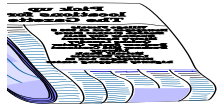


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*Friday, March 22, 2013*

## ***Levasy, Mo. to host Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23, 2013***

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23, 2013 for a fun filled morning in Levasy, Mo. Children of all ages are invited to attend an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. at Levasy Civic Center.

The children will be divided up in age groups, so everyone will have an opportunity to get some eggs. The children will take their eggs to a table set up inside the civic center and exchange them for candy, fruit snacks and maybe even a small toy. One item per each egg turned in. Each child will be given a ticket that they can turn in for one FREE cupcake. After the egg hunt, the

kids will enjoy a cupcake walk for kids only! The adults will have a cake walk along with a three legged race.

This event is for all ages and anyone who wants to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Levasy City Hall at 650-3552.



## **FOFPD recognizes Richard Alexander for 25 years of service!**

Richard Alexander joined the Fort Osage Fire Protection in 1988 as an EMT/Firefighter. During his 25 years with the Fort Osage Fire Protection District Richard has gone from an EMT up the ranks to the position of Captain.

The Fort Osage Fire Protection District has three shifts, A Shift, B Shift and C Shift. Richard serves in the position of Captain for the A Shift.

It was stated that Richard has been on over 7,000 calls in his 25 years of service. Congratulations Richard, we are proud to have you protecting our homes and families.



## ***The Amazing Race comes to Buckner!***

Buckner Elementary School Principal, Patrick Farnan was in a serious motorcycle accident on October 20, 2012. He has spent the months since the accident recovering from his injuries, which includes a serious head injury along with other injured areas.

Mr. Farnan has worked hard in rehab to regain a lot of his physical strength and has done a remarkable job. This does not surprise anyone who knows him, as he is a very hard working, diligent and wonderful man whom all his students, teachers and parents admire greatly.

Now he has the task of paying medical bills that his insurance carrier does not cover.

On Saturday, April 20, 2013, there will be an amazing 5K Walk/run race for Mr. Farnan, with all profits going towards his medical bills. There is information on page 12 of this week's

issue of The Gazette. If you have any questions, please call Buckner School at 650-7300. Everyone of all ages are invited to participate in this worthwhile event.

## **Detective Carole "Kat" Covey Wins Jackson County's Employee of the Year**

Detective Covey has been assigned to the Sex Offender Registration and Enforcement Unit with the Jackson County, MO Sheriff's Office since its inception.

Aside from answering non-stop telephone calls, she often responds to register sex offenders, answers a multitude of sex offender registration questions, and resolves concerns over offender compliance on a daily basis. In addition, Detective Covey is cognizant of her surroundings and never hesitates to stop what she is doing and interject if an offender is being dishonest or not forthright in their information with one of the clerks.

Through all of this, Detective Covey has remained strong in her dedication to ensuring sex offenders remain accountable for their actions and the zero tolerance enforcement remains tightly intact.

When she was nominated for Jackson

County's Employee of the Month award, it was noted in one 12-month span -- November 29, 2010 through November 29, 2011 -- Detective Covey charged 161 offenders with "Failure to Register as a Sex Offender." Her coworkers also cited her ability to discern when an offender is being less than forthright. In late 2011, she interviewed an offender during a compliance sweep and obtained consent to search his home. The result was the discovery of child pornography (more than 13,000 images and 80 videos on the man's computer) and filing of charges.

Detective Covey was recognized for her tireless efforts to make Jackson County safe when she was named the February 2012 Employee of the Month. Now her county colleagues who serve on the Employee Recognition Committee have bestowed upon her the honor of being Jackson

County 2012 Employee of the Year.

County Executive Mike Sanders and Jackson County Sheriff Mike Sharp congratulated Detective Covey on the award during a special luncheon held Monday, February 11, 2013 to salute all of the county's 2012 Employees of the Month. "Kathy has earned this award not only for what she's done in the last year, but for a career dedicated to going above and beyond in making sure no offender 'slips through the cracks,'" stated Sheriff Sharp. "We have a zero tolerance policy toward offenders who don't register, and Kathy is proactive in pursuing them and protecting the public.

Detective Covey, who rarely takes a day off, has also helped streamline the offense reporting process, which includes a narrative crucial to successfully prosecuting cases. She played a key role in

transforming the Sex Offender Registration and Enforcement Unit from one that was reactive to one that is now proactive in pursuing offenders 24/7.

To date, Detective Covey has charged nearly 550 sex offenders with Failing to Register as a Sex Offender.

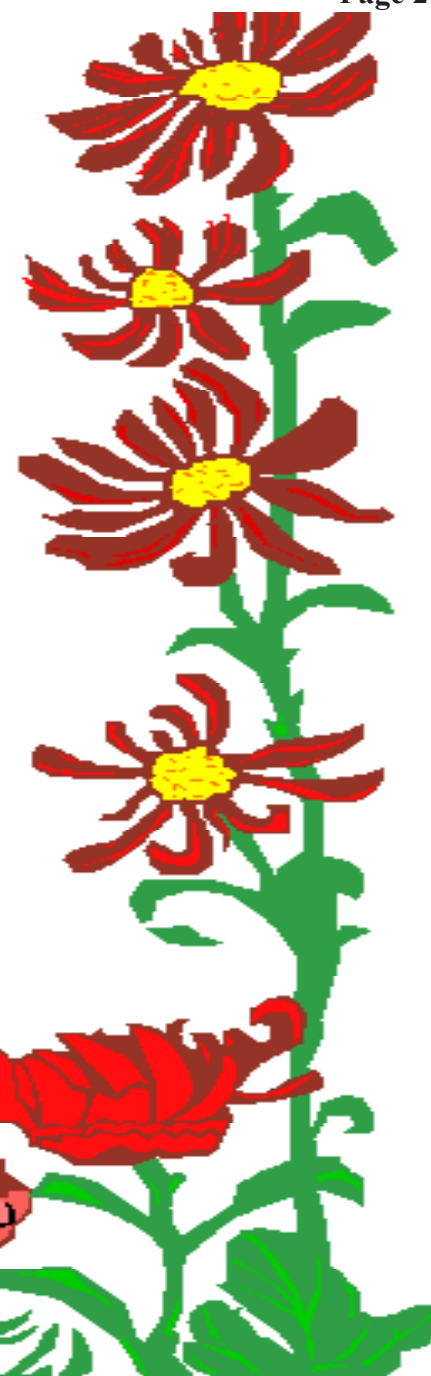


**Detective Covey's (center) along side County Executive Mike Sanders (left) and Sheriff Mike Sharp (right) sent via e-mail.**

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## **Red Dawg Saloon in downtown Buckner, right before it was demolished**

Many of you may remember this building as Cox Shingles and was later purchased to be used as the Red Dawg Saloon. Recently the building was demolished along with the old building to the south of it, which used to be Vic's Buggy shop.

## **Red Dawg Saloon after demolition**

George Cox standing in what is now a vacant lot in downtown Buckner. The building was demolished recently and it was then the home of the Red Dawg. Before that it was Cox Shingles. (Photo submitted by George Cox Thanks!)



## Obituaries

### **DORA E. HUDSPETH SLAUGHTER**

Dora Elizabeth Hudspeth Slaughter was born March 6, 1914 at Buckner, Missouri to Clara E. (Hock) and Henry C. Hudspeth. She was educated in the Fort Osage public schools. She participated in Buckner School contests winning first in vocal solo Division 6 sponsored by Buckner Community Assn. and won vocal voice contest from the Jackson County School contests. Dora played leads in the Junior Class play "Kicked Out Of College", and in an Operetta "Jerry Of Jerrico Road", and acted in a 1 Act play contest as a nurse in "Thank You Doctor". Dora was Vice-President of her senior class, graduating from Halls Memorial High School of Buckner in 1932. She received a scholarship for Warrensburg Central Missouri State University and received her State of Missouri Teachers Elementary Certificate in 1934. She returned to Jackson County to teach 2 years in District II, Reber and Combs Schools. She left teaching and married James W. Slaughter on June 21, 1937. Dora has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for more than 60 years. She served as an officer in Ft. Osage Chapter from 1950-1958. "Christmas With Dora" was a tradition in the Chapter. She welcomed the members into her historic home,

prepared cookies, served punch, and shared stories of the history of her home. Dora transferred to the Independence Pioneers Chapter and was recognized in September 2009 by the Missouri State Regent and the Independence Pioneers Chapter Regent for 60 years of dedicated service. She was a member of the Mary Paxton Study Class; Knife and Fork Club; National Frontier Trails Center; Chapter #5081 AARP, and Buckner Red Hatter Roadrunners. One of Dora's hobbies was oil painting. She donated one of her landscapes to the Buckner First United Methodist Church for their raffle. She was a dedicated hand quilter, working for years with the Busy Fingers (quilters) at St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Independence. In 1990, this group of friends (including Dora) completed a 68 block sampler quilt designed by Kathy Glasco for the National Frontier Trails Center. Each square was sewed together by a person representing an organization, church, or school in Independence. Dora donated her hand pieced quilts to various churches and organizations for raffles. The individuals who won had a great treasure. Dora loved traveling with her dear friend, Mary Jean Clark, throughout the U.S., Russia, Ireland, England, Germany, and Holland. She enjoyed needlepoint

projects and displayed her achievements inside her historical home. The house Dora resided in was built in the 1920's. Dora and James completed extensive renovations and improvements on their home. She enjoyed her vegetable garden as was especially proud of her flowers. In 1966, Dora won the "Golden Broom" award from the Buckner Chamber of Commerce recognizing beautification of improvement of residential or business property in Buckner. Dora had a avid interest in history and genealogy. She was a descendent from the very earliest families in Jackson County. Through the years she donated family artifacts to the Jackson County Historical Society and to Buckner First Christian Church. She was recognized in a newspaper article in the Gazette Weekly in 2000 as the oldest female resident born in Buckner and living within the City limits. Dora was preceded in death by her husband, James, of 43 years. She is survived by a niece, Sharon Slaughter Holt and husband Don and family, niece, Joan Merrill, and family; cousins and families. Dora was admired as a role model and survivor who met the challenge of macular degeneration directly. She had to forego many of her hobbies, but adapted and changed her focus to other activities. After her husband died, she

lived independently in her home for 32 years. With the aid of a reading machine, she was able to read papers daily. She followed her historical interests and social activities. After relinquishing her drivers license, her many friends in Buckner and Independence communities provided support with their calls, cards, letters, and transported her to activities, allowing her to maintain her independent life style. The support of friends who did housework, errands, and completed work projects at her request for many years, enabled Dora to remain in the home she so dearly loved. The dedication and caring from these individuals was deeply appreciated by Dora and she was thankful for each of you who preformed these acts of kindness to her. At Dora's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Six-Mile Baptist church. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Speaks Buckner Chapel; 300 Adams, Buckner, MO. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Buckner Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com)

(Arrangements: Speaks  
Buckner Chapel)

### **FRED H. JENSEN, JR.**

Fred H. Jensen, 79, Buckner, MO passed away Feb. 9, 2013. Services will be 2 pm, Wed., Feb. 13 at Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th St., Independence, MO 64055; interment at Buckner Cemetery. Visitation begins at 1 pm before the service at the chapel. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Kansas City Hospice, 9221 Ward Pkwy., Ste. 100, Kansas City, MO 64114. Fred was born April 10, 1933 in Kansas City, MO. He was a Marine veteran. He served as a firefighter for the KCFD. Fred loved fishing, hunting and gardening. Fred was preceded in death by his wife Ruth Jensen and son Timmy. He is survived by daughter Penny Pace; son Dennie Jensen and wife Annette; brother Bill Jensen and wife Linda; grandchildren Aaron, Matthew, Luke, Jacob, Caleb, Rachel, Sarah, Patrick; great-grandchildren Gunner, Max, Olivia and Jemma. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) Arrangements by, Speaks Suburban Chapel, 816-373-3600.

### **DELORIS HAWKINS**

Deloris Hawkins, 81, of Independence, MO passed March 12, 2013. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, at Oak Grove Cemetery. She is survived by her children, Wanda Chard, Mary Core and Darrell Fuller; nine grandchildren; twenty three great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was a longtime member of the RLDS Church and enjoyed embroidery. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, A.D. Hawkins in 1972. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements: Carson-Speaks Chapel)

### **JACKIE JOANN BURCH**

Jackie Joann Burch, 67, Mayview, MO, formerly of Levasy and Buckner, passed away when her Heart of Gold had no more to give on March 3, 2013. Services will be 10 am, Friday, March 8 at Speaks Buckner Chapel, 300 Adams, Buckner, MO 64016; interment at Buckner Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 pm, Thursday March 7, 2013 at the chapel.

Jackie was born Jan. 4, 1946 in Lexington, MO on a cold and snowy night to the very loving family of Floyd Edward and Dorothy Mae (Knoche) Burch. She was known as Gma, Grandma, Mom, Aunt, Jack and many other names. She was a truck driver, card maker, bullet maker, cook, waitress, small business owner and farmer during her life. The role she treasured and the one that brought her the most joy, was being David & Susan's mom and being a grandmother. She was a loving, caring, giving person who loved singing and laughter. She was a mother to many neighborhood children and was dedicated to helping others. She was many things to many people.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, and son Larry "David" Hibbs. She is survived by daughter Susan Clark and husband Marty, Mayview, MO; grandchildren Alicia Clark, Johnson County, KS; Tyler Clark, Blue Springs, MO; Kirstin Clark; Dalton Clark, both of Mayview, MO; Larry Hibbs, Independence, MO; great-grandchildren Nash, Mason, Blake and many friends and "kids".

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel, 816-650-5555.

### **KATHERINE BALDUS**

Katherine Baldus, 92, of Buckner, MO, passed away Sunday, March 17th 2013. A visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 20th at Speaks Buckner Chapel; 300 Adams, Buckner, MO. A funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 21st at the chapel. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Buckner, MO.

Katherine was born September 16th 1920 in Jackson County, MO to Delbert J. and Elizabeth (Harra) Campbell. She graduated from Buckner Memorial H.S. in 1938. She later married Thomas Baldus and together they raised three children. Katherine worked for many years selling cemetery monuments for Johnson and Sons. She regularly attended Trinity Church of the Nazarene as well as Oakland United Methodist Church. She especially loved her family, gardening and making many quilts. She supported Children's Mercy Hospital with an array of crafted gifts. Katherine is loved and will be missed.

She is survived by sons, Farol T. Baldus (Sandra) and Wayne J. Baldus (Barbara) all of Buckner, MO; daughter, Kathy Yokley (formerly Coatney) of Nevada, MO; grandchildren, Donna Thorpe; Don, Thomas, Ron, and David Baldus; Kyle and Eric Coatney; Krystal Williams; and Doug Yokley; great grandchildren, Ryan Thorpe, Lindsey Weikel; Kara, Thomas, Kelsie, Carlie, Samantha, Michael, and Matthew Baldus; Heather Snyder, Holly Turner, Cassie and Katie Baldus; Joshua and Lanissa Walker; Jessica Crouse; Chase and Hunter Coatney; Kairyn Williams; Isabella and Addelyn Yokley; great great grandchildren, Ryan and Noah Thorpe; Gabriel and Jaidyn Baldus; Chaz, Kellen and Rylee Crouse; Hailey and James Ray Snyder. Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, husband; brothers, Kenneth and D.J. Campbell, and granddaughter, Shonna (Baldus) Burrus. In lieu of flowers the family encourages contributions to Oakland United Methodist Church; PO Box 482 Buckner, MO 64016. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arr. Speaks Buckner Chapel 816-650-5555)

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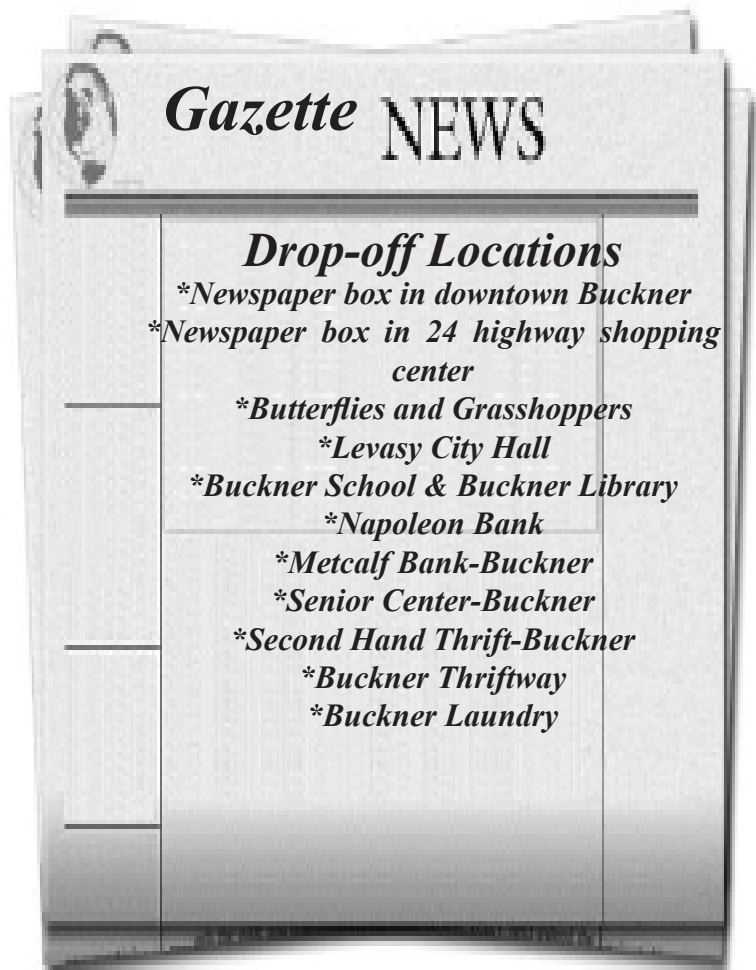
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**Two from Buckner/Sibley area perform at UMKC**

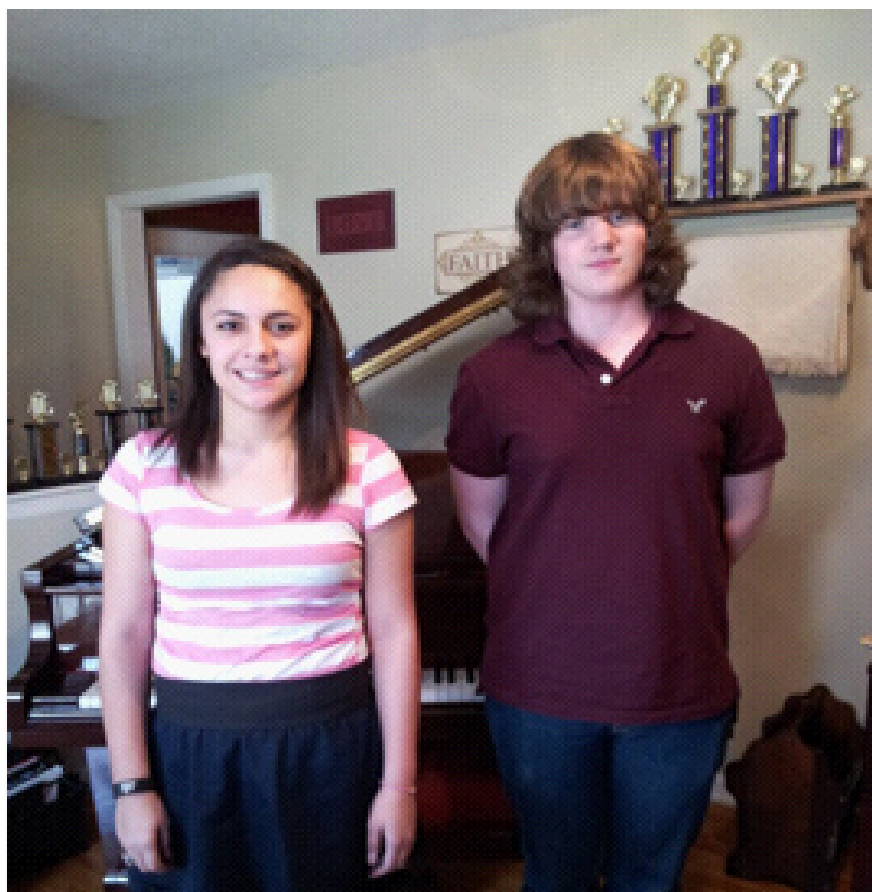
On February 17th, 2013, Matthew Baumler and Amatay Boutte performed at White Recital Hall at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Both performed in the High School Wind Symphony under the direction of Alberto Rogue from Portugal. They performed with Honor Band students from around the Midwest region.

Matthew Baumler is a sophomore at Fort Osage High School. He participates in marching band, wind ensemble, jazz band, pit orchestra, and serves on the band council.

Matthew has been a member of the Kansas City Youth Symphony for three years and has played the piano for eight years. He enjoys math and maintains a GPA of 4.1. Matthew resides in Buckner with his family.

Amatay Boutte is a freshman at Fort Osage High School. She participates in marching band and wind ensemble. Amatay also plays the piano and the violin. She has been a member of the River City Players in Lexington, Missouri for ten years. She is active in debate and Destination Imagination. Amatay maintains a GPA of 3.9 and resides in Sibley with her family.

Matthew played the Oboe and Amatay played the French horn in the UMKC Wind Symphony. We are very proud of you! Your towns salute you both.



*L-R: Amatay Boutte and Matthew Baumler*

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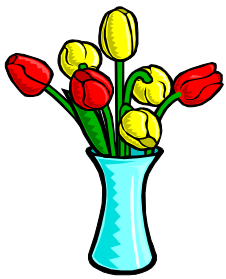
## Great Showing for Speech and Debate

February 8-9, 2013, The Fort Osage High School speech and debate team competed at the Platte County High School Orange Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Congratulations to the following students:

**Michael Smith and Micah Lewis- 3rd place in Public Forum Debate**  
**Frank Burnside and Samantha Swoffer-4th place in Team Policy Debate**  
**Chris Adams- Semifinalist in Prose Reading**  
**Matt Glover-Semifinalist in Congressional Debate**  
**Micaela Barbosa and Karla Gutierrez-Semifinalists in Duo Interpretation**  
**Morgan Parsons and Seth Saye- Quarter Finalists in Team Policy Debate**

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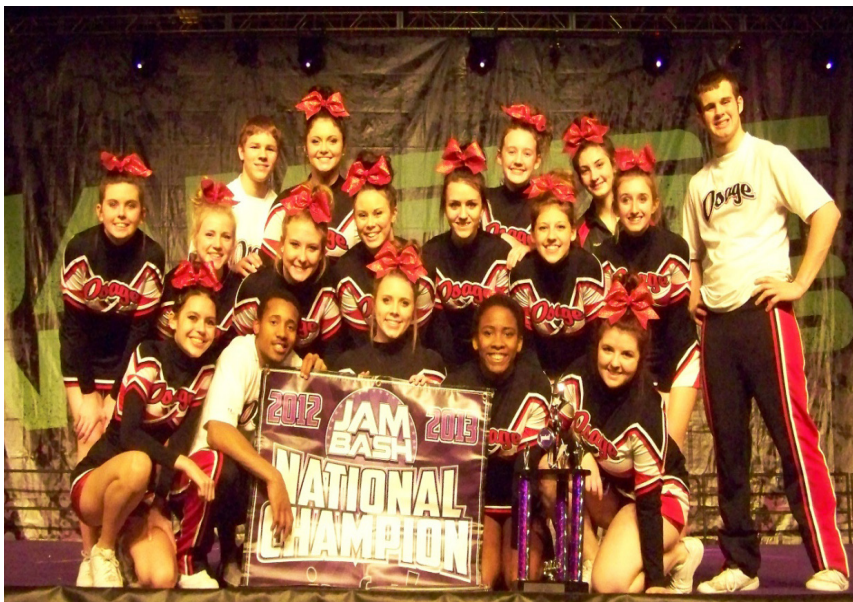
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L to R: Bekka Ramirez, Randy Hall, Brittany Rosemeier, Allison Stevens, Kristen Cooper

Kassidy Bishop, Megan Kelly, Kaitlyn Boatright, Kennedi Myers, Sam Larsen, Sydney VanFleet, SkyLa O'Neal, Kendall Smith

Alec Kolman, Mi'Kayla Carpenter, Madison Rawson, Madyson Monday

Not Shown: Candra Camerlynck, Haley Carpenter, Sam Jeffries, Katie Sloan

This past weekend the cheerleading team traveled to St. Louis to compete in the JamFest Competition and came home with the National Title in the High School Advanced Co-ed division. The JamFest competitions include high school and All-Star teams, but the teams do not compete against each other in the competition. This was the final competition for the squad this year. Receiving this award was a great way to end a very successful season. This year the team took 4th place at the State competition, 1st place at the UCA Show-Me Regionals, and now National Champions for the JamFest Series.

## Adding Up Their Success

The Fort Osage High School math club participated in a math relay at the University of Central Missouri on March 2, 2013. Congratulations to the following students on their success.

#### **Max Anderson**

3rd Place-9th Grade Algebra  
Top 10-9th Grade Geometry  
Top 10-Calculators and Computers

#### **Halsey Shelley**

Top 10-Calculators and Computers

#### **Matthew Baumler**

3rd Place-10th Grade Team  
Top 10-10th Grade Algebra  
Top 10-10th Grade Geometry

#### **Ethan Morrow**

3rd Place-10th Grade Team  
Top 10-10th Grade Geometry  
Top 10 Number and Set Theory

#### **David Hankins**

5th Place-11th Grade Algebra  
5th Place-11th Grade Team

#### **Rayn Tupinio**

5th Place-11th Grade Team

#### **Grant Watkins Davis**

2nd Place-12th Grade Geometry  
3rd Place-12th Grade Team  
3rd Place-Graphing Calculators

#### **Revan Hammontree**

3rd Place-12th Grade Team  
5th Place-Graphic Calculators  
Top 10-12th Grade Algebra  
Top 10-Calculators and Computers

#### **Rebecca Elder**

5th Place-Math Proofs Team  
Top 10-12th Grade Algebra

#### **Go Haga**

5th Place-12th Grade Geometry

#### **Kim Powell**

5th Place-Math Proofs Team

## FOSD announces new assistant principal for Fort Osage High School

Dr. Mark Enderle, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce Tracie Gramkow as the assistant principal of Fort Osage High School. Gramkow will begin her duties effective August 1, 2013, and replaces Ms. Connie Truelove who is retiring effective June 28, 2013. "I am excited to tackle this new challenge and to become part of the Fort Osage family," said Gramkow. Gramkow is currently the Assistant Principal at William Chrisman High School in Independence, MO. She has served in that role since 2006. Prior to her role as Assistant Principal, Gramkow was an English teacher in the Independence, North Kansas City, and Liberty School Districts. Gramkow holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri, Columbia. She holds a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Gramkow's community involvement includes being a board member for the Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA); a mentor in the Griffiths Leadership Society; and a national leadership team member for the Kappa Delta Sorority. "We are pleased to welcome Ms. Gramkow to the Fort Osage High School team. It was a competitive field of candidates and we feel she will serve our students and staff well," said Dr. Jason Snodgrass, Principal at Fort Osage High School.

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**Election April 2, 2013**

Levasy

Incumbents Jerry Friedrich and Kim Dyer signed up for the two positions for alderman along with new candidate Weldon Woodward

FOSD

Fort Osage School District had 2 positions open for the school board position and the 2 incumbents, were they only ones running, so there will not be an election.

\*The above 2 elections were all that The Gazette received. Please check with your city/town for any and all election news for the April 2, 2013 election

Buckner Audit Completed

A petition was signed with over 200 signatures asking the Audit Department with the State of Missouri to conduct an audit on The City of Buckner. After approximately a year the audit is complete. Please visit <http://www.audit.mo.gov> to see the results.

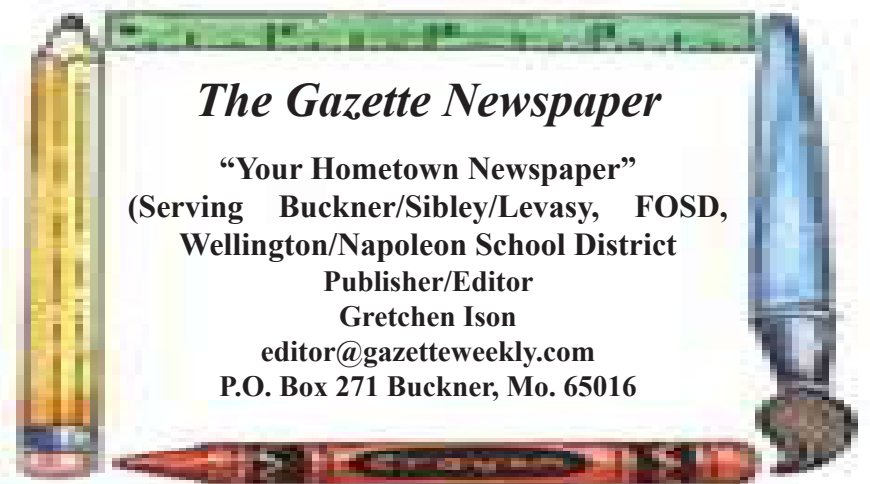
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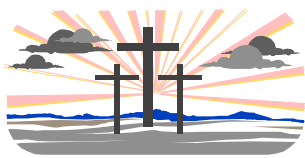
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*At All Fort Osage Elementary Schools*

*All incoming kindergarteners and their parents will enroll at your home school based on your address in the district. On April 18, parents will meet with the school's staff and children will meet with teachers to complete some school readiness activities.*

*State law requires that children be 5 years of age by July 31, 2013 in order to attend kindergarten.*

*Items Required for Kindergarten Enrollment*

- Proof of Age (Birth Certificate)*
- Immunization Records*
- Proof of Residency (two utility bills)*
- Completed Fort Osage Enrollment Packet*

*A Kindergarten enrollment packet is available now at all district elementary schools and on the district website at [www.fortosage.net/enrollment](http://www.fortosage.net/enrollment). Contact your home school to receive the kindergarten enrollment packet.*

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Cler-Mont Elementary 650-7350  
Elm Grove Elementary 650-7400  
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## FBLA Competition Wellington /Napoleon School District



Listed below you will see the results of the high school FBLA competition last week. It is too long to read in the daily so I have included it below. Thanks to all who allowed someone to complete an online test or skill event. The students greatly appreciated the opportunity to finish their work. Overall the school finished in 4th place out of 26 chapters in the district!

### Going to State—12 events 1st Alternates to State—6 events

Twenty-six members of the Wellington-Napoleon Future Business Leaders of America traveled to Trenton, Missouri to compete in the annual District 19 FBLA Leadership Conference. The following individuals/teams receiving awards as follows:

- Banking & Financial Team—2nd place team and 1st Alternate to State—Blaine Beissenherz and Nick Bross**
  - Business Calculations—4th place individual—Brandon Niendick**
  - Business Financial Plan Team—2nd place and going to State—Mikayla Lohsandt, Shelby Beagle, Madison Thornburg**
  - Business Law—5th place individual—Gage Sisson**
  - Desktop Publishing Team—3rd place team—Morgan Weedman and Jaime Ruskey**
  - Digital Design & Logo Presentation Team—1st place team and going to State—Guilia Mulvey and Olivia Hobbs**
  - E-Business—2nd place individual and 1st Alternate to State—Guilia Mulvey**
  - Economics—1st place individual and going to State—Zach Hopkins**
  - Economics—4th place individual—Blake Brockmeyer**
  - Electronic Career Portfolio—3rd place individual—Taylor West**
  - Emerging Business Issues Team—2nd place team and 1st Alternate to State—Zach Hopkins, Zach Garrett, Gage Sisson**
  - Entrepreneurship Team—4th place team—Blake Brockmeyer, Cole Barker, John Meierer**
  - FBLA Principles & Procedures—4th place individual—Samuel Fahrmeier**
  - Future Business Leader—3rd place individual—Taylor West**
  - Future Business Leader—4th place individual—Zach Garrett**
  - Global Business Team—1st place team and going to State—Blaine Beissenherz and Gage Sisson**
  - Help Desk—1st place individual and going to State—Taylor West**
  - Impromptu Speaking—5th place individual—Zach Hopkins**
  - Introduction to Business—1st place individual and going to State—John Meierer**
  - Introduction to Technology Concepts—4th place individual—Michael Brisbin**
  - Introduction to Technology Concepts—2nd place individual and going to State—Andrew Ballew**
  - Introduction to Technology Concepts—1st place individual and going to State—Ryan Collins**
  - Job Interview—2nd place individual and 1st Alternate to State—Blaine Beissenherz**
  - Management Decision Making Team—3rd place team—Michael Brisbin and Nick Bross**
  - Marketing Team—5th place team—Samuel Fahrmeier and Ryan Collins**
  - Public Speaking I—4th place individual—Guilia Mulvey**
  - Technology Concepts—3rd place individual and 1st Alternate to State—Cole Barker**
  - Website Development—5th place team—Zach Garrett and Logan Manning**
  - Word Processing I—5th place individual—Morgan Weedman**
  - Word Processing I—3rd place individual—Mikayla Lohsandt**
  - Computer Game and Simulation Programming—Dustin Seitz**
  - Desktop Application Programming—Logan Manning**
  - Who's Who in Missouri FBLA—Zach Garrett**
  - Local Chapter Annual Business Report—Mikayla Lohsandt and Shelby Beagle**
  - Community Service Project Report—Guilia Mulvey and Olivia Hobbs**
- Morgan Weedman was elected District 19 Vice President for the 2013-2014 school year.

## I-70 Junior High Math Relays

The Wellington-Napoleon Junior High Math Relays Team attended the I-70 Conference Junior High Math Relays on March 16, 2013 at Concordia High School. Schools in attendance were Concordia, Sweet Springs, Orrick, Santa Fe, Lone Jack, Crest Ridge and Wellington-Napoleon. Each student did all three events which were Computation, Geometry and Partner Problem-Solving.

Seventh graders attending were Valerie Barnett, Gavin Collins, Mark Dickey, Elizabeth Fahrmeier, Jordan Hill, Caitlin Niendick, Taylor Shaw, Kelsi Southard, Olan Zeiler.

Eighth graders attending were Sammy Blystone, Danielle Davis, Kelsey Gray, Duncan Hughes, Ashlyn Mitchell, Josh Quick, Allison Russell, Abbie Soendker, Monica Thornburg.

The whole team did an exceptional job of representing Wellington-Napoleon School.

### The results are as follows:

**7th grade Computation:** Gavin Collins 1st place, Olan Zeiler 1st place tie, Mark Dickey 2nd place tie, Taylor Shaw 2nd place tie, Elizabeth Fahrmeier 3rd place Caitlin Niendick 4th place, Jordan Hill 5th place tie, Kelsi Southard 5th place tie

**8th grade Computation:** Sammy Blystone 2nd place tie, Duncan Hughes 2nd place tie, Kelsey Gray 3rd place, Monica Thornburg 5th place

**7th grade Geometry:** Kelsi Southard 2nd place, Olan Zeiler 3rd place, Gavin Collins 4th place tie, Mark Dickey 4th place tie, Caitlin Niendick 5th place tie, Taylor Shaw 5th place tie

**8th grade Geometry:** Duncan Hughes 2nd place, Sammy Blystone 3rd place, Kelsey Gray 5th place

**7th grade Partner Problem-Solving:** Gavin Collins & Mark Dickey 1st place, Jordan Hill & Olan Zeiler 3rd place, Taylor Shaw & Kelsi Southard 5th place

**8th grade Partner Problem-Solving:** Kelsey Gray & Duncan Hughes 1st place, Ashlyn Mitchell & Elizabeth Fahrmeier 3rd place tie, Sammy Blystone & Monica Thornburg 3rd place tie

Gavin Collins also won the top 7th grader award of the whole contest



*1st row- Taylor Shaw, Kelsi Southard, Kelsey Gray, Elizabeth Fahrmeier, Valerie Barnett*

*2nd row- Josh Quick, Ashlyn Mitchell, Allison Russell, Abbie Soendker, Danielle Davis, Caitlin Niendick*

*3rd row- Jordan Hill, Monica Thornburg, Sammy Blystone, Duncan Hughes, Gavin Collins, Olan Zeiler, Mark Dickey*

## February Students of the Month Wellington/Napoleon School District



**Left to Right: Danielle Davis: 8th grade Alex Strickler: 9th grade Devin Jump: 10th grade Alex Rodenberg: 10th grade**



**Winter storm demolishes what was once Floyd Burch's garage that which built in the 80's on his former property in Levasy, Mo. Floyd used to fix tires and do other automotive jobs in the garage. The home is to the east of the garage has had new owners for several years.**



Two large snow storms, just days apart, caused many problems around our communities. Above is a picture of the Red Dawg Saloon, on the West Side of Hudson Street in downtown Buckner. The older building was taken down about 20 years ago and a new metal building with a brick face replaced the old structure. With the weight of the wet snow on top of the snow from the previous snow storm, the building could not sustain the weight and the center part of the roof fell in.

### *Winter can be hard on animals*

Winter can be hard on your animals, especially if they are kept outside. Please make sure they have shelter, plenty of water and food. As we progress into spring and then summer, fleas and ticks will become abundant. There are several good products out there for your pets, so please consult your vet on which product they feel is best.



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They told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie, as I looked at him lying in his pen. The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly. I'd only been in the area for six months, but everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street. But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did. But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes and a sealed letter from his previous owner. See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home. We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too. Maybe we were too much alike. I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that. "Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice."

To Whomever Gets My Dog: Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this, a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it. He knew something was different. So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes that it will help you bond with him and he with you. First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier. Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he hoards them.

He usually always has two in his mouth, and he tries to get a third in there. Hasn't done it yet. Doesn't matter where you throw them, he'll bound after them, so be careful. Don't do it by any roads. Next, commands. Reggie knows the obvious ones ---"sit," "stay," "come," "heel." He knows hand signals, too: He knows "ball" and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business.

Feeding schedule: twice a day, regular store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand. He's up on his shots. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet. Good luck getting him in the car. I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows. Finally, give him some time. It's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat, and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people, and me most especially. And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you...His name's not Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. But if someone is reading this, well it means that his new owner should know his real name.

His real name is "Tank." Because, that is what I drive. I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander. You see, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with ... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call to the shelter ... in the "event" ... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my CO is a dog-guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word.

Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family, too, and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me. If I have to give up Tank to keep those terrible people from coming to the US I am glad to have done so. He is my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades.

All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth.

Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss good night - every night - from me.

Thank you,  
Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure, I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags had been at half-mast all summer. I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey, Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright. "C'mere boy." He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted, searching for the name he hadn't heard in months. "Tank," I whispered. His tail swished. I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him.

"It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek. "So whatdaya say we play some ball?" His ears perked again. "Yeah? Ball? You like that? Ball?" Tank tore from my hands and disappeared into the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth. If you can read this without getting a lump in your throat or a tear in your eye, you just ain't right.

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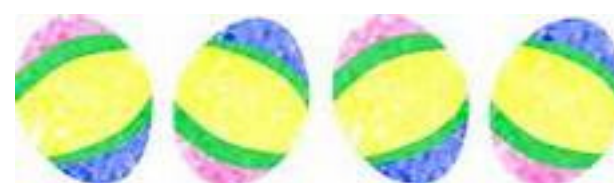
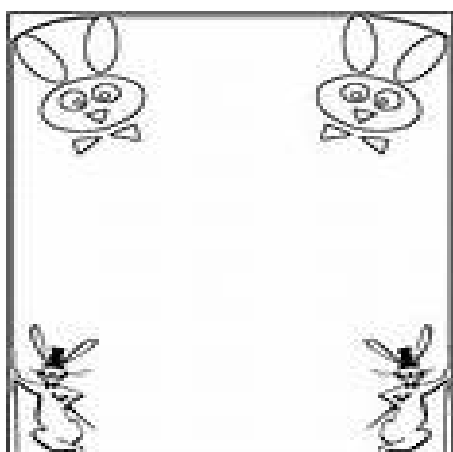
"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

G. K. Chesterton

**P.F.A.R. 5K Run/Walk**  
**Patrick Farnan's Amazing Race**

**Saturday, April 20th, 2013 8:00 a.m.**  
**Buckner Elementary**  
Website for Race <http://tinyurl.com/acp3df5>

Patrick Farnan, principal at Buckner Elementary was in a serious motorcycle accident on Oct. 20th, 2012. The Patrick Farnan Amazing Race 5K run/walk will donate all profits to help pay for his medical fees. Runners will begin at 8:00 a.m. and walkers/families with strollers will start at 8:10 a.m. The race will start and finish at Buckner Elementary. The 5K is \$30 per adult, \$10 per child and includes a T-shirt for each participant. Families with students currently enrolled at Buckner Elementary are eligible to register up to two adults for \$15 per adult, \$10 for the 1st child and \$5 for each additional child.



## Levasy-Easter Egg Hunt

### Saturday

### March 23, 2013-10 a.m.

### Levasy Civic Center

### Everyone is welcome

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*Cake Walk*

*Cupcake Walk for kids*

*Refreshments*

*Games*

