dexter the August 4th annual "Back to Blue" event will only enhance that relationship and build on the foundation of good will.

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.

Ross Culbertson, Badge #955, has been a patrolman with the Dexter Police Department for four years and has been a police officer for five years.

Why did you become a police officer?

"I knew several officers personally. It seemed like a fun job to try."

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

“I enjoy the freedom and being able to help people when I can.”

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

“I have no dislikes about my job.”

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?

“No I would not. I would not wish the danger that may be involved on anyone.”

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

“The most satisfying incident I have been involved in was saving a dog that fell into a drainage culvert that involved the fire department and street department.”

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

“I would have taken over the family business and became a farmer.”

Sometimes we forget that police officers have families that they are human just like us. On 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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70th Annual Puxico VFW Homecoming Begins August 9th

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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

Immediately after Little Miss - Miss Puxico contest

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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