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Dexter, Missouri - Stoddard County Relay for Life event will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018 at East Park in Dexter from 4 p.m. - 12:01 a.m.

This year they have added a new event, "Paws for a Cause" which will feature our four legged fur babies.

After the first lap for survivors a second lap has been added for Paws for a Cause.

You can also purchase luminaries in memory or honor of a canine who has battled cancer or was a pet of someone who had cancer.

There will be special entertainment by Riley & Roxie during the Opening Ceremony between 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

A special "Paws" Pavilion around 7 p.m.

There will be a costume contest with prizes for the BEST "Attacking Cancer" Costume!

Also set up will be the K9 Bix Paw Club and the Ozark Federal Credit Union Treat Booth.

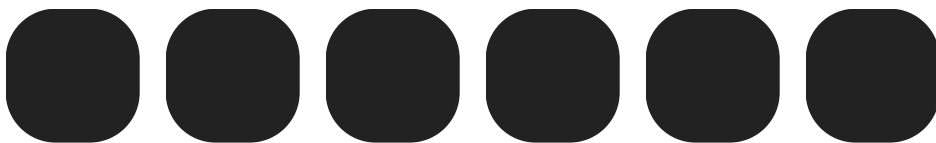
All pets must be on a leash. Owners are responsible for picking up puppy poo and no pit bulls will be allowed during the event.

More information about the Stoddard County Relay for Life event will be in an additional article on the ShowMe Times.

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National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 8th - 14th, 2018. During this week the ShowMe Times will feature local telecommunicators. Amy Holden works for the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department in Bloomfield.

She has been 19 years experience as a 911 Telecommunicator; 2 years with Dexter Police Department, 3 years as an EMS and 14 years at the Sheriff's Department.

Amy is married to Andy and they have two children, Lexi who is 13 years of age and Jacob who is 4 years of age.

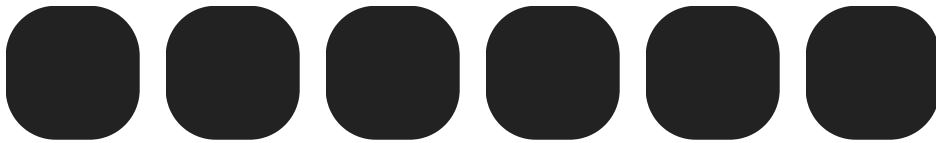
She enjoys camping, sprint car races and watching Lexi in sports as well as spending time with family and friends. She also love keeping up with everyone on Facebook.

"We are the calm to your storm," Holden said of her job.

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National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 8th - 14th, 2018. During this week the ShowMe Times will feature local telecommunicators.

Cindy Jones works for the Dexter Police Department.

She has almost 20 years experience in public safety telecommunications.

She is a grandmother of two beautiful granddaughters that keep her on her toes.

"Being a dispatcher is not easy, but it's worth every bit of it!" commented Jones. "I love being able to help people."

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Bernie, Missouri - Damian and Michael Pitts are the Bernie Parents as Teachers' Students of the Month for April.

They are the children of Christian and Jordan Pitts.

Damian is three years old and Michael is one.

Damian's favorite food is oranges and Michael's is mashed potatoes.

Both boys are currently working on their language skills.

Damian has made progress in preschool at Bernie and Michael is starting speech therapy.

Jordan, the boys' mother, says her favorite parts of participating in the Parents as Teachers program are that the boys get the opportunity to interact with someone other than their family and seeing them interested in the activities during each 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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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center will host a fundraiser along with Modern Woodmen on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and sausage will be served. Juice and coffee will also be available.

Cost is \$6.00 each and \$3.00 for ages 10 and under. Serving times will be 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at 609 Delaware St. in Bloomfield.

Carryouts are also available just call (573) 895-2142.

Please support your local nutrition center by coming out and eating breakfast on Saturday, April 7th. Then check out the SCAA JH Volleyball Tournaments in the Bloomfield High School gym and FEMA gym beginning at 9 a.m. Great start to a fantastic weekend!

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