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# Bernie PAT Students of the Month for September

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### Bernie PAT Students of the Month for September

Bernie, Missouri - Joshua and Daniel Doan are Bernie's Parents as Teachers Students of the Month for September.

Joshua is two years old and enjoys playing with his brothers and sister, playing outside, and listening as his mother reads him books.

Daniel is eight months old and likes to crawl around and get into stuff around the house.

The family's favorite parts of participating in Parents as Teachers are seeing the boys enjoying new activities and getting the opportunity to show their Parent Educator all of the new and exciting things the boys have learned since their last visit.

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.

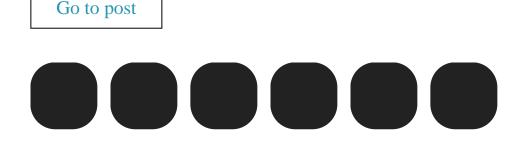
The concept for Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading 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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# Kiwanis Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser

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### Kiwanis Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Kiwanis have a unique fundraiser going on in Dexter "A Golf Ball Drop". Anyone can purchase a golf ball and you don't have to be present to win!

On Friday, September 29, 2017 at noon in the Gill Group Properties land next to Save-A-Lot your "BALL" will be dropped. The ball closest to the hole gets %10 of the profit and the second closest ball will get 5% of the profit. That could be \$400 or possibly \$200.

1 Ball is \$10, 5 Balls are \$40, 10 Balls are \$80 and 25 balls are \$175.

Proceeds will help Kiwanis give out scholarships to Dexter students, help the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Stoddard County Gospel Mission, and the Childrens' Home as well as several Dexter School projects in the works.

You can purchase balls at Southern Bank, Shelter Insurance, Dexter Chamber of Commerce, and FM Bank.

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# Ribbon Cutting Held at Clearwater In-Home Care

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Ribbon Cutting Held at Clearwater In-Home Care

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at Clearwater In-Home Care located at 1525 West Bus 60, Suite C, just past the license bureau in the same hallway.

In-Home Care is owned by Justin and Billie Jo Crane. They offer medical care, housekeeping, and personal care services to the elderly, VA patients, disabled and youth.

The business opened on January 4, 206 and they served 19 counties in the southeast Missouri region. They are open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pictured are from left to right: CindyCopeland, LPN, Charles Powell, Patsy Cooper, office supervisor, and Chelsey Barnes. Standing in the back are Alisha Trammell, Chamber second Vice President, Jake Nesselrodt, Chamber Director, Andrea Sisk, Chamber Director, Doris Watford, homemaker, Justin Crane, Billie Jo Crane, Jill Glore, coordinator, and Jason Banken, Chamber President.

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# 4 Angels Vigil to be Held in Essex

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### 4 Angels Vigil to be Held in Essex

Essex, Missouri - There will be a candlelight vigil in memory of Maura Nicole Peters, Hailey Elizabeth Laws, Bryson Matthew, and Weston Lynn. All four were tragically killed in a car wreck on Highway 25 just outside of Dexter when their vehicle was hit by a train.

The vigil will be held at Richland High School in Essex on Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

### A Facebook Events page has been set up online. Just click HERE.

Bring a lantern if you like or glow sticks or even candles. You can even bring helium filled balloons and write a message on it if you like.

Kona Ice will also be there. The proceeds will will be going towards The HMWB (Hailey, Maura, Weston & Bryson) Memorial.

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# Friends of Keller Library Present Dinner with Don -History of Dexter

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Friends of Keller Library Present Dinner with Don - History of Dexter

Dexter, Missouri - The Friends of Keller Public Library present "Dinner with Don!" an exciting event for everyone! Don Gard will present "The History of Dexter and Surrounding Area" on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stoddard County Nutrition Center.

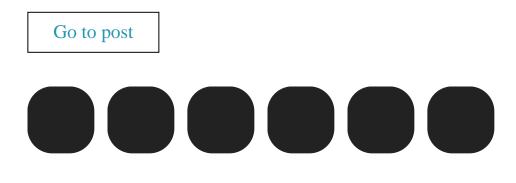
Tickets are \$10 each and include a wonderfully prepared dinner of Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert, and a drink!!

Stop in at Keller Public Library, Designs on You or any Friends of the Library Board Member. Board members are Deanna Rogers, Kay Asbell, Sue Schumer, Kathleen Dover, Aaron Menley, Charla Watson, Kathy Cato and Adrienne White. All proceeds will be used to benefit programs and services of the Keller Public Library.

The Stoddard County Nutrition Center is located at 23 West Stoddard Street in beautiful downtown Dexter.

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