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Dexter, Missouri - First United Methodist Church in Dexter will hold a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

All creatures great and small are welcome! Please have dogs on leashes and other animals safety in your arms or in carriers.

The church is located at 501 South Walnut Street.

There will also be stupid pet tricks and snacks!

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2016 Little Miss and Mister Stoddard County Pageant Winners

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2016 Little Miss and Mister Stoddard County Pageant Winners

Dexter, Missouri - The XI Lambda Psi sorority hosted the annual Stoddard county Pageants on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

First alternate for Little Mister Stoddard County was Archer Menley. He is the 3 year-old son of Mark and Aaron Menley of Dexter.

First alternate for Little Miss Stoddard County was Presley Kay Woods. She is the three year-old daughter of Theron and Lindsay Woods of Dexter.

Second alternate for Little Miss Stoddard County was Alyssa Manes. She is the five year-old daughter of Kevin and Natalie Manes of Bloomfield.

Second alternate Little Mister Stoddard County was Ian LeBeau. He is the 3 year-old son of Kurt and Lindsey LeBeau of Dexter.

2016 Stoddard County King was Brayden Sherfield. He is the four year-old son of Kristen Sherfield and Matt Sherfield of Dexter.

2016 Stoddard County Queen was Tansley Shelton. She is the four year-old daughter of Jason and Melissa Shelton of Bernie.

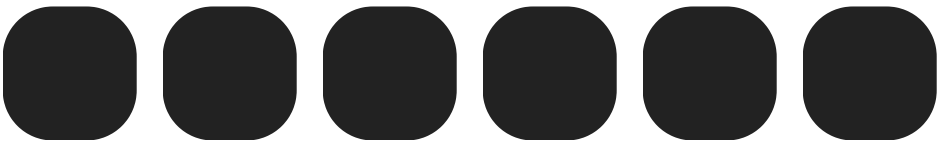
Shown in the photo from left to right: Archer Manley, Presley Kay Woods, Brayden Sherfield, Tansley Shelton, Ian LeBeau, and Alyssa Manes.

Photo provided.

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ShowMe Times October Calendar Girl - Miss Emma Dawson

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Bernie, Missouri - Emma Dawson has been chosen as the 2016 ShowMe Times October Calendar Girl!

She is the 15 year-old daughter of Chris and Scarlet Dawson.

She is a sophomore at Bernie High School.

Emma is a high school cheerleader and is active in Sr. Beta, Future Business Leaders of America, FCCLA, and the Pep Club.

Gymnastics and reading use up most of her free time.

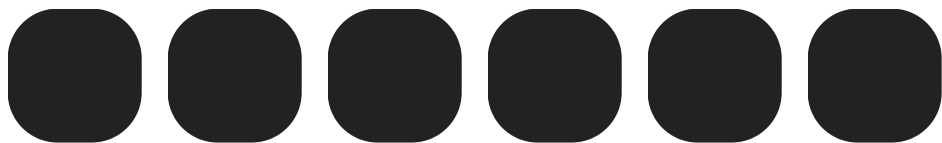
Her future plans are to attend college on a pre-med track and then medical school.

Congratulations Emma! Our community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments.

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Bernie PAT October Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Parents as Teachers in Bernie have selected Alexander Fox Morley as the October Student of the Month.

Fox is the thirteen month old son of Billy and Aleshia Morley.

He loves reading, playing social games, dancing, and most of all snack time.

During the family's PAT visits mom says Fox enjoys all of the new activities Mrs. McGarity brings and participating in the structured play.

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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First Thursday October 6th

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Dexter, Missouri - *On Thursday, October 6th they will host their 1st Thursday*. Located at 529 North Walnut Street in Dexter on the first Thursday of each month.

“On behalf of the Regional Healthcare Foundation, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and wonderful donations to this worthy cause,” press release from the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

It's never too late to donate and they would love to receive gently used and unwanted items. Their re-sale shop is always accepting donations.

Please contact **Linda Ulm at (573) 624-0365** and she will schedule a time for you to drop off your items. Tax credit forms are available upon request.

Come out and shop their **1st Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at Cox Corner in Dexter. Proceeds go to the Mother-to-Mother Program at the Regional Healthcare Foundation.

The Mother To Mother (M2M) is a three-phase mentoring program to support young women who are pregnant or parenting by giving them the resources and skills they need to become successful parents.

They provide them with CHOICES, OPPORTUNITIES, and ACHIEVEMENTS. The Mother-to-Mother mentoring program works with the young women through their pregnancy and the first year of their child's life.

They hold regularly scheduled activities where the girls can participate in programs that promote the physical and social growth of both parent and child.

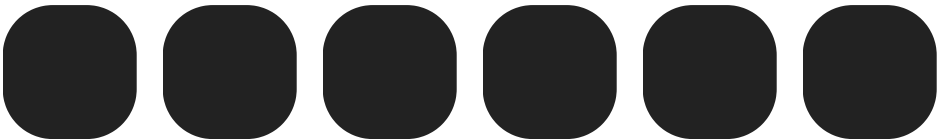
They introduce participants to additional services in the community that can help them make choices that will bring about a better life for tem. After Phase I (pregnancy) and Phase II (baby's first year) the girls may choose to remain in the program and contract with them to enter Phase III.

In Phase III she may retain all the benefits of the program, if she agrees to continue her education or obtain employment. They believe that education will insure a brighter, more secure future for the young families by reducing the level of poverty.

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