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Larry & Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign Annual Fish Fry

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The Larry & Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign will host their annual Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield City Park.

[They are pre-selling tickets and are available online by clicking HERE.](#)

Adult meals are \$15 and children 10 and under are \$10. To go orders will also be available.

Bring your lawn chair and listen to music provided by Ringer Hill.

Don't forget to purchase a t-shirt!

Each year funds are raised in memory of Larry and Kathy Jones.

"We celebrate H.O.P.E. - Healing, Optimism, Prayer, and Example," commented Lora Galati, daughter of Kathy and Larry. "Since March 2011, the charity has raised over \$123,000 for area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness."

Proceeds go to 18 FORE Life, a 501(c)(3) charity. The H.O.P.E. Campaign is a division of 18 ORE Life, with a shared mission of benefiting area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness.

To date, 18 FORE Life has sent out nearly \$3 million in love offerings to families all over Southeast Missouri and beyond. The generous donations and support to the charity have truly made a difference. There is still so much work to be done!

For more information contact Lora Galati at 414.402.7777 or email them at [email=larybjoneshopecampaign@yahoo.com

[Find them on FACEBOOK by clicking HERE.](#)

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Central Gardens Celebrates Valentine's Day with Royalty

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Dexter, MO - Central Gardens hosted a Valentine's Day gathering for their residents. They crowned their 2021 royalty as well.

Floyd Edwards- was named Valentine King and Flo Deardorff was named Valentine Queen.

Billie Bomar was named Valentine Prince and June Teets was named Valentine Princess.

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Bernie PAT February 2021 Student of the Month: Gracelyn Jo Oliver

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Bernie, Missouri - Bernie Parents as Teachers have selected Gracelyn Jo Oliver as the February 2021 Student of the Month.

She is the four year old daughter of Shane Oliver and Taylor McCallister.

Gracelyn's favorite thing to play with is unicorns!

She loves reading with her mom and doing the airplane. Gracelyn also loves to wrestle with her dad.

Gracelyn's favorite PAT activity is playing in the bean sensory bin and getting to cut with scissors.

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website.

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.

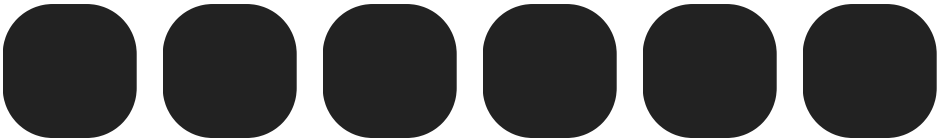
Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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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The Stoddard County Health Dept Accepting Waiting List Reservations for the COVID-19 Vaccine.

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The Stoddard County Health Dept Accepting Waiting List Reservations for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Bloomfield, MO - The Stoddard County Health Department is working to get the COVID-19 vaccine administered to our local communities.

They do not currently have a date when the COVID-19 vaccine will be available to the general public.

They are creating a list of individuals wanting to get the vaccine.

Please [CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT A FORM](#) to be added to the COVID-19 vaccine waiting list.

If you are on the waiting list, they will contact you when there is a vaccine dose available for you.

Currently, they are working on Phase 1A per state guidance.

Phase 1A includes the following individuals:

Healthcare workers

Long-term care residents & staff

Home health, Home care, Hospice, & Dialysis center staff

Vaccinator staff & those administering COVID testing

Adult day care staff & residents

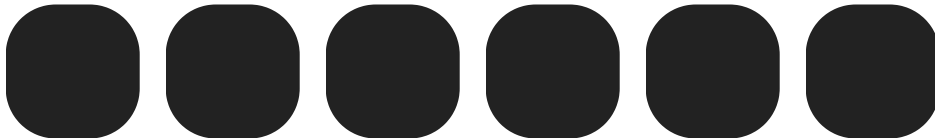
All remaining patient-facing healthcare providers, including but not limited to healthcare workers in emergency shelters, dental offices, school nurses, pharmacies, public health clinics, mental/behavioral health providers, and correctional settings

Thank you for your patience as they work to get the vaccine available to our community.

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Two Dexter Firemen Earn 25 Year Service Pins

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Dexter, MO - Two firemen were honored at the annual Fire Department holiday dinner held at the Hickory Log in Dexter.

Captain Greg Lintz and Eugene McConnell received pins for 25 years of service with the Dexter Fire Department.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic attendance was restricted to fire department personnel only.

Photo courtesy of Dexter Fire Chief Don Seymore.

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