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Bernie, Missouri - Parents As Teachers in Bernie have selected Harmony Rae Ross as January Student of the Month.

Harmony Rae Ross is the two-year old daughter of Logan and Lisa Ross.

She enjoys playing with her baby dolls, building with blocks, and spending time with her family.

Lisa, Harmony's mother, says Harmony is always excited for their PAT visits with Mrs. McGarity and is curious to see what activity they will do together.

Lisa also enjoys learning new ways to teach Harmony things that she might not necessarily think about until she sees them during the home visit.

At every visit the family receives a new book and Harmony's most recent favorite is "Llama Llama Nighty Night" by author Anna Dewdney.

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.

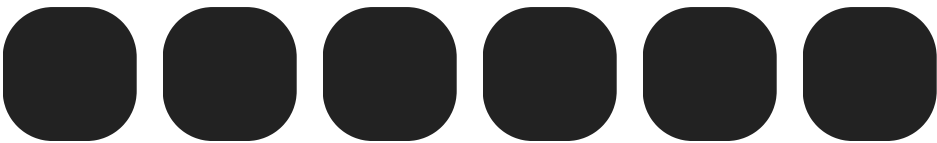
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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# Stars and Stripes Museum to Host Trivia Night

# Fundraiser

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## Stars and Stripes Museum to Host Trivia Night Fundraiser

**Bloomfield, Missouri** - The Stars & Stripes Museum and Library is hosting a trivia night and silent auction on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. at 704 West Missouri Street and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction closes at 9:00 p.m.

Food and drink will be available for purchase, cash prizes, mulligans, and silent auction!

All proceeds go to help the museum pay for new exhibits, repairs, and operating expenses.

Cost per team is \$75 for 8 players or \$10 for an individual.

More more information or to sign up your team, contact Laura Meyer at (573) 568-2055.

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# Keller Library Hosts First Story Hour of 2017 on Tuesday

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## Keller Library Hosts First Story Hour of 2017 on Tuesday

**Dexter, Missouri** - Keller Public Library invites you to attend their exciting Story Hours each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017 "Mitten Magic!" presented by Reita LeBeau and Kim Cook. Join them for the first Story Hour of 2017!

Dates and presentations are:

Jan. 3 - "Mitten Magic!" presented by Reita LeBeau and Kim Cook

Jan. 10 - "Dino Soccer!" presented by Guest Reader Bill Drake

Jan. 17 - "Blast Off to the Moon!" presented by Guest Readers Preston and Elizabeth Clark

Jan. 24 - "Let it Snow!" presented by Guest Reader Susie Grobe

Jan. 31 - "Jack and the Beanstalk!" presented by Guest Reader John Stephens

Keller Public Library Board of Directors meeting - Thursday, January 26, 5:15 P.M., Library Community Room

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## Brown Automotive Group Ribbon Cutting

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### Brown Automotive Group Ribbon Cutting

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for new business Brown Automotive Group located at 1731 West Business 60.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Brandon Brown is the owner and Josh Whitfield is the General Manager of Brown Automotive Group.

Shown in the photo from left to right front row: Jerry Corder, Tammy Moore, Jimmie Kirkman, Ryan Smith, Derek Hobgood, Jason Banken, Mayor of Dexter Joe Weber, Josh Whitfield, General Manager, Conner Moore, Office Manager, and Dexter Chamber of Commerce Director Hillary Starnes.

Back row from left to right: Mark Snider, Alisha Trammel, Debbie Stidham, Steve Millington, Jerry Dorton, and Stan Murray.

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## Holiday Meal at Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post

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### Holiday Meal at Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post

**Dexter, Missouri** - Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 held their Thanksgiving and Christmas meal last night at the Dexter post.

A group of about 35 members and their families gathered for a potluck style dinner with ham, turkey and white beans on the menu.

Post commander, Eric Smith, welcomed the attendees with a short talk about the upcoming activities at the post. Post chaplain, Junior Cagle blessed the meal and the fun began.

The Kenady-Hanks Post will hold their monthly food pantry next Thursday, December 8th. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and will remain open until 6:00 p.m. or at which point everyone has been served. Food pantry events are held the second Thursday of each month and will continue during the 2017 calendar year.

The executive committee met regarding the January 2017 meeting and has decided to cancel that meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

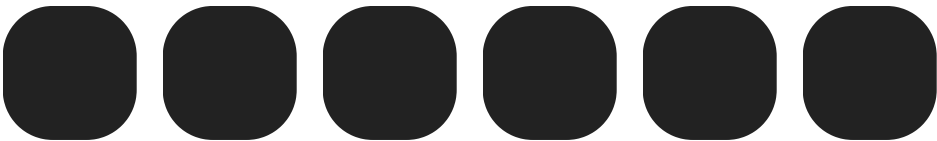
Kenady-Hanks Post is located at 420 West Oak Street in Dexter and membership dues are \$30 annually. You can reach Commander Eric Smith at **kanedyhankspost59@sbcglobal.net**.

**Pictured:** Kenady-Hanks member and Korean War veteran Wes Eskew displays his bright smile for everyone at the meeting.

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