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Bernie, Missouri - Bernie Parents as Teachers' May 2017 Student of the Month is Chandler Beck Bates.

She is the one-year old daughter of Dustin and Jade Bates.

Chandler loves to sing and dance to “If You're Happy and You Know It” and “Head Shoulders Knees and Toes”.

Her favorite place to be is outside and she loves all things girly like lip gloss, shoes, and purses.

She also loves her pet dog “Heidi” and pet cat “Kitty.”

During the family’s PAT visits, Chandler most enjoys the new activities she is challenged with and getting rewarded with a new toothbrush because she loves to brush her teeth.

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.

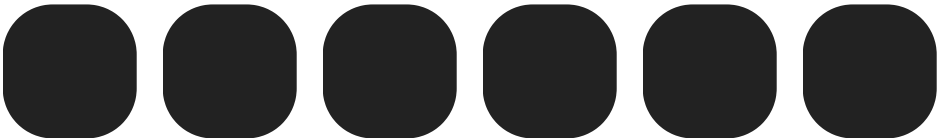
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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Several awards were announced including Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, and Organization of the Year, Man of the Year, Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Farm Family of the Year Award.

The Bloomfield Assembly of God Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening for Bible study under the leadership of Leighton Hensley.

There are usually from 30 to 40 junior and senior high school students in attendance.

Their mission projects include collecting shoes that go to Kicks for Kids, helping with the food pantry and sending items or money to the Inter-city Missions.

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The Gibbs Family has been important to the economy of Bloomfield since 1960 when Don and Willene Gibbs opened Don's Buyrite on the corner of Missouri and Viola; they later had a restaurant in the building that is now Wyatt's One Stop.

This year the Bloomfield Chamber has selected The Gibbs Corp as the business of the year. The trucking business is owned by Scott and Todd Gibbs, sons of Don and Willene. The business was established in 1985 and today employees twenty people.

A third generation of Gibbs boys, Don, Alex, Matt and Sam are learning the business from their fathers, so the Gibbs family may be important to Bloomfield's economy for many years to come.

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Relay for Life Helping Flood Victims

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Relay for Life is fighting against more than just cancer!

"We want to support our friends and neighbors dealing with the floods."

Friday night Relay for Life volunteers are teaming up with Hope International at the annual Relay For Life as a drop off spot for donations.

Hope International will be set up at West City Park at Relay beginning at 4:00. So when you come out to the park to fight cancer bring a few of the following items with you and take them to the Hope International tent.

Stoddard County will go above and beyond and help our neighbors!!

Items being collected. Bottled water, mops, buckets, bleach, cat and dog food, feminine products, lotion, suntan lotion, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, body wash, soap, paper towels, etc.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2017 Stoddard County Relay for Life will be held this Friday, May 5, 2017 in the West City Park in Dexter, Missouri.

Relay for Life is an evening to bring teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of conquering cancer.

Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on the track throughout the evening around the track taking turns to keep someone on the track at all times.

List of events:

4 p.m. Team meet and greet

4:45 p.m. Dexter Tumbling and Cheer

5:15 p.m. Carrillo Martial Arts

6 p.m. Opening Ceremony with special guests, Boy Scout Troop 200 will Present the Colors, Dance Party, Central Elementary SongMakers will sing the National Anthem.

Pastor Tyler Myers will give the opening prayer, introduction of top Fundraisers and Teams, introducing of Survivors and Care Givers, Stoddard County Youth Talent and the First Lap of Relay.

7:00 p.m. community worship led by Liberty Hill General Baptist Church and pictures with "Poppy" from the movie Trolls.

7:30 p.m. Live auction and Stoddard County Youth Talent

9:30 p.m. Silent Auction ends and Maggie Thorn sings

10:30 p.m. Luminary Ceremony and Stoddard County Youth Talent

11:30 p.m. Finish the Lyrics and Prizes

12:01 a.m. Closing Ceremony and First Lap

Luminaries "In Honor of" and "In Memory of" are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Relay.

There will be food all night and fun activities for the kids.

For more information or to make a donation contact Relay for Life Co-Chairman Belinda Worley at (573) 421-1100.

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