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Bernie Parents as Teachers Students of the Month April 2018

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Bernie, Missouri - Damian and Michael Pitts are the Bernie Parents as Teachers' Students of the Month for April.

They are the children of Christian and Jordan Pitts.

Damian is three years old and Michael is one.

Damian's favorite food is oranges and Michael's is mashed potatoes.

Both boys are currently working on their language skills.

Damian has made progress in preschool at Bernie and Michael is starting speech therapy.

Jordan, the boys' mother, says her favorite parts of participating in the Parents as Teachers program are that the boys get the opportunity to interact with someone other than their family and seeing them interested in the activities during each visit.

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](#).

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History

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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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BANC to HOST Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday Morning

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center will host a fundraiser along with Modern Woodmen on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and sausage will be served. Juice and coffee will also be available.

Cost is \$6.00 each and \$3.00 for ages 10 and under. Serving times will be 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at 609 Delaware St. in Bloomfield.

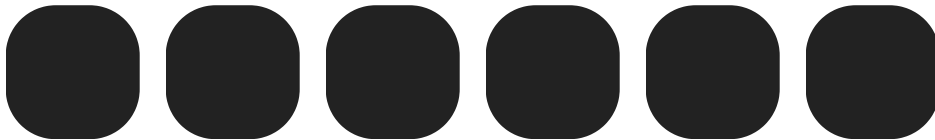
Carryouts are also available just call (573) 895-2142.

Please support your local nutrition center by coming out and eating breakfast on Saturday, April 7th. Then check out the SCAA JH Volleyball Tournaments in the Bloomfield High School gym and FEMA gym beginning at 9 a.m. Great start to a fantastic weekend!

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Farm Credit Donates \$500 to Bloomfield FFA

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Farm Credit Branch presented a \$500 check to the Bloomfield FFA chapter.

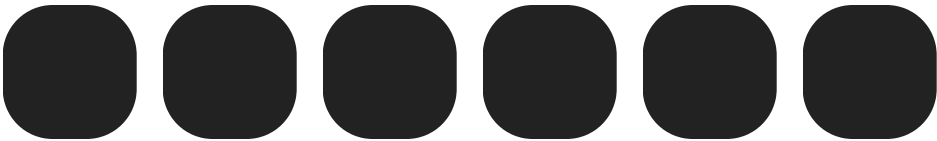
Presenting the check is Farm Credit Loan Officer John Dixon to Chad Upchurch, Bloomfield Agriculture Teacher.

The check will be used to assist FFA students attending FFA camp this summer.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Lions Club donated \$500 to the Dexter First United Methodist Church's Bethany Ministry.

The ministry provides basic household items for needy area families.

Pictured are Pastor Ron Beaton (left) and Larry White, Lions Club member.

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Bernie Parents as Teachers March Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri- Jaxon Kash Blevins is the Bernie Parents at Teachers student of the month for March 2018.

He is the nine month old son of Briana Johnson and Nolan Blevins.

Jaxon loves his brother, Kasen, and thinks he is funny. He also enjoys snuggling with his mommy, visiting Walmart, his binky, eating puffs, and kisses from his puppy Lila.

During the family's PAT visits, Jaxon enjoys digging through anything Mrs. McGarity brings for him.

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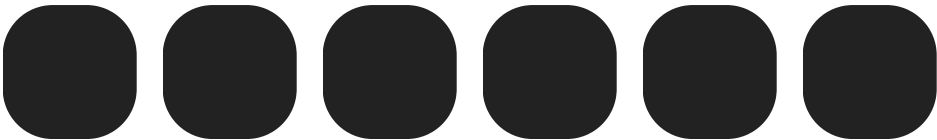
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