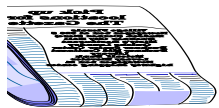


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## **Silently working to help bring a smile and happiness to others**

Let's be honest, we all love to get mail and hear from our loved ones and friends. It only takes a few minutes to send someone a thank you note, thinking of you, etc.

Our servicemen and women are no different than you and I. Some are away from home for the first time in their lives, some are barely eighteen and fighting for our rights and freedoms. Unfortunately some are wounded and end up in hospitals, far away from home and family. What a difference it would make in their lives to receive a card, letter, or note telling them that they are appreciated and are being thought of.

There is an organization that helps service men and women receive mail on a regular basis.

This group is called Operation Pal and you can get more information on them by clicking on their website <http://www.operationpal.com/>

Several ladies in our communities send letters, and cards to service men and women on a monthly basis.

These dedicated individuals send cards at their own expense and include notes of encouragement.

They purchase the stamps and cards with their own money, asking nothing of anyone else.

The individuals that do this are told that they may not get a response, as some are unable to write back and family members need to read the cards to them.

These dedicated women expect nothing in return, they are very unselfish individuals who are making a difference in the lives of people they have never met or may never meet.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact their website.



### **Graduation Ceremony**

Graduation ceremonies were held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 for the 2012 graduating class from Fort Osage High School.

Congratulations, Class of 2012!

## **Quilt shop opens in downtown Buckner**

Little Village Quilt Co. has moved the shop to 323 S Hudson St in the Business District of Buckner Missouri. We call the quilt shop the Little Village Quilt Co. We are a full service Embroidery and Quilt Shop with over 500 bolts of fabric and everything else you need to complete your quilting or embroidery projects. We offer custom machine embroidery on our state of the art 12 needle embroidery machine. We also offer custom made quilts using your T-Shirts or a loved one's clothing. T-Shirt quilts make great College gifts for the student to take with them to their college homes. Our memory quilts help us remember our loved ones, we can wrap up in a quilt made of their clothing and feel their love and warmth. Pictures make great quilts too. We are open to your ideas. Our company is based on the belief that our customers' needs are of the utmost importance. We are committed to meeting those needs. As a result, a high percentage of our business is from repeat customers and referrals. Call 650-3008 for all your quilting and alteration needs. Welcome to Buckner!

## **Slugger pays a surprise visit to Joyce at Buckner Elementary!**



**Pictured above is Joyce Neer and Slugger. Picture sent via email from Principal Patrick Farnan, thanks!**

Joyce Neer has been the head custodian at Buckner Elementary School for eight years.

Joyce loves her job, is excellent at what she does and the staff and students adore her.

She always has a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She loves her family and friends and is a fan of the Kansas City Royals. So this year for Mother's Day her son Jonathan had Slugger the K.C. Royals mascot, pay a surprise visit to Joyce at school and present her with flowers.

Hope you had a Happy Mother's Day!

### **Gazette celebrates 18 years of publication!**

On April 5, 1995, the first issue of The Gazette Weekly was published. The paper began as a weekly and was distributed by mail, once a week. Later the paper was thrown weekly to homes in the Buckner/Sibley/Levasy areas with copies left at various drop off locations. Due to the lack of businesses and advertising, the paper was thrown twice monthly and the name changed to The Gazette.

Like most newspaper, the economy has caused us to publish the paper just once a month, but we have a new web site, [www.gazetteweekly.com](http://www.gazetteweekly.com) which always has the current edition of the paper, in color, and you can print it off if you wish. Also, we update it with late breaking news, obits, etc. in between publication dates.

We look forward to serving the public for many years to come, so please visit us at [www.gazetteweekly.com](http://www.gazetteweekly.com).

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## Spring 2012 Dean's list for University of Central Missouri

Special to THE GAZETTE

Warrensburg, Mo. -- The following local student(s) have earned a spot on the University of Central Missouri Dean's List. Each semester, the Dean's List is divided into two parts. The first list includes the names of students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and the second list includes the names of students who attained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

### 4.0 Dean's list at UCM

Eric Maxwell Bruns M 511 Alfalfa Ln Buckner MO 64016-9259  
Vanessa E Stephens F 305 N Stock Rd PO Box 65 Levasy MO 64066-0065

### 3.5 to 3.99 Dean's list at UCM

Alecia J Nolte F 28807 E Hunter Rd Sibley MO 64088-9108  
John C Tryon M 36006 E Little Rd Buckner MO 64016-9228  
Josiah B Wharton M 206 N Paul Dr Sibley MO 64088-9604  
Trevor M King M 711 S Hudson St Apt 526 Buckner MO 64016-9575  
Congratulations !

## A soldier's prayer

He was getting old and paunchy, And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion, Telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he once fought in, And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies; They were heroes, every one.  
And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors, His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly, For they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer, For old Bob has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer, For a Soldier died today.  
He won't be mourned by many, Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life.  
He held a job and raised a family, Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing, 'Tho a Soldier died today.  
When politicians leave this earth, Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing, And proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell of their life stories, From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Soldier, Goes unnoticed, and unsung.  
Is the greatest contribution, To the welfare of our land,  
Someone who breaks his promise, And cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow, Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country, And offers up his life?  
The politician's stipend, And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate, To the service that he gives.  
While the ordinary Soldier, Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal, And perhaps a pension, small.  
It is not the politicians, With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom, That our country now enjoys.  
Should you find yourself in danger, With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out, With his ever waffling stand?  
Or would you want a Soldier--, His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Soldier, Who would fight until the end?  
He was just a common Soldier, And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us, We may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, We find the Soldier's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles, That the politicians start.  
If we cannot do him honor, While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage, At the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline, In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."  
Pass On The Patriotism!  
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(Sent to me via email, thanks, Mary Case)



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**Obituaries  
Teddy Dean O’Neal**

Teddy Dean O'Neal, age 72, of Independence, MO passed away peacefully on Monday, May 14, 2012 at his home. Teddy was born August 1, 1939 to Lowell Alvin and Ruth Bertha Louise (Mueller) O'Neal near Coloma, MO. On September 1, 1957, in Carrollton, MO, Teddy married the love of his life, Patsy Sue Allwood, who survives of the home. To this union, they were blessed with four children. Mr. O'Neal attended the Carrollton Public Schools and was a member of the former King Glory Lutheran Church, Independence, MO. Teddy began his work career with Ford Motor Company in 1960 and retired 30 years later in 1990. After his retirement, he enjoyed working for two local farmers for many years, and rehabbed several homes in the area. He was co-owner of "All Season Campers" in Independence, MO for a number of years. Teddy was actively involved in various aspects of Boy Scout Troop 192 and became an honorary member in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was a member of the Independence 76 Masonic Lodge. Teddy enjoyed family gatherings, fishing, woodworking and gardening. He loved restoring tractors and looked forward to participating in a local charity tractor cruise each year. Teddy is survived by his wife, Patsy Sue, of 54 years; his children, Ronnie Gene O'Neal and wife, Sandy of Buckner, MO; Kathy Darlene Thornton and husband, Larry of Buckner, MO; and Kenny Joe O'Neal of Independence, MO; seven grandchildren, Shawn O'Neal, Ellen O'Neal, Chrissy Stark, Michael O'Neal, Amy McPherson, Randy Thornton, and Aspen O'Neal; sixteen great grandchildren, Darkkar and Karlee O'Neal, Stormy, Joey, Ariel, William and Kansas Elliott, Kayden, Jesse and Angela Castro, Jenna Crist, Trevor and Mackenzie McPherson, Ethan Thornton, and Cole and Allie Thornton; seven brothers, Eugene "Gene" O'Neal and wife, June of Lake Tapps, WA; Sammy O'Neal and wife, Joyce of Blue Springs, MO; Billie O'Neal and wife, Alta of Bogard, MO; Tommy O'Neal and wife, Bobbie of Springfield, MO; Jimmy O'Neal and wife, Debbie of Carrollton, MO; Rickey O'Neal and wife, Mimi of Navarre, FL; and Bobby O'Neal and Lou Ann Burton of Carrollton, MO; five sisters, Marcella Frederick and husband, Alan of Lompoc, CA; Jeanette Whitney and husband, Jim of Overland Park, KS; Donna Lee of Harrison, AR; Carol Suddith of Dawn, MO; and Patsy L. Shields and Douglas Shields of Carrollton, MO; sister-in-law, Deloris O'Neal; sisters and brothers-in-law Caroline Adkins and husband, Billy of Independence, MO; Wilmer "Tody" Allwood and wife, Bonnie of Norborne, MO; Ina Peterson and husband Virgil of Independence, MO; Phyllis Bowlin and husband, Bill of Lee's Summit; Aunt Veva Jean O'Neal of Bogard, MO; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Rusty Dean O'Neal, granddaughter Amanda Sue Castro, grandson Jason Dean Thornton, one brother, Jerry Herman O'Neal, and two brothers-in-law, James Suddith and John Lee. Services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Speaks Buckner Chapel 300 Adams St., Buckner, MO 64016. Burial will follow in Buckner Hill Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m., Friday evening at the chapel. Donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements; Speaks Buckner Chapel (816) 650-5555)

**Jean Parker**

Jean Parker, 64 of Independence, passed away Tue. May 15, 2012 at her home. Services will be. 2 pm Fri, May 18, 2012 at the Speaks Buckner Chapel, 300 Adams St. Buckner, MO. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Jean was born on Jan 24, 1948 to William and Ollie Belle (Brake) Parker in Kansas City MO. She was a loving sister and aunt. She was an animal lover and enjoyed doing pottery, painting and spending time with her nieces and nephews, who she loved very much. She was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church. Jean was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers. She is survived by her two brothers, Melvin Parker and wife Lorrie of Sibley, MO, Paul Parker of Independence; three sisters, Opal Burks and husband Charley of Sibley, MO, Donna Godfrey and husband Jerry of Stover, MO and her twin sister Judy Parker of Independence, MO. Jean is also survived by six nieces, six nephews, several great nieces and nephews and several great great nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arr: Speaks Bucker Chapel, 816-650-5555)

**Dalton Hugh Hahn**

Dalton Hugh Hahn, 90, Independence, MO, went to be with the Lord on May 15, 2012, surrounded by his family. Dalton was born February 26, 1922 in Sedalia, MO the son of Carl William and Julia Ann (Enloe) Hahn. He spent his earlier years in Moniteau County near Enon, MO before enlisting in the U.S. Navy and serving his country from 1942-1948. On October 16, 1948 he married Eula Marie. Dalton retired from Sears mail order after 34 years of service. After retirement he volunteered at the Medical Center of Independence and the Fort Osage School District for a number of years. Dalton was an active member of Susquehanna Baptist Church where he was a devoted Sunday School teacher and a Deacon Emeritus. Survivors include his loving wife Eula Marie Hahn of 63 years of the home; son, Roger Hahn and wife Paula of Olympia, WA; daughter, Linda Grimes and husband Richard of Independence, MO; granddaughters, Rebecca Bruch and husband Robert, Mary Ward and husband Anthony of Independence, MO; great grandchildren, Megan, Hannah, and Myla Bruch, Katelyn, Haley and Isaac Ward; nephew, Bob Hahn of North Carolina. Dalton was preceded in death by his brother and parents. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012 at Speaks Suburban Chapel; 18020 E. 39th St., Independence, MO, 64055. Burial to follow at Floral Hills Cemetery with Military Honors. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Susquehanna Baptist Church or Odyssey Hospice. The family would like to thank all the medical staff in the past years and the loving, caring supports received from Carmel Hills. And a special thank you to Pastor Rick Jordan. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements; Speaks Suburban Chapel)

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The Future of Business

Fort Osage High School students took part in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Competition on April 22-24, 2012. Aubrey Becker and Makayla Allen took 7th place in the business Plan event. Aubrey Becker and Duncan Hill took 4th place in the Marketing event. Duncan Hill placed 2nd in the Desktop Applications Programming and qualified for National in San Antonio, TX June 29- July 2.

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Bedsworth, Kathryn  
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Cox, Carrie  
Craig, Megan  
Dejanes, Delaney  
Doty, Anthony  
Enix, Shelby  
Fisher, Kahner  
Freedle, Zachary  
Hidalgo, Cristina  
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Makayla Brady Northwest Missouri State University - Freshman Merit Award  
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Missouri Western State University - Tennis Scholarship  
Hawthorne Bank Scholarship  
Missouri Insurance Education Foundation Scholarship  
Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship  
Samantha Compton Northwest Missouri State University - Distinguished Scholar  
Northwest Missouri State University - Missouri Achievement Scholarship  
Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship  
Megan Craig Truman State University - A+ Recognition Scholarship  
Truman State University - Combined Ability Scholarship  
Truman State University - President's Leadership Scholarship  
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Missouri S&T - Trustees' Scholarship  
Bradlee Falls United Sates Army-Post 9/11 GI Bill  
Kahner Fisher Park University - Park McAfee Scholarship  
Park University - Business Department Scholarship  
Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship  
Mikaela Giles Missouri Valley College - Athletic Scholarship  
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Tanner Ginavan United States Merchant Marine Academy - Four Year Full Ride  
Duncan Hill Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship  
Lindsey Huber University of Central Missouri - Red & Black Scholarship  
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Alyssa Keneally Missouri Western State University - Deans' Academic Scholarship  
Armando Lopez Missouri State University - Multicultural Leadership Scholarship  
William McCane Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship  
Emily Nelson University of Missouri-Columbia - Curators Scholar Award  
University of Missouri-Columbia - Departmental Scholarship  
Haley Newby Northwest Missouri State University - Tower Scholarship  
Northwest Missouri State University - Missouri Achievement Scholarship  
Rachael Overbeck Avila University - Academic Scholarship  
Kathleen Pau University of Central Missouri - Red & Black Scholarship  
McMillin Family Scholarship  
Zachary Provo Roosevelt University - Roosevelt University Scholarship  
Roosevelt University - Roosevelt University Grant  
Roosevelt University - Roosevelt University Housing Grant  
Brandan Reeve Benedictine College - Athletic Scholarship  
Michael Rose Missouri Western State University - Governors' Academic Scholarship  
Missouri Western State University - Western A Plus Scholarship  
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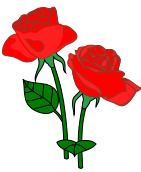


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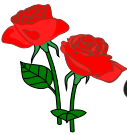
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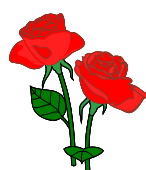
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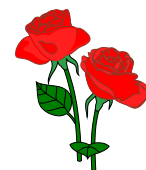


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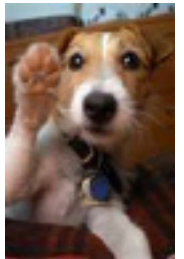
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## Extempore

Students in the Fort Osage Talented and Gifted program competed in Extempore at Marshall High School on April 21. Extempore is designed for students in the 2nd through 12th grades. It consists of a teaching unit and a creative problem solving competition. The teaching unite may be used for one week or several and includes a variety of projects and activities to develop creativity and higher-level thinking skills.

The competition includes four thematic competitions Arena Challenges- Showtime, Engineering Feats, Fine Tuning, and Perspective. Extempore Competition also includes three quick problems to solve with your team in an extemporaneous fashion.

Fourth grade TAG teams competed in the Showtime Arena Division 1: Eliot Chastain, Haydynn Roos, Courtney Williamson, Garrett Mahurin, and Nicole Overbay earned first place.

Fourth grade students also participating were Addison Spillman, Truman Gouldsmith, Alex Zachgo, and Phillip Irwin.

Osage Trail took four teams to the Extempore competition. The team consisting of Marissa Mallon, Jottea Carter, Cole Stone, Lydia Calderon, Elizabeth Shade, Eme Barker, and Jessica Long received 2nd place for their performance in the Fine Tuning arena. This team also won a special outstanding award for their collaboration and acting.

Alex Harvey won a first place medal for being undefeated in Chess.

Fire Prairie took 5 teams to the competition. The team consisting of Jace Willcutt, Jacob Narcise, Marissa Peaslee, Zwy Burke, and Caden Stone received a special "Wacky" award for their many funny responses during the competition.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and parents who helped make this a successful day. Thank you to the FORCE group for their generous grant that helped to fund the trip.

## New Leadership Comes to Fire Prairie Middle School

Dr. Mark Enderle, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce Mr. Cody G. Hirschi as the principal of Fire Prairie Middle School. Mr. Hirschi will begin his duties effective July 31, 2012. Hirschi replaces Dr. Tim Gallagher who accepted the position of Superintendent at the Sherwood-Cass School District.

"I am absolutely thrilled about the opportunity to join the Fort Osage family and I am excited to be part of such a loyal and caring community. Fort Osage is the ideal place for my style of student-centered leadership and I am anxious to begin serving the students and staff at Fire Prairie," said Hirschi.

Hirschi comes to Fort Osage from the Ava R-I School District, where he served as principal at Ava Middle School. Hirschi began his teaching career in 2004 at Westhoff Elementary in the Fort Zumwalt School District. In addition to teaching, Hirschi has served as a track and field coach, assistant football coach, MAP Club coordinator, student council coordinator, district professional development representative and trainer, and data analysis chairman.

Hirschi has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, a Master of Arts in Education Administration, and an Educational Specialist in Educational Administration from Lindenwood University. He is currently working towards a Doctorate in Educational Administration at Lindenwood University.

On a personal note, Hirschi, his wife, Amy, and their four boys will be moving to the area this summer. Hirschi grew up in Washington State where his parents and siblings currently reside. His in-laws will be relocating to the Independence area. "Family is everything to me. My father is a teacher and he has been highly influential in my professional goals and aspirations."

Hirschi can be reached for comment at [chirschi@avabears.net](mailto:chirschi@avabears.net) or 417-543-4540



## Music Madness

On April 26, Fort Osage High School band students participated in the State Instrumental Festival at the University of Missouri.

Those receiving a good rating were:

- Flute Quartet: Becca Elder, Rebecca Lyle, Kenzie Bennett, and Alex Siefker
- Flute Trio: Kenzie Bennett, Megan Berry, and Alex Siefker
- Tenor Sax Solo: Makayla Brady
- Flute Solo: Alex Siefker

Those receiving an excellent rating were:

- Trombone Solo: Revan Hammontree
- Clarinet Solo: Maude Ashby

Fort Osage choral department participated in the April 26, State Music Festival on April 26, 2012.

Those receiving a superior rating were:

- Anna Cox
- Kyrstin Stoneking
- Zach Williams
- Mixed 8: Anna Cox, Katie Sloan, Molly Ingram, Kyrstin Stoneking, Tyler Arndt, Herman Tapusoa, Jacob Colyer, & Brayden Shelley

Those receiving an excellent rating were:

- Tyler Arndt
- Brayden Shelley

The Osage Trail bands participated in the Festival of Music at Worlds of Fun on April 28. The 7th grade Concert Band earned an overall 2 rating and the 8th grade Symphonic Band earned an overall 1 rating. The Symphonic Band also received a 1st place in their division.

The Osage Trail Band students participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival on May 5, 2012.

Those receiving superior ratings were:

- Jordyn Krause, Clarinet Solo
- Jordyn Krause and Kacie Powell, Clarinet duet
- Sarah Simons, piano solo
- Melissa Schrag, trumpet solo
- Emily Joyce, flute solo
- Andrew Tann, snare drum solo
- Amatay Boutte, violin solo
- Emily Joyce, Brianna Kirkpatrick, and Shea Hatcher, mixed woodwind trio
- Elizabeth Parker, Kacie Powell, & Hazel Newberry, clarinet trio
- Ben Siefker, alto saxophone solo
- Hannah Rice, alto saxophone solo
- Kacie Powell, clarinet solo

Those receiving excellent ratings were:

- Jordan Baldwin, snare drum solo
- Eme Barker, alto saxophone solo
- Kate Nelson, alto saxophone solo
- Molly McDaniel, flute solo
- Sarah Simons, clarinet solo
- Amy King, clarinet solo
- Melissa Schrag, Amatay Boutte, & Marissa Wood-Wright, mixed brass trio
- Alana Golden, Bailee Smothers, & Savannah Ramey, mixed woodwind trio
- Bailee Smothers and Savannah Ramey, clarinet duet

## Local Improv Teams win at State Tournament

Two local teams will represent Missouri in the Global Finals of Destination Imagination after tying for second place in the state competition on Saturday, April 14. The 'And there is much rejoicing' improv team of Maude Ashby, Anna Cox, Noelle Postlethwait, Alyssa Keneally, Grant Watkins Davis and Glenn Winfrey along with 'The TERDUKINS' improv team of Halsey Shelley, Elisabeth Hupp, Nehemiah Deason, Allie Culver, Brandy Dinwiddie, Trent Smith and Carter Behler will be traveling to Knoxville, Tennessee in May to compete in the Global Finals of Destination Imagination, an international creative problem-solving competition.

Destination Imagination is a worldwide creative problem solving program that encourages students to work as a team in innovative ways. The Affiliate Finals were held at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin. The 'News to Me' teams are Fort Osage students from the Sibley, Levasy, Buckner and Independence areas, consisting of Maude Ashby, daughter of Chris and Shawn Ashby, Anna Cox, daughter of Dara Cox and Tim Cox, Noelle Postlethwait, daughter of Lisa and Darryl Postlethwait, Alyssa Keneally, daughter of Joe and Rose Keneally, Grant Watkins Davis, son of Susan Watkins and Glenn Winfrey, son of Ed and Cindy Winfrey, along with Halsey Shelley, daughter of Tracey

and David Shelley, Elisabeth Hupp, daughter of Julia and Ron Hupp, Nehemiah Deason, son of Melinda and Vince Deason, Allie Culver, daughter of Debbie and Paul Culver, Brandy Dinwiddie, daughter of Marlene and Bill Dinwiddie, Trent Smith, son of Tammy and Gary Smith and Carter Behler, son of Susan Behler and Donnie Behler. The teams competed in the High School (SL) division of improv and instant challenge events. In their 'News to Me' improv challenge, the team members had 4 minutes to create a 'cause and effect' story out of a randomly chosen 'News Article' from the 6 team-provided News Articles (from the past week), and a tournament provided 'News Headline'. At the end of this 4 minute time, the team is given a 'One-Minute Glitch' (OMG), that affects the characters or the setting. The team has one minute to decide how to integrate the OMG into the Skit. The team also had to integrate Cooperative Human Scenery/Props into the Skit. The team then performs an original Improvisational Skit in a maximum of 5 minutes.

Charles Winfrey, Michael Engelman and Tristen Hammontree served as volunteer appraisers at the Affiliate Finals, representing the OSAGE Community group teams. The team is managed by Cindy Winfrey, it is her twenty-second year of coaching creative problem solving. The team is seeking donations and will be holding several fundraisers to finance their upcoming trip. Please contact Cindy Winfrey at 816-650-5481 for more information.



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