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Puxico Police and Fire Departments Collecting Shoes

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Puxico, Missouri - The Puxico Police Department and Fire Department are collecting gently worn, used and new shoes. Beginning April 1, 2019 - July 11, 2019 you can donate shoes at the police department or at Bill's Market.

There will be one pick-up date on April 13, 2019 from door to door. All you have to do is collect shoes together and place them in a bag or box and place on the door step and they will be picked up that day.

The group they are using for the shoe drive will give .40 cents per pound of shoes at the end of the year to help children at Christmas.

If you have any questions contact Chief Rick Sheren or Cpl. Brandon Throop at (573) 222-3565.

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. These are small businesses in developing nations and are typically operated by one person or a small family.

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The Stray Live in Concert at Dexter High School

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stray will perform live in concert on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter High school.

Admission is free.

Guest speaker will be Brad Hurtig.

"Brad Hurtig was a student-athlete in a small town in Northwest Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year of high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of both of Brad's hands."

"Through hard work and determination Brad soon rejoined his high school football team. In his senior year, Brad led his team defense, recording 111 tackles and received all-state honors all while playing with no hands. Brad's inspirational story of triumph quickly captured national headlines."

"Now Brad is taking his life-changing message to students across the nation."

The concert and speaker is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Dexter Kiwanis Club Makes Donation

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The Dexter Kiwanis Club recently made a donation to the UCAN (United Cancer Assistance Network).

On hand for the check presentation were Kim Sifford, Kiwanis member, Pat Danner, UCAN, and Allen Walker, Kiwanis President.

Photo submitted.

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2019 Bloomfield Chamber Educator of the Year

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2019 Bloomfield Chamber Educator of the Year

Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards dinner on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Debbie Shafer was named the 2019 Bloomfield Chamber Educator of the Year.

As a young, married mother of two, Debbie had a strong desire to have an active role in her children's education, so she enrolled in education classes at Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University and graduated in May of 1988. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education and one more baby!

On the day of her graduation, Debbie received a phone call from Truman's Placement Center informing her of a job they felt she would be perfect fit. In August of 1988, she began her teaching career as a third grade teacher at Mary Immaculate Catholic School. Debbie credits her seven-year tenure there as the cornerstone for the remainder of her teaching career. Her connections with her students now run through generations as she teaches children of former students.

Debbie's time with Bloomfield R-14 School District officially began in the fall of 1996 when she was hired as a fifth grade teacher prior to piloting the newly formed At-Risk class for third through fifth grade. Though the program only lasted a year, relationships were built that still continue today.

In the spring of 2002 she moved to the middle school at Bloomfield. That's where Debbie's special "niche" became her place in education. She later taught high school, 2nd grade and gifted students and then returned to the middle school.

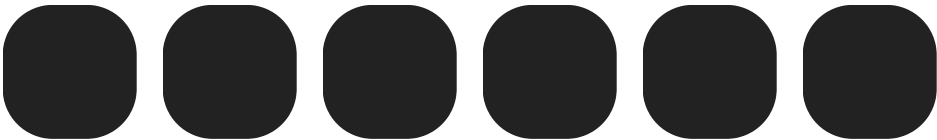
In addition to her career in education, Debbie has been blessed with a wonderful family, including her husband Tony with who she loves to travel with and her children, two of who have gone into education and are grown with families of their own. She has six grandchildren, Bryston, Layton, Bennett, Jillian, Anderson, and Gwendolyn.

Pictured from left are Chamber Board Member and Bloomfield Superintendent Toni Hill, Shafer and Chamber Vice President Janis Traugher.

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Bernie, Missouri - Paisley Owens is the five year old daughter of Chad and Sara Owens and is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for March.

Paisley likes being outside, drawing, painting, riding her bike, singing at church, and Ranger rides with her family.

Paisley's favorite color is blue. Every week, Paisley goes to story hour, Thursday School, gymnastics, and church.

Paisley also enjoys going to work with her daddy and visiting the job site.

During the family's PAT visits, Paisley enjoys playing games and learning about counting, letters, and taking turns.

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.

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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