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Fifty enthusiastic Missouri 4-H teens embarked upon the thirteenth annual University of Missouri 4-H Equine Career and Horse Industry Tour in late May, 2019 traveling to destinations in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Canada, Michigan and Ohio.

The quote from Mary Webb, “Saddle your dreams before you ride them” sums up the focus of this great opportunity for youth who hope to couple their equine passion with a career.

The tour gained insight into the equine collegiate programs at the University of Missouri, Michigan State University, University of Guelph, Ontario, and University of Findlay, Ohio. Equine careers explored on the tour included the rodeo industry, equine assisted therapy, professional horse show management, farm and barn management, equine dentistry, and equine welfare advocacy.

Participants had a firsthand opportunity to appreciate the rare breeds of Lipizzans and Haflingers and learn the breed’s survival through WWII. Missouri 4-H enjoyed an evening meeting with Ontario 4-H youth and families learning about 4-H programs in Canada. Traveling by ferry to the renowned non-motorized Mackinaw Island was a true highlight for participants who enjoyed sightseeing in horse drawn carriages and bicycling around the island. Equine professionals in the upper Midwest area echoed the advice to follow your dreams with an education coupled with a strong work ethic, solid business skills and tremendous people skills.

Over the past thirteen years, this Missouri 4-H Equine Career Tour has helped over 600 young people make informed, educational decisions about their future with horses, which continues to be the goal for tour participants each year.

The tour destination for 2019 will have an intense focus on the thoroughbred and racing industry in the heart of Kentucky.

Attending this year’s Equine tour from Southeast Missouri was Kristi Baker, Stoddard County 4-H Youth Development Specialist and 4-H member Amber Whaley. Amber was awarded the Stoddard County 4-H “Horse Camp” scholarship to attend the tour. The Youth “Horse Camp” is a traveling program developed by Kristi Baker for 4-H Youth Programing in Southeast Missouri that teaches basic horsemanship and safety. 4-H “Horse Camp” can be scheduled for any county in Southeast Missouri.

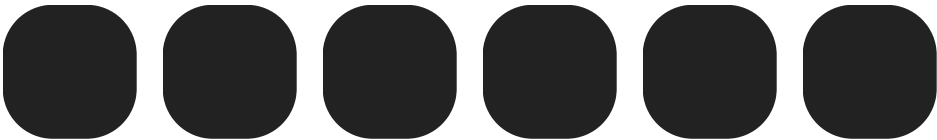
For more information about University of Missouri 4-H and the 4-H Equine tour, contact your local MU Extension office at 573-568-3344 or visit: 4h.missouri.edu

Pictured from left to right: Kristi Baker-Stoddard County 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Stacy Westfall-World Champion Reining Horse Trainer, & Amber Whaley-4-H member.

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Get Registered for the Dexter First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School Week

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Dexter, Missouri - The First Baptist Church in Dexter will host their Vacation Bible School - Kid's Week July 8th - 11th from 9 a.m. - noon. The time to register is NOW!

Enjoy the "In the Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus" theme for all kids ages 4 years - 5th grade.

To register online click [HERE](#) or stop by the church office located at 11 W. Castor Street.

VBS 2019 takes you on a wild adventure with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles.

As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids go from bewildered to believing as they get In The Wild at this summer's LifeWay VBS.

There will be a Vacation Bible School RALLY on Sunday, June 30th from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Don't forget to attend that also!!!

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The HOPE International Back 2 School Bash will be held on Wednesday, August 14th from 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter.

The Back 2 School Bash is a fair-like event where kids can come have fun and leave with everything they need to start school.

Hope International offers school supplies to students in need in Stoddard County School District. This is NOT a low-income only opportunity. They want all children to come to the event. Getting a child ready to go back to school can be stressful. Hope International wants it to be less stress and make the Back-2-School process a fun and enjoyable day for everyone!

If you would like to donate, they are accepting school supplies to help with the cost. Items needed are backpacks, 1" three-ring binders, notebooks, loose lined paper, folders, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors (blunt and sharp), glue sticks, boxes of tissues and of course any cash donation would be welcome.

Please drop off much needed school supplies to the Hope International facility in Bernie.

The Back 2 School Bash has several things to offer the children and parents to help ease the stress of the new school year. Some of the things offered are:

FREE HAIRCUTS

FREE DENTAL SCREENING

FREE VISION SCREENINGS

HOPE CLOTHING VOUCHERS

leave with a BACKPACK FULL OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

AND MUCH MORE!!

This is NOT a low income only opportunity. We want everyone with children to benefit from these events. Getting a child ready to go back to school, can be very stressful. We want to make the Back 2 School process a fun and enjoyable day for everyone!

We have improved our bash by having a bash in Dunklin county and one in Stoddard county, more vendors, more fun, NO lines or required booths. You visit the booths that best fit your family!

Please register by clicking [HERE](#) so that we can best prepare for your child. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED AND PROVIDE A CONFIRMATION NUMBER IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES!

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Bernie PAT June Student of the Month - Baylee McDonald

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Bernie, Missouri - Baylee Ann McDonald is the two year old daughter of Sarah Martinez and is the Bernie Parents as Teachers Student of the Month for June.

Baylee enjoys playing with her two dogs, dancing and being silly with Mommy, and playing with her older brother. She also loves playing in the swimming pool.

During the family's PAT visits, Baylee enjoys looking at new books and finding pens in Mrs. Courtney's bag and writing with them.

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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Chamber Chatter with Korie Fish

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce announces their weekly events in Chamber Chatter with Korie Fish!

MONDAY JUNE 3

-RIBBON CUTTING/OPEN HOUSE at **Stoddard County Title and Escrow**: 4:00pm Ribbon Cutting followed by an Open House until 6:00pm. Stop by and show your support to this new business in Downtown Dexter. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Facebook Event Page

-Community Dance from 6:30pm-8:30pm at 620 West Oak, American Legion Post

-Alderman Meeting at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5

-Activity Chair BINGO Sponsored by: CROWN HOSPICE at 11:00am at the Nutrition Center-"The Lunch Box"

THURSDAY JUNE 6

-Farmers Market May 16th- September 26th at Circle G Parking lot Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Sponsored By: FARM CREDIT of SEMO!

-Rib City Shootout Girls Basketball-- [CLICK HERE](#) for full Rib City Shootout Schedule.

NOTE-There will be a Welcome to Dexter Table set up to answer any questions out of town guests may have and to encourage out of town guests to shop at our stores, eat at our restaurants and stay at our hotels. If you or anyone at your business are interested in signing up for an hour time slot during Rib City Shootout, Contact the Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY JUNE 7

Annual Customer Appreciation/Open House at Republic Service at 15250 Old Bloomfield Road
[CLICK HERE](#) for more info!

-SoutheastHEALTH Auxiliary Spring Luncheon-from 11:00am-1:30pm at Church of Christ on One Mile Road. The meal will be \$8

SATURDAY JUNE 8

-"The Erwins" in Concert from 6:00-8:30PM at Friendship Baptist Church 13437 Plaza Heights Drive in Dexter. Contact Pastor Lonny Mittag at 573-624-6525 for more info!

CHAMBER SAVE THE DATES!

June 12

Summer Reading Program Starts-CLICK HERE for more dates and info!

June 14th

Rotary Golf Tournament at Hidden Trails Country Club

July 12th

Dash and Splash 5k Run/Walk- Click for [sign up](#) and [registration](#) forms

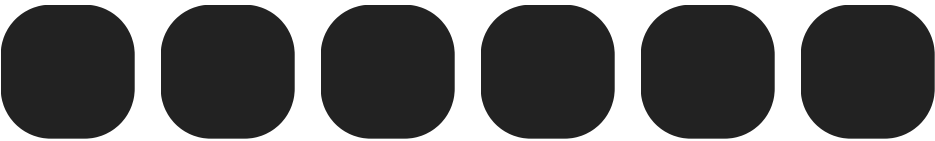
July 13th

GRILLE IT UP-East Park

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