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## Candy Land Kid's Club Has Openings

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Dexter, Missouri - For more than 25 years Candy Moore has invested in children of all ages. She is the owner of Candy Land Day Care in Dexter and has also established a Kid's Club for school age children.

Her Kid's Club Program is in it's sixth year and is for ages 5 through 12 years of age.

Her Candy Land Day Care is state licensed and has been in business since 1993. Candy Land creates an enriching curriculum with the children's interests and individual needs in mind. They feature a safe atmosphere where the kids can grow and learn morally, socially, physically, emotionally, and intellectually. They teach full-time using developmentally appropriate equipment, materials, and methods in a stimulating, secure, and caring environment.

The facility is open from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at 202 S. Sassafras Street in Dexter.

They serve breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks.

For more information or to enroll your child contact Candy at (573) 624-7323.

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## Darryl Worley Visits VFW Post in Dexter

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Dexter, Missouri - Darryl Worley took time out of his very busy schedule on Saturday, July 8, 2017 to visit with veterans at the VFW Post #2659 in Dexter.

Worley dropped in prior to his concert held at the Bearcat Event Center.

Veterans were given a solo performance of "Have You Forgotten" by Worley.

Commander Robert Myers presented Worley with a POW/ MIA Flag on behalf of the Hale-Swinger VFW POST 2659 members.

Pictured are District Commander RE Myers, Darryl Worley, and Tony Mohorc.

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## Bernie PAT Students of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Maddox and Georgia Williams are the Bernie Parents as Teachers' students of the month for July.

They are the four year old and 15 month old children of Billy and Paige Williams.

Maddox's favorite food is fish sticks and his favorite color is BERNIE BLUE! He is excited to get the opportunity to go to preschool this coming school year and go to school with his mom every day. He is already working on patience by playing games with his parents and Mrs. Courtney during their PAT visits. Maddox's favorite parts of participating in the Parents as Teachers program are Mrs. Courtney and all the fun games she brings.

Maddox's little sister Georgia loves all food and has recently started walking! Georgia is currently working on her language skills and enjoys when Mrs. Courtney brings items for

her to put inside buckets, tubs, and cans.

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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## 25th Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Parade for Kids

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### 25th Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Parade for Kids

Dexter, Missouri - The 25th Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Parade for Kids will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. This annual parade will begin at the corner of Elm and Vine streets in downtown Dexter.

The youngsters guided by Uncle Sam will gather on the steps of the U.S. Post Office on Stoddard Street to salute the American Flag with the Pledge of Allegiance. They will sing a few patriotic songs and pose for those ever-lasting photos.

The parade will follow its traditional route down Elm Street to Stoddard Street with kids on bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, golf carts, on foot or in strollers. You may even see a few patriotic dogs in the parade.

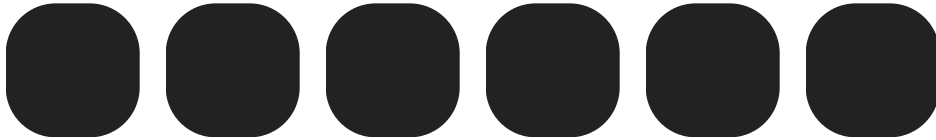
The parade will get moving again, east down Stoddard Street to Poplar Street, where it will turn south at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) back to Vine Street and turn west returning to the Bankens' front yard where they will be treated to lemonade and a small snack.

The "just for kids" parade was started by Janice Barney, Lisa Greer and Jean Rahm. The parade leadership has passed to a new generation, as Kristina and Jason Banken, now host the holiday parade each year. The Banken family began hosting the parade 10 years ago, and have continued to build upon the Independence Day tradition.

Children are invited to participate. They may walk or bring their bikes and other means of transportation for the parade. Parking will be available for grown-ups in the city parking lot on Vine Street across from the Dexter Municipal Building

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## Tyson Foods Treat Their Veterans to Darryl Worley Concert

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Tyson Foods Treat Their Veterans to Darryl Worley Concert

Dexter, Missouri - Tyson Foods in Dexter is treating their employees who are veterans to tickets to the Darryl Worley concert slated for July 8, 2017. About 50 Tyson's employees are also U.S. Veterans and will have an opportunity to enjoy a concert which will heavily emphasize how much they are appreciated.

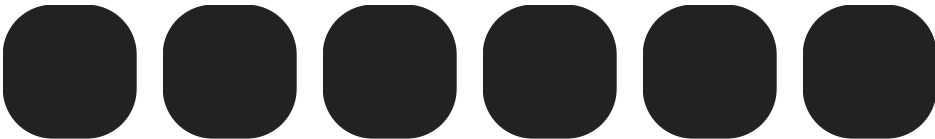
Darryl Worley's song "Have You Forgotten" about the 911 attack on September 11, 2001. It was No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs for seven weeks, reaching it after five weeks on the chart, and peaked at number 22 on the Billboard Hot 100, making it Worley's biggest mainstream hit.

Pictured are Tyson Foods Complex Manager Mark Avery, Human Resource Manager Debbie Solomon, and Mark Stidham, City of Dexter Manager.

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