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Bernie, Missouri - The Bernie Parents as Teachers Student of the Month for February 2017 is Daemeon Houk.

He is the son of Michael and Alicia Houk.

Daemeon Shane is two years old and loves to play with cars and tractors. He impresses his mommy with his ever growing vocabulary, as he is quite the mockingbird.

He absolutely loves Mrs. McGarity and his favorite part of the family's PAT visits is getting a new toothbrush.

His baby sister Miki Jayne is also a February Student of the Month. She has a separate article.

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.

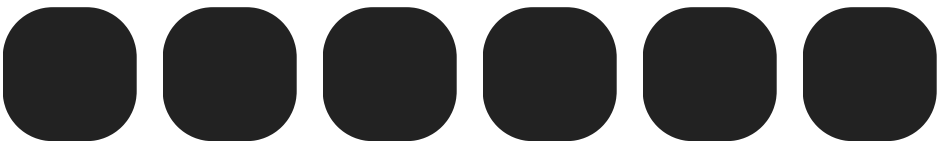
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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Stoddard County Nutrition Center Menu

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Nutrition Center aka Dexter Senior Center lunch menu for Monday, February 6, 2017 - Friday, February 10, 2017.

The Dexter Senior Center is located at 23 W. Stoddard St. in historic downtown Dexter.

You don't have to be a senior to eat. They serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the cost is \$3.50 for seniors and \$5.00 for non-seniors.

Monday, February 6th: Pork chop, baked sweet potato, green beans, whole grain crackers, and chocolate chip cookie bar. Activities are "You Be the Judge" at 11 a.m. and BINGO at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th: Chicken & Dumplings, corn, spinach, whole grain bread, and cherry cobbler. Activities are "Sit & Motion Singing" at 11 a.m. and BINGO at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8th: Chef salad with peas, half grilled cheese sandwich, whole grain crackers, and cinnamon roll pizza. Activities are "Chair BINGO" at 11 a.m. and Music Group at Noon.

Thursday, February 9th: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, whole grain roll, and chess pie. Activities are "Toss 'N Talk" at 11 a.m. and "Quick Cooking" at 1 p.m.

Friday, February 10th: Sliced ham, catfish, whole grain mac & cheese, green peas, whole grain cornbread, and peaches 'n cream pie. Activities are "Card Play" at 10:30 a.m. and BINGO at 1 p.m.

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Lions Club Donates to Veterans Cemetery and Wreaths Across America

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Dexter, Missouri - the Dexter Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Wreaths Across America program and \$500 to the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery Assistance League.

The Wreaths Across America is held annually at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield. The national program provides for wreaths to be placed on veterans' graves all across the country.

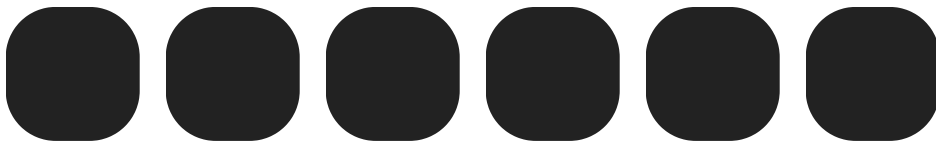
The Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery Assistance Program raises funds to purchase items not in the cemetery budget.

Shown in the photo from left to right are Aaron Mathis, Lions Club Member, Ken Swearengin, State Cemetery Director, and Billy Fowler, also a Lions Club Member.

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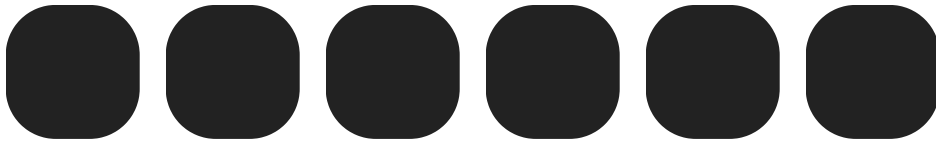
The money was raised from the Back the Blue Bulb sales at the Stoddard County Fair. Local business owners Steve Brown, Mark and Kristi Booker, and Greg and Lisa Mathis donated the money for the bulbs so all monies raised could go directly to emergency agencies.

Shown in the photo from left to right are Jim Rhodes, Lions Club Members, Chief of Police Sammy Stone, and Aaron Mathis, also a Lions Club Member.

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Eat Wings - Raise Funds for Dexter SR Beta Club TONIGHT

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Dexter High School Senior Beta Club will host a special fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Poplar Bluff on Wednesday, January 18th.

"Eat Wings - Raise Funds" is an all day event from open to close. Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of each patron's total bill (not including tax, gratuity, alcohol, or promotional discounts) to the Dexter High School SR Beta Club.

This includes dine-in and take-out. Patrons must present the ticket or show the ticket via cell phone to let them know.

Any SR Beta Club member has tickets available or you can use the photo above on your cell phone. Just show the waitress when you order!

Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 1429 Westwood Blvd in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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