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Bernie PAT January Student of the Month - Harmony Rae Ross

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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**.

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History

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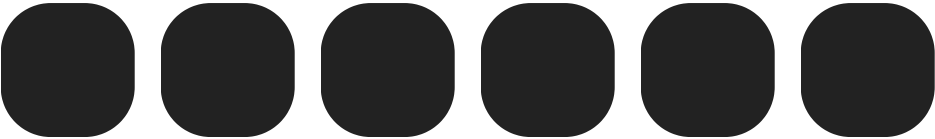
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With funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Danforth Foundation, Parents as Teachers began in 1981 in Missouri as a pilot project for first-time parents of newborns. Recognizing the program's benefits and 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 Chamber of Commerce to Host Old Fashioned

Christmas

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Bernie Chamber of Commerce to Host Old Fashioned Christmas

Bernie, Missouri - The newly formed Bernie Chamber of Commerce is excited to invite you to an Old Fashioned Christmas in downtown Bernie on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Christmas Movie will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will run throughout the evening. Be sure to bring a chair and a blanket! The Christmas Classic surprise movie will be in the outdoor pavilion between Save U Tax Too and Otasco.

FREE Photos with Santa will be available next to Main Street Pizza. Santa's sleigh will be located in the middle of Main Street between City Hall and Smitty's.

Christmas Toy Drive - so please bring a new toy, unwrapped for boys and girls of the Stoddard County Children's Home. Santa's Sleigh and Elves will be set up in front of Main Street Pizza to help collect your gifts! You don't want to bring a gift, financial donations will also be taken for the Children's Home.

The final activity of the night will be the Christmas Tree Lighting. The Chamber asks that the community gather at 7:00 p.m. at the corner of Main St. and Hwy 25 for the lighting of the Community Tree.

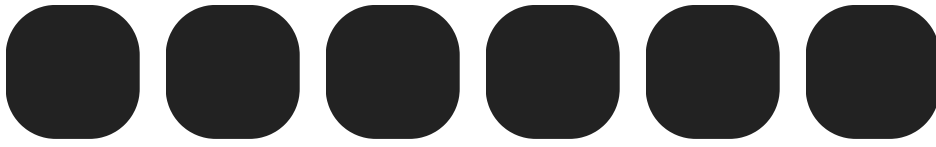
Throughout the event, many downtown businesses will be open late. Other businesses and churches will have booths set up doing crafts, snacks, and other activities for children and adults to enjoy.

If you would like to participate please contact Bernie Chamber Director Paige Williams at (573) 421-1396. If you are unable to participate donations are accepted. Click **HERE** for the events page on Facebook.

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Malden Walmart Donates to Bernie PAT

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Bernie, Missouri - The Malden Walmart recently provided the Bernie Parents as Teachers program with a \$1,000 grant to support them in their efforts to meet the needs of their community's families and children.

With the belief that parents are their children's first and most influential teacher, the Parents as Teachers program aims to help parents and children learn, grow, and develop together to realize their full potential.

Pictured presenting the check to one of Bernie's parent educators is Courtney McGarity is Malden Walmart store manager, Gary Eaton.

Photo provided.

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Veterans Day Breakfast at Bernie High School

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Bernie, Missouri - Veterans Day Breakfast will be held at the Bernie High School cafeteria on Friday, November 11, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Bernie Junior High and High School students thank each Veteran for their service and our freedom.

Following the breakfast an assembly will be held at 9:00 a.m. to honor our service members.

There will also be a voluntary tour of the Bernie school building after the assembly.

All veterans should feel free to come out and enjoy some good food and gratitude.

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Bernie PAT September Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Parents as Teachers in Bernie have selected Caleb Powell as the September Student of the Month.

Caleb Powell is the four year old son of Kris and Lori Powell.

Caleb enjoys playing outside, riding his bicycle, and playing with his cars, truck, and trains.

During the family's PAT visits with Mrs. McGarity, Caleb learns about letters, numbers, shapes, and colors while participating in fun activities.

He also looks forward to getting a new book at each PAT visit and reading it with his parents and sisters.

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