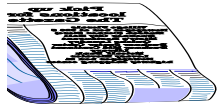


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A Love Story that has lasted over 60 years.....

He was a handsome young man of 24 and she was the beautiful young lady of 17. They met, fell in love and eloped on August 27, 1949 and thus the love story of Joe and Mary Ann Stringer began.

Joe and Mary Ann were blessed with nine children, fourteen grand kids and twenty-one great grand kids. Mary Ann loved going to the boats, playing bingo and spending time with her kids and grand kids. She was actively involved in VFW Post 8101 Ladies Auxiliary, Mayors Christmas Tree and Beta Chi Omega.

The Stringers originally started the breakfast at the VFW Hall in Buckner and they owned Out Post Cafe which closed in 1984. They always had a big garden at their home in Buckner and shared their produce with friends and neighbors.

Joe is a fantastic story teller and can keep you interested for hours.

One of my favorite stories is how after he came home from his duty in the service, he used to work on the docks in K.C. packing the refrigerator cars with blocks of ice. His time spent in the service was another favorite, but my most memorable moment was that he dearly loved Mary Ann and she brought absolute joy and happiness to him, and his entire face lit up every time he talked about her.

Even though Mary Ann passed away a year ago, you can still find her kind heart and gentle soul in her kids and grand kids and the smile and laughter she still brings Joe and their family.

A fish fry is being held in her honor on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Heisler Park, plan on attending. The Stringer family always loved fish fries and Joe loved to catch and provide the fish for community events.



Joe and Mary Ann Stringer-photo provided by Kim Stringer

Much needed back packs arrive just in time for 1st day of school!

After a summer of fun, vacations, playing with friends and family, it is now time to return to the classroom. Most children are anxious to go back to school, but it is a difficult time for some families as the cost of clothing, books and school supplies can be a major expense, especially if you have more than one child in school.

Principal Patrick Farnan, Buckner Elementary School principal for 15 years told me in an interview this past week, that 60 plus students still need back packs and school supplies. He was excited when Lewis & Clark Trail Days donated 40 back packs filled with supplies, which meant 40 more families were being helped in our community. Patrick went on to say

that, "you do not know how much this means to the school and community."

This year the school is supplying scissors and rulers for all the children, "this is something the school can do this year," stated Patrick

Donations of back packs and school supplies has been slow this year, and any and all donations will be extremely appreciated.

If you, your group or organization would like to donate school supplies to Buckner Elementary, please call 650-7300. Children are our most valuable resource! Thank you Mr. Farnan for caring so much about our kids and our community!



L-R: Mr. Farnan with backpacks. Backpack and school supplies

Photo submitted and taken by Lewis & Clark

Check out these additional stories

Jackson County Sheriffs news on p. 2

School bus routes discipline on p. 4

School supplies for Buckner Elementary on p. 10

School news on p. 9 & 11

Area Professional earns Accreditation in Public Relations

Mrs. Stephanie Smith with the Fort Osage R-1 School District has successfully completed the Examination for Accreditation in Public Relations, entitling her to use the APR professional designation. The announcement was made by the Universal Accreditation Board (UAB), a consortium of nine professional communication organizations that directs this competency certification program. The Accreditation program aims to improve the practice of public relations by assessing competence in 60 areas of knowledge, skills, and abilities association with the profession. The Examination is designed for public relations professionals with five to seven years of job experience and/or a bachelor's degree in a communication field.

Candidates who successfully complete the rigorous process,

including presenting his/her portfolio to a Readiness Review panel of three peers and sitting for a computer-based Examination, are granted the APR. "Earning the APR reflects a mastery of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to succeed in our increasingly complex profession," said Janet E. Kaskos, APR, Fellow PRSA, 2012 chair of the Universal Accreditation Board. "Practitioners who achieve the designation are demonstrating their commitment not only to our profession, but also to a strong code of ethics and to the betterment of their organizations and clients."



Stephanie Smith

Photo submitted to the paper



Corner Store

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Sheriff Sharp Announces Sheriff's Office Smartphone App

Jackson County, MO Sheriff Mike Sharp announced today that his office has launched a smartphone app that allows the office to communicate much more effectively with the community!

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office app is a free download for users and is available for Android smart devices. Users of the app will have access to real-time detention center information, plus lists of wanted non-custodial parents and most-wanted criminals. The sheriff's office will also be able to send news directly to users' smartphones – notifying them about anything from bank robberies and missing persons to escapes, weather warnings and more.

"The most beneficial and significant

Sharp Free Office

feature of this app is that it lets us get important information right to people's fingertips," said Sheriff Sharp. "The app greatly improves our ability to serve the public, and that's what we're here for. We're thrilled that we can provide this to the community."

The app is also fully integrated with the county's victim notification service, VINELink (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).

"We know that more and more people are getting the information they need from their smartphones," said Sheriff Sharp. "We want to make sure we're using the latest communication technology to keep the public informed, and this app lets us do that."

To find the app, users can search, "MOJacksonSO" on Google Play.

For further information on the app, please contact Sergeant Gregg DeMo at 816-524-4302.

Suspect Sought for Shooting at Deputies is in Custody

On Monday, August 6th, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Deputies stopped a vehicle in the area of Raytown and Lane Tree Roads in reference to a traffic violation.

During the stop, the driver fled the scene striking a deputy sheriff with the vehicle. Deputies then pursued the vehicle and four occupants inside.

Ultimately, the driver took the vehicle, a white Mitsubishi Galant, down Scenic Drive, a dead end road near 67th Street. As the vehicle stopped, two of the suspects fled the scene on foot, but not before one of the suspects shot toward deputies.

The patrol car was struck, although no one was hurt in the shooting, and two of the four subjects were taken into custody at the scene. They are both 20 year old males from

Kansas City, MO and have since been released.

A third suspect, a 21 year old male also from Kansas City, later surrendered to deputies at an apartment in Blue Springs, MO.

Investigators worked throughout the night, and the Sheriff's Office Special Operations Response Team (SORT) team took a fourth suspect into custody early this morning in the area of the 8400 block of Cambridge in Kansas City, MO. He is a 20 year old from Kansas City, MO who has been identified as the shooter,

The names of those involved are being withheld pending charges, and the case is expected to be presented to the Jackson County, MO Prosecutor's Office today.

Anyone with further information in the case is asked to call the TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS.

For further information, I may be reached at 816-507-8513.

Corrine retires from Levasy Post Office

Corrine Tweihaus has served as the Post Master for Levasy for the past ten years. She officially retired on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Corrine plans on staying busy with the kids and grand kids and helping with farm related items. Good luck!



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**Buckner Chamber of Commerce
June 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

1. Agenda- Approved
2. Minutes- Approved
3. Financial Report –Approved

June 2012

Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$609.95 (computer for Jack Snead for website)
Fees	\$2.00 (statement fee)
Balance	\$2,777.34

Approved a transfer of \$200 from savings to checking Stephanie will check on if we get charged for having a low balance.

4. Official Communications
 - a. None
1. Welcome Guests
 - a. None
2. Old Business
 - a. Truman Lakewood is going to look at Daryl Box’s place to see if that space will work. Zip codes are being checked for numbers that could benefit from services in the area. Lisa is checking into other statistics that could be provided a good picture of the area.
3. New Business none
4. Member Updates
 - a. Fort Osage School District is still doing free meal until August 3
 - b. Skeeters Antiques is moving to the grounds of Sibley Orchard
 - c. Fire department is looking to hire soon.
 - d. Rodeo at the orchard in conjunction with fairs and festival on Sunday in the afternoon.
 - e. FORCE is having a thank you event on September 29. This is a free meal and event that the community is invited to attend. Starting at 5:00 pm
 - f. CSL has been very busy lately. The need is growing.
 1. Volunteer Opportunities
 - a. None at this time
 1. Upcoming Meetings/Events.
 - a. Festival in the Valley October 5-6
 - b. August 25th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. the Joe and Mary Ann Stringer Annual Fish Fry in the park for the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund.
 - c. Buckner rodeo October 7 at Sibley Orchard
 - d. Sibley Orchard Fall Festival October 13-14
 - e. Peach Festival July 28 to August 5
 - f. Ice Cream social at Double Dip July 21

**JACKSON COUNTY PARKS + REC
“THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF FORT OSAGE”**

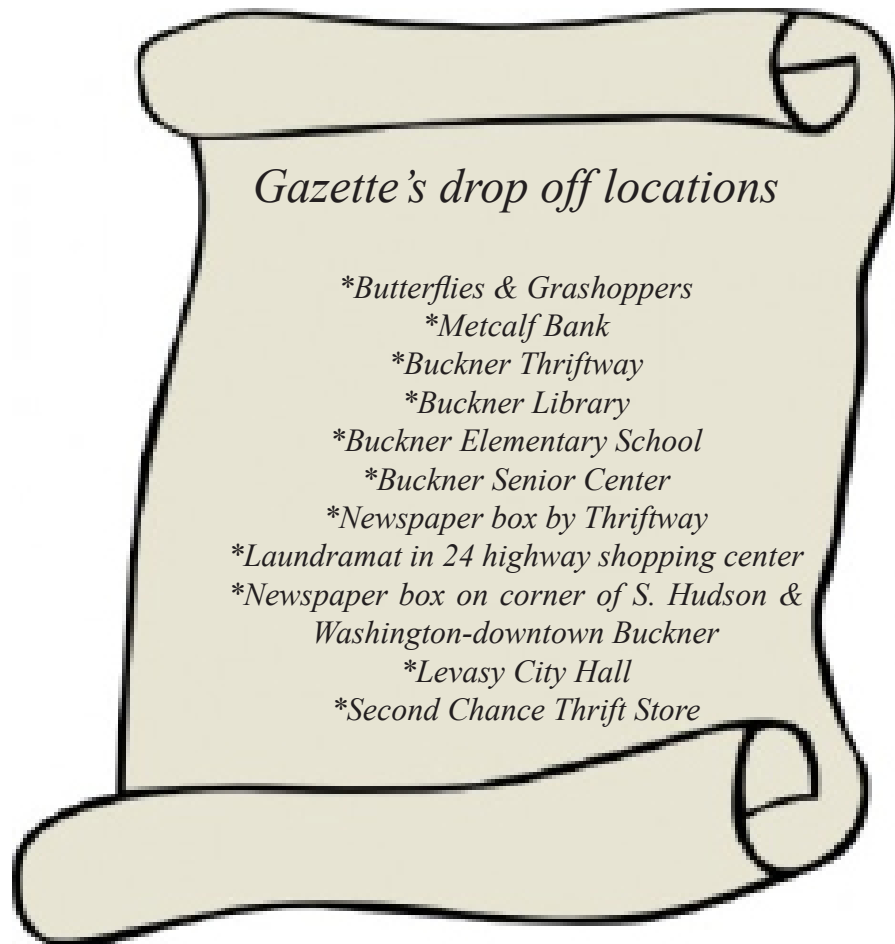
Fort Osage has the rare distinction of being both a National Historic Landmark and a National Archaeological District. The archaeological district includes not only the site of Fort Osage (1808-1827) but also prehistoric American Indian settlements that date from 2,000 to 1,400 years ago and the original portion of the Town of Sibley (1836-1890).

Archaeological work in the park began in 1941 and since then several projects have taken place. Jackson County Parks + Rec invites you to join a professional archaeologist in the auditorium at the Fort Osage Education Center for a review of park archaeology.

Afterwards, take a walking tour and view the original foundation of the Fort Osage factory, the original front entrance of the fort, the location of the historic town of Sibley, and the location of prehistoric American Indian settlements. A special demonstration of the use of the atlatl, a sling used to propel a spear, will be presented.



L-R: top to bottom: Historic Fort Osage, Historical Fort Osage Cemetery, and the Fort Osage Education Center.



Gazette's drop off locations

- *Butterflies & Grashoppers*
- *Metcalf Bank*
- *Buckner Thriftway*
- *Buckner Library*
- *Buckner Elementary School*
- *Buckner Senior Center*
- *Newspaper box by Thriftway*
- *Laundramat in 24 highway shopping center*
- *Newspaper box on corner of S. Hudson & Washington-downtown Buckner*
- *Levasy City Hall*
- *Second Chance Thrift Store*



Thumbs Up!



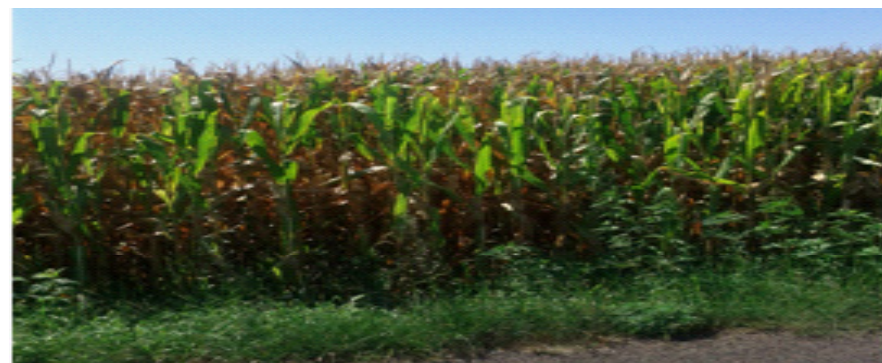
This edition's Thumbs Up, goes to the City of Levasy. The City of Levasy is a small hometown located a few miles east of Buckner on 24 highway. Even though they are small in size they are big in community spirit and helping each other.

Last summer we all experienced flooding and large amounts of rain. Levasy was in danger again of their small town flooding, crops being ruined, but instead of sitting around and worrying about what to do, they took action as a community and made the best of a bad situation.

Roger Stock along with Donnie Borgman and the Dieckmann family manned the pumps around the clock to pump water away from the town and towards the levy. Countless hours of man power along with individuals bringing them food and beverages to keep these dedicated individuals going strong.

Last summer the entire town had a pot luck dinner at the Ebenezer United Church of Christ to recognize, celebrate and come together as a community after the flood of 2011.

Unfortunately this year we are experiencing a drought, but the town will make it through this and stand strong.



Top to Bottom, L-R: Governor Jay Nixon in Levasy last year for the flooding, sand bags in Levasy and the corn crop during this years drought

Meet the Fort Osage School District Board Of Education

David Shrout

David Shrout was first elected to the Board of Education in April 1987 and elected as President of the Board on April 10, 2012. David is a local farmer in the area. He is an Alumni and a member of the class of 1969. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Independence. They have three children, Beth, Josh, and Jon, who are all Fort Osage Alumni.

Diana Rice

Diana Rice was first elected to the Board in April 2006. She was elected as Vice-President April 10, 2012. She is an alumnus of Fort Osage class of 1979. She is employed by Hallmark. She and her husband, John, live in Independence. They are the proud parents of four children, DJ, Meaghan, Hannah, and Jon.

Sharon Dankenbring

Sharon Dankenbring was first elected to the board in April 1992. She is employed at the Examiner as Advertising Director. She and her husband Jim have two children, both of whom are Fort Osage Alumni.

Gary Thompson

Gary Thompson was first elected to the Board of Education in April 1996. Gary is a retired senior Vice President of Bank of America. He and his wife, Alice, have been married for 32 years and have two sons, Brent and Devin, who are both Fort Osage Alumni. Gary has lived in the Fort Osage School District for over 30 years.

Carol Marcks

Carol Marcks was first elected to the board in April 2004. Carol is a retired Fort Osage School District Employee.

Kirk Stobart

Kirk Stobart was first elected to the Board of Education in April 2011. Kirk is a Firefighter with the City of Independence Fire Department and President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 781. He and his wife, Samantha, have been married for 13 years and have two daughters, Shelby and Kelcey, who are both students in the district. Kirk is a Fort Osage graduate from the class of 1989.

Kelly Scott

Kelly Scott was first elected to the Board of Education in April 2012. He is an alumnus of Fort Osage class of 1976. His son graduated from Fort Osage and he currently has four grandchildren in the district. Kelly has served for many years as the announcer at Fort Osage soccer games.

**School
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Fort Osage School District**

Fort Osage R-1 School District SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Behavior Rules and Discipline Procedures for School Bus Riders

Transportation for any student to ride in a school bus is a PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. The safety and welfare of student riders depends on proper behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations. Any pupil who violates any of these rules will be reported to the proper authority and his/her privilege of transportation may be denied.

These rules apply to STUDENT ACTIVITY TRIPS as well as regular bus routes to and from school.

- The DRIVER is in FULL charge of the bus and its passengers and has authority to enforce all the rules. Respect the authority of the driver by obeying promptly and courteously. Students and parents are to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver.
 - BE AT THE BUS STOP 5 MINUTES EARLY. The BUS CAN NOT WAIT for those who are tardy. DO NOT run after the bus if you are late.
 - Wait for the bus to come to a COMPLETE stop before trying to board or depart. If you must CROSS THE ROAD, wait for the DRIVER TO SIGNAL (thumbs up) you across when he/she has determined all traffic has stopped. ALWAYS cross at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus, whether boarding or departing.
 - After boarding the bus, sit down and remain seated in your assigned seat until the bus reaches your stop.
 - NO fighting, pushing, tripping, kicking, etc. will be tolerated on the bus.
 - NO tobacco, drugs, alcohol, matches, lighters, weapons, or explosives on the bus.
 - NO loud or boisterous speech, swearing or shouting in the bus or out the windows will be allowed. Rude and abusive language will not be tolerated.
 - DO NOT extend any part of your body out the bus windows.
 - DO NOT throw anything in or out of the bus window.
 - DO NOT eat or drink on the bus.
 - DO NOT bring glass containers, live animals, reptiles, insects, etc. on the bus.
 - TREAT THE BUS WITH RESPECT. ANY DAMAGES TO THE BUS WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE STUDENT OR HIS/HER PARENTS. VANDALISM MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF RIDING PRIVILEGES UNTIL PAID FOR.
 - Keep the aisle clear. Store personal items on your lap. Bulky items may be brought onto the bus as long as they can safely fit into the seating compartment and do not pose a safety hazard or occupy space needed for a bus rider. All items must be in a backpack or case.
 - USE HANDRAILS when boarding or departing the bus.
 - CELL PHONES are not to be used, displayed, heard or visible on the bus.
- In summary, no distracting or dangerous activity will be allowed on the bus.

DISCIPLINE PROCESS

For the safety of all students inappropriate behavior on the school bus will not be tolerated. Transportation to and from school is part of the school day, and all of the rules governing student behavior are in force. The issue of safety requires that students be on their best behavior while on the school bus.

Students, parents and school employees must understand that rules are to be consistently and fairly enforced and obeyed.

Such misbehavior as rudeness, pushing, fighting, throwing objects, obscenity, and other offenses may result in immediate suspension of all transportation services.

The following will be observed in dealing with violations of the school bus safety rules.

1. First Offense - Warning

Parents will receive a notification letter from the Assistant Director of Transportation stating the infraction. A copy of the misconduct will be issued to the building principle and student. Parents signatures are required on the report to be returned to the driver the following day.

2. Second Offense - Short Term Suspension

A second misconduct will result in a three day suspension. Parents will receive notification by phone from the Assistant Director of Transportation regarding the students infraction.

A copy of the misconduct will be issued to the building principle and student.

The misconduct must be signed and returned to the driver by the student before transportation can be resumed.

3. Third Offense - Short Term Suspension

A third misconduct will result in a five day suspension. Parents will receive notification by phone from the Assistant Director of Transportation regarding the students infraction.

A copy of the misconduct will be issued to the building principle and student.

The misconduct must be signed and returned to the driver by the student before transportation can be resumed.

4. Fourth Offense - Long Term Suspension

A fourth misconduct will result in a ten day suspension. Parents will receive notification by phone from the Assistant Director of Transportation regarding the students infraction.

Parent/guardian may be called in for a conference before transportation can resume.

A copy of the misconduct will be issued to the building principle and student.

The misconduct must be signed and returned to the driver by the student before transportation can be resumed.

5. Fifth Offense - Extended Suspension

A fifth misconduct may result in a ninety day suspension. Parents will receive notification by phone and a conference will be scheduled before transportation can resume.

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION CLAUSE: Defiance of driver, flagrant safety violation, or hurting another student will result in immediate suspension and a conference before the student may ride again.

The safety of all students riding the bus is dependent on the driver's ability to attend to driving. Unauthorized behavior draws the driver's attention away from the important task of attending to the safe transportation of students. District buses are equipped with video cameras and the student's behavior is subject to being reviewed on videotape. Videotapes are to be reviewed by district personnel only in accordance with Federal Education Right to Privacy Act guidelines.



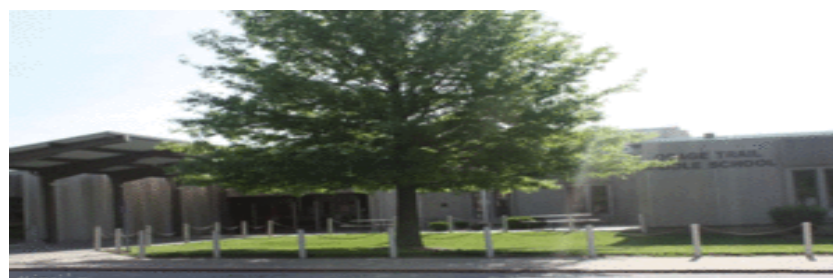
Buckner Elementary School
 013 S. Sibley Rd.
 Buckner, Mo 64016
 School Hours: 8:25 A.M. ~ 3:20 P.M.
 Office Hours: 8:15 A.M. ~ 4:15 P.M.
 Phone: (816) 650-7300
 Fax: (816) 650-7305
 Principal: Patrick Farnan



Fire Prairie Middle School
 24801 E. 24 Hwy
 Independence, MO 64058
 School Hours: 8:30 ~ 3:15
 Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. ~ 4:30 P.M. Mon-Thurs
 7:30 A.M. ~ 4:00 P.M. Fri
 Phone: (816) 650-7158
 Fax: (816) 650-7166
 Principal: Tim Gallagher



Osage Trail Middle School
 2101 N. Twyman Rd.
 Independence, MO 64058
 School Hours: 7:30 A.M. ~ 2:22 P.M.
 Office Hours: 6:30 A.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.
 Phone: (816) 650-7151
 Fax: (816) 650-7152
 Principal: John Schuler



Fort Osage High School
 2101 N. Twyman Rd.
 Independence, MO 64058
 School Hours: 7:30 A.M. ~ 2:25 P.M.
 Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.
 Phone: (816) 650-7030
 Fax: (816) 650-7088
 Principal: Jason Snodgrass



Career & Technology Center
 2101 N. Twyman Rd.
 Independence, MO 64058
 School Hours: 7:35 A.M. ~ 2:25 P.M.
 Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. ~ 3:30 P.M.
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 Phone: (816) 650-7180
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 Director: Mike Pantleo



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 Independence, MO 64058
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 School Hours: Session 2: 12:25 P.M. ~ 3:25 P.M. Mon ~ Thurs
 Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. ~ 4:00 P.M. Mon ~ Fri
 Phone: (816) 650-7480
 Fax: (816) 650-7485
 Director: Karen Harrach



Lewis & Clark Academy
 2101 N Twyman Rd.
 Independence, MO 64058
 School Hours: 8:30 A.M. ~ 2:15 P.M.
 Office Hours 7:30 A.M. ~ 3:00 P.M.
 Phone: (816) 650-7708
 Fax: (816) 650-7712
 Principal: Wendy Mills



McCune School
 21001 E US 24 Highway
 Independence, MO 64056
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 Office Hours:
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 Fax: (816) 650-7495
 Director: Andre Montgomery



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When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now & then & I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school.

I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides... A burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things... And imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else.

What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

So...please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life...I just did!

Life is too short to wake up with regrets... Love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't.

ENJOY LIFE NOW - IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE



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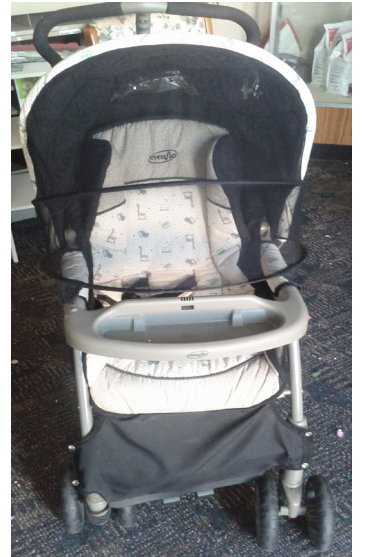
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August Birthdays

August 5-Kim Stringer
August 8-Tim Runyon
August 9-Chuck Ison
August 13-Aunt Flossie
August, 29- Theresa Runyon

Happy Birthday

to

everyone!

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Public Service Announcements

The Gazette's policy on PSA's is we print them on a first come, first serve basis as space allows and they need to be submitted 2-3 weeks before the scheduled publication date. Some examples of PSA's are engagements, birth announcements (pictures extra) and church and community events.

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Drought hits area hard

Last summer Missouri was experiencing flooding, with loss of crops and this year they are experiencing a drought.

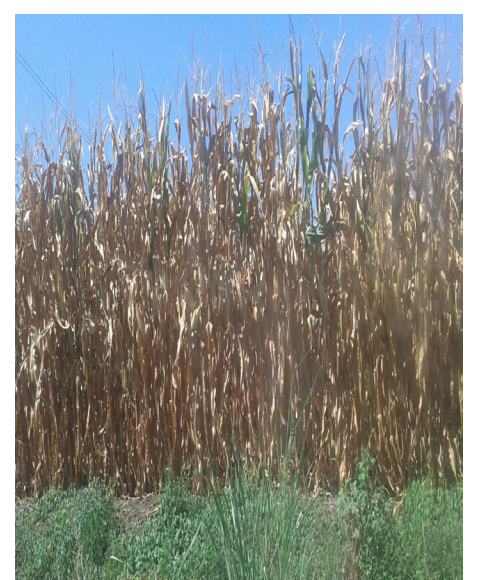
With Levasy, Mo. our neighbor to the east lying close to the Missouri River the flood last year caused crop loss to many area farmers.

Roger Stock spent many hours along with other individuals pumping water away from the crops and the town and into the levy.

This year the story is the opposite. Corn crops will not yield much this year and prices at the grocery store will reflect the loss of crops. However, according to an area farmer, the farmers will still receive the same amount of money or less they were promised, per crop yield

with possibly only half the crop coming to fruition. They still spent the same amount of money on seeds, planting, man hours and equipment, but will **only be paid for what their crop yields**. On the other hand, prices will go higher at the grocery store, as supply and demand will dictate how much you will pay for such products as corn, greens beans, and soy beans. Meat could possibly go up, since the cattle will need to be fed the same amount of grain and hay, but possibly only half the crop that was expected will be produced, due to the drought.

All counties in Missouri have been designated as disaster areas and the state is assisting the farmers in different ways.



L-R: Corn field in Levasy, Mo. located on Stock Rd. Corn field located on Neil Chiles Road, in rural Buckner

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School News

CHANGES in the Medication Guidelines

Medication Policy/Guidelines/Information:

Policy 2870: It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that the giving of medicine to students during school hours be discouraged and restricted to medication that cannot be given on an alternative schedule. The Board of Education recognizes that some students may require medication for chronic or short term illness/injury during the school day to enable them to remain in school and participate in their education. Some children do require medication to be given at school. The health room staff are prepared to assist; however we do require the following:

ALL MEDICATION (even over-the-counter – such as Tylenol, Motrin, Advil) REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE or prescription--FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE HEALTH ROOM OR ON LINE.

For the safety of students, ALL medication is to be brought to the health room by parent or adult. Students are NOT to carry or keep medication in classroom or locker. The Fort Osage School District does not stock medications.

Prescription medication should be in CURRENT dated, pharmacy labeled container.

All over-the-counter medication should be in the new un-opened container (bottle, bag, box, etc.) Baggies, envelopes, or punch out cards are not acceptable.

Dosage: only amounts provided by the manufacture or physician will be given. Smallest dose will be given first to see if effective. (For Children under 12 years: **PEDIATRIC or CHILDREN dosing ONLY----no adult dosage unless with a doctor's note)**

Health room staff will not give students aspirin (salicylates) products.

A "Medication Permission Form" will need to be signed and kept on file.

First doses will NOT be administered at school.

The pharmacy will provide an extra bottle for school upon parent request. Please send only the medication needed at school, do NOT send the entire prescription. The school district retains the right to reject requests for administering medications. Only medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration will be given with parent and physician consent. The dosage must be in acceptable ranges found in pharmaceutical and reference books. The parent/guardian of the student must assume responsibility for informing the health room personnel of any change in the student's health or medication.

Illness Guidelines

To reduce the spread of illness your cooperation adhering to the following guidelines is necessary.

*For your child's health he/she may NOT attend after school activities or school tomorrow if sent home for: fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.

* Students should remain home until fever, vomiting, diarrhea FREE for 24 hours before returning to school. This includes no fever reducing (Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil) or anti-diarrhea medication taken for 24 hours.

* Students should remain home for 24 hours after taking the FIRST dose of antibiotic for an infection.

Please use and instruct your child on good hygiene practices, such as hand washing and not to eat or drink after each other.

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School supply list

Elementary School 2012-2013 School Year Supply List

Kindergarten

- 24 yellow #2 wooden pencils with erasers
- 4 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1 box classic color washable markers
- 4 bottles of glue (4 ounces each) or 4 glue sticks
- 1 plastic school box
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- 4 black dry erase markers
- Ziploc bags (girls bring gallon size; boys bring quart size)
- 2 packages loose leaf construction paper
- 1 package play-doh
- 4 x 6 spiral bound notecards
- Backpack (no wheels)

First Grade

- 24 yellow #2 wooden pencils with erasers
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1 box classic color washable markers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 plastic school box
- 3 boxes facial tissues
- 4 black dry erase markers
- Ziploc bags (girls bring gallon size; boys bring quart size)
- 4 plain colored pocket folders with brads
- 2 plain colored spiral wide lined notebooks
- 2 large erasers
- Backpack (no wheels)

Second Grade

- 24 yellow #2 wooden pencils with erasers
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1 box classic color washable markers
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 plastic school box
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- 4 black dry erase markers
- Ziploc bags (girls bring gallon size; boys bring quart size)
- 1 package Post-It Notes (girls only)
- 1 package index cards (boys only)
- 2 pocket folders (red and blue)
- 2 spiral notebooks wide ruled (red & blue)
- Backpack (no wheels)

Third Grade

- 24 yellow #2 wooden pencils with erasers
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1 box classic color washable markers
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 glue stick
- 1 plastic school box or large pencil pouch
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- 4 black dry erase markers
- Ziploc bags (girls bring gallon size; boys bring quart size)
- 1 package construction paper
- 8 folders (2 red, 2 green, 2 yellow, & 2 blue)
- 4 wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 2 large erasers
- Backpack (no wheels)

Fourth Grade

- 24 yellow #2 wooden pencils with erasers
- 1 box crayons, 24 count
- 1 box classic color washable markers
- 1 bottle of glue, 8 ounces
- 1 plastic school box
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- 4 black dry erase markers
- 2 two-pocket folders
- 4 wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Backpack (no wheels)
- 1 package graph paper (4x4 quadrille ruled)
- 2 three-ring binders, 1 inch (no Trapper Keepers)

The Fort Osage School District, Staff and Board of Education



*wishes everyone a very
happy, productive and
exciting school year!*

School Closing Information

In the event of inclement weather, school district administration may choose to cancel school or to dismiss classes early. The decision on whether to cancel school is made before 6:00 a.m. if at all possible. Hopefully, the district will not have to dismiss classes early because the administration realizes the hardships that might be created by doing such. The exceptions might be dismissing classes early at the High School and Osage Trail Middle School. If this is done, it is usually to dismiss about 20 minutes earlier than usual and is done so that the busses might make their High School and Osage Trail Middle School routes and then get back for the Fire Prairie Middle School routes. If the weather forces the closing of school, the information will be announced in the following ways:

- Announcements will be made on local television and radio stations.
- Information will be posted on our website and you can also sign up to receive email alerts.
- Sign up to receive Fort Caster text alerts and you won't have to rely on watching the news to hear about school closings.

2012-2013 Meal Prices

All Schools - Breakfast \$1.85

Reduced price \$.30

*****NEW Lunch prices*****

Fort Osage Elementary schools 1.95

Fire Prairie \$1.95

Osage Trail Middle School \$2.20

Fort Osage High School \$2.20

Reduced price \$.40

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**Have a happy and safe
2012-2013 school year!**

Finalists Named for 2012-13 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Six public school educators have been chosen as finalists for the 2012-13 Missouri Teacher of the Year, state education officials announced today.

Nominations for the award were submitted by school districts throughout the state. The finalists are chosen, based on their written application, by a selection committee appointed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

This year's finalists are:

- **Catherine Cartier, an English teacher at Afton High School, Afton School District, St. Louis**
- **Jeanie Cook, a kindergarten teacher at Pleasant Lea Elementary School, Lee's Summit School District, Lee's Summit**
- **Stephen Schwartz, a first grade teacher at Valley Park Elementary School, Valley Park School District, Ballwin**
- **Donna Terrell, an art teacher at Fort Osage High School, Fort Osage School District, Independence**
- **Nichole Tews, an English teacher at Cass Career Center, Harrisonville Cass School District, Peculiar**
- **Janice Wenger, a gifted education teacher at the Center for Creative Learning, Rockwood School District, Chesterfield**

The selection committee will choose the Missouri Teacher of the Year following interviews with each finalist on Aug. 6 in Jefferson City. The winner will serve as the state's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year competition.

The finalists and the new Missouri Teacher of the Year will be honored at a banquet Oct. 15 in Jefferson City.

Missouri's current Teacher of the Year is Kristen Merrell, a third grade teacher at Lee's Summit Elementary School.

The Department conducts the Missouri Teacher of the Year program with financial support provided by the Boeing Company of St. Louis.

Fort Osage R-1 Free and Reduced Price Policy

Fort Osage R-1 School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals Annually		Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals Monthly Weekly		Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals Annually Monthly Weekly	
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,521	\$1,211	\$280	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$398
2	19,669	1,640	379	27,991	2,333	539
3	24,817	2,069	478	35,317	2,944	680
4	29,965	2,498	577	42,643	3,554	821
5	35,113	2,927	676	49,969	4,165	961
6	40,261	3,356	775	57,295	4,775	1,102
7	45,409	3,785	874	64,621	5,386	1,243
8	50,557	4,214	973	71,947	5,996	1,384
Each add'l member	+5,148	+429	+99	+7,326	+611	+141

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Food Service department will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he may make a request either orally or in writing to the Assistant Superintendent of Support Services.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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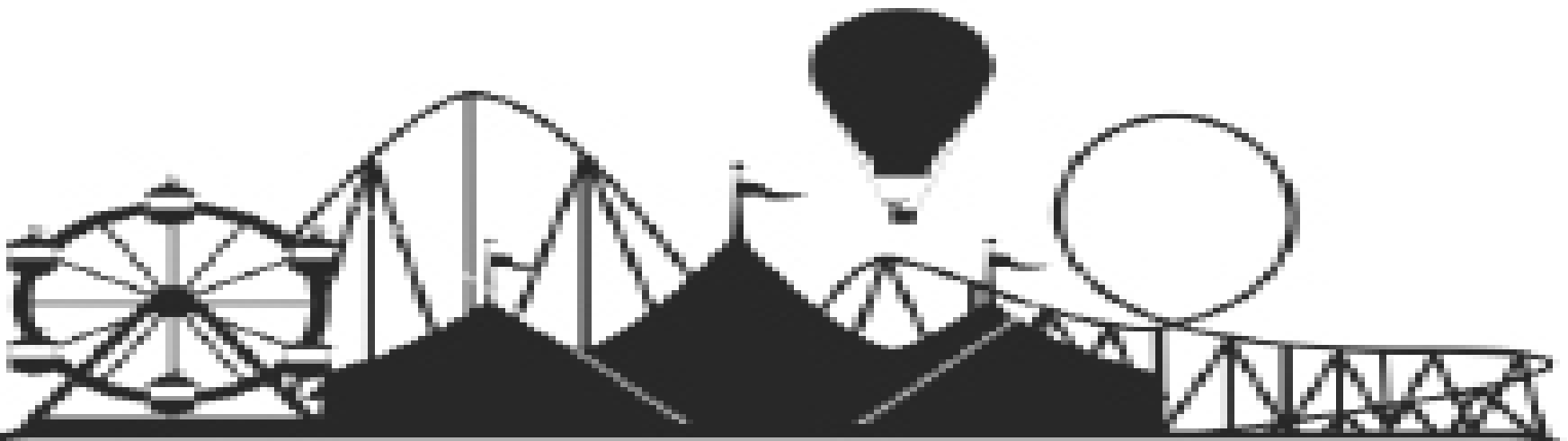
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