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Dexter, Missouri - The Southeast Missouri Regional Jazz Orchestra will offer a "Beat the Heat" FREE Concert on Friday, August 4, 2017 at the Dexter High School auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Southeast Missouri Regional Jazz Orchestra was founded in the year 2000 and has been performing summer concerts ever since. This year is their 17th season and they are thrilled to continue to make music for their audience. Jazz is America's original art form. It is their honor to share it with you.

The orchestra will perform a variety of musical styles, including some traditional favorites like In the *Mood, A Switch in Time, and Count Bubba*; classics such as *Let it Be* and *The Way I Feel About You*; movie tunes including *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Rainbow Connection* (originally performed by Kermit the Frog in The Muppet Movie), and patriotic songs including *The Star-Spangled Banner* and *The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*. They are also working on a number of other tunes, some new and some that they haven't played in several years. Of course, no performance of theirs would be complete without their traditional closer, *The Chicken*.

This year's orchestra is comprised of nineteen musicians from diverse ages and occupations, including eight public school teachers, one public school superintendent, one university student counselor, two college students, four high school students, one middle

school student, one stay-at-home mom, and one casino bank supervisor. They have five new members this year.

The 2017 Southeast Missouri Regional Jazz Orchestra is comprised of the following members: *Number in () represents years as a member of the orchestra

Saxophone Section

Scott Rybolt • Band Director, Dexter High School (17)

Kyle Dare • Superintendent of Schools, Puxico School District (11)

Andrea Diebold • Domestic Supervisor, Chatham, IL (9)

Pride Wilder • Music Teacher, East Carter School District (3)

Ella Crader • Student, Sikeston High School (1)

Trumpet Section

Adam Clark • Third Grade Teacher, Central Elementary School - Dexter (17) Brooke DeArman • International Student Counselor, Southeast Missouri State University (11)

Jeremy Frazier • Band Director, Scott County Central School District (4)

Cody Jinkerson • Band Director, T.S. Hill Middle School - Dexter (3)

Layla Brown • Student, Dexter High School (1)

Trombone Section

Corey Bennett • English Teacher, Dexter High School (11)

Ken DeArman • Cage/Bank Supervisor, Isle Casino, Cape Girardeau (9)

Alex Martin • Band Director, Chaffee School District (2)

Korie Brewer • College Student, Murray State University (1)

Benji Rybolt • Student, T.S. Hill Middle School - Dexter (1)

Rhythm Section

Kyle Clay • Bass Guitar • Band Director, Scott City School District (13)

Addison Moore • Percussion • College Student, University of Central Arkansas (4)

Sam Traxel • Piano • Student, Poplar Bluff High School (2)

Sean Rybolt • Percussion • Student, Dexter High School (1)

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Dexter, Missouri - It's never to early to plan for a big event! Let's celebrate and honor our veterans with a parade in downtown Dexter!

The American Legion Post #59 and the Dexter VFW will host a Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and flow from Harps Grocery east down Stoddard Street in front of all the downtown shops.

Veterans who wish to participate can call Bill Kidd at (573) 625-2143 at the American Legion or Rob Myers at (573) 421-1237 at the VFW.

Local businesses, clubs, organizations, motorcycle groups, and the general public is encouraged to participate in the parade. You will be able to pass out candy, flyers, and coupons to those watching along the sidelines, but remember it's for our Veterans and we want to show our appreciation for all they have done.

Let's honor them and help the American Legion and the VFW make this parade great!

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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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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, 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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