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# Dexter Chamber Chatter with Director Korie Fish

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## Dexter Chamber Chatter with Director Korie Fish

Dexter, Missouri - Chamber Chatter with Korie Fish features this week's events in Dexter.

### **Monday, February 11**

Stoddard County Fair Board Meeting at 7:00pm at Fairground

### **Tuesday, February 12**

Children's Story Hour-"V is for Valentine" Presented by Marsh Lovelady at 10:15am

Keller Library Community Room-402 W. Grant

### **Thursday, February 14**

Happy Valentine's Day

Park & Recreation Board Meeting at 7:00pm at 500 Fairground Drive

### **Saturday, February 16**

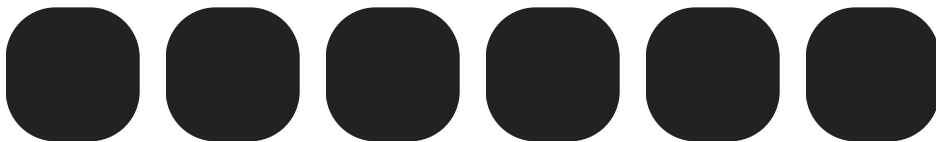
Heartland Quilters Guild 10:00am Stoddard County Nutrition Center/Lunch Box

### **Monday, February 18**

Presidents Day-Chamber and City Offices CLOSED

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## Dexter Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Results

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### Dexter Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Results

Dexter, Missouri - The Knights of Columbus held their annual free throw contest on Sunday afternoon.

Winners are ten year-old Brooklyn Goodman, 10 year-old Justus Lovelady, and 12 year-old Ryan Kaufman.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests.

The next round will be held Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

Winners will then compete in Regionals at Jackson, Missouri then on to state in Jefferson City, MO.

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## Spread A Little Love on Valentine's Day

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Stoddard County 4-H will hold a Valentine's Day card making social.

They will be making Valentine's Day cards for the residents of the Bloomfield Living Center.

Everyone is invited to participate. Come out and craft some wonderful cards to send to the residents.

All supplies are provided to make the cards.

Come see what they have in store for their upcoming events for the Stoddard County Youth!

This event will be held in the Stoddard County Courthouse inside the University of Missouri Extension Office on February 11, 2019, from 3-6:30 pm.

If you have any questions, as always, give them a call at 573-568-3344.

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## Dexter Elks Help Sponsor Valentines for Veterans Concert

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Elks and Ladies' Auxiliary from Lodge 2439 helped sponsor the annual Valentine's Concert for Vets.

John J. Pershing VA Medical Center thanks the them for their support.

This event is a great way for our community to show our Veterans how much we support them!

Pictured on the right is Dennis Carmack of the Elks Lodge.

Valentines for Veterans Concert - 2019 will feature Rodney Atkins with special guest Tiera.

Also, Mark Littell - former MLB pitcher will be there to talk with Veterans before the concert.

Tickets will be available starting January 3, 2019.

Veterans may contact the VA Voluntary Services @ 573-778-4499 or 573-778-4276 for more information.

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# Bernie PAT Student of the Month January 2019

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## Bernie PAT Student of the Month January 2019

Bernie, Missouri - Gabriel Thomas Robinson is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for January 2019.

He is the one year old son of Holden and Amanda Robinson.

Gabriel likes to play outside and go for rides on the ranger.

He also enjoys working with his daddy and reading with his mommy and big sister.

During the family's PAT visits, Gabriel enjoys playing with all the toys from Mrs. Casey's bag.

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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