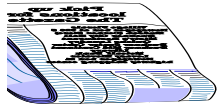




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## **Speaks Memorial Chapel, Buckner, Mo. to host Open House**

***"Giving Back to our Community"***

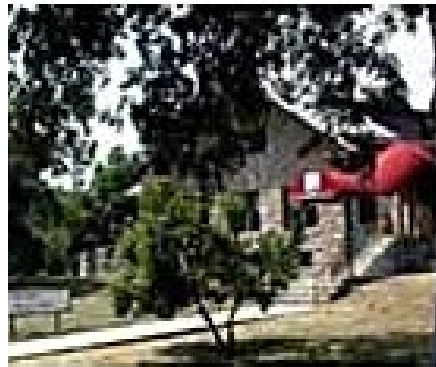
Speaks Memorial Chapel has been in business since 1936 with Roland and Beth Speaks originally founding Speaks Funeral Home. Since that time, three generations of family owners have been proud to serve the community, while making sure that the main focus of their staff will be to honor the needs of families they serve. Speaks bought the Buckner Chapel in 1998.

Speaks feels that it is important to most families to know that their owners live right in the area, attend local churches, and are involved in the local community in many ways.

Their dedicated staff can help in anyway necessary to make you and your family feel comfortable. They work with you on funeral issues which include discussing embalming, burial, cremation, visitation, memorial services and meaningful services. They are a full service funeral home and can help with any of your funeral needs.

They are continually upgrading the funeral homes, their grounds and are

giving back to their community. Brad Speaks stated in a recent interview that "We've put in a brand-new paved parking lot and are really excited about the way it makes the Buckner funeral home look. It is a nice convenience to the community, especially in bad weather, and we are proud of our facility here." "The Open House is a chance to give something back to the community and we are having free BBQ, activities for children including a bouncy house



**Speaks Memorial Chapel, Buckner**



**Pictured above L-R: Brad Speaks and Kelsey Stoenner Frazee**

and hotdogs for the kids, and Kelsey from our staff will be helping the children plant flowers. We are offering a drawing for a big screen TV and we think the day will be a lot of fun. We are proud to be a part of the community." Everyone is invited to attend this fun-filled event for the entire family! (See more details on page 12, of this edition of The Gazette).



**Older photo of inside of funeral home**



**Pictured above the previous Funeral Home is Buckner, Mo. The building is now owned by Speaks Memorial Chapel.**

## **Flood waters damage crop land in our area**

After the drought of 2012, farmers where hoping for some moisture to help with this years crop. The winter of 2013 proved to bring more snow than usual and supplied the ground with much needed moisture. Farmers had been out planting their crops for several weeks when Mother Nature showed her nasty side and dumped large amounts of water in many areas of Kansas and Missouri. As water levels reached 23.7 feet in Levasy, which is above flood level, residents and farmers braced themselves for extreme

flooding. According to Roger Stock, one of several farmers in Levasy, a lot of his crops were already planted and he estimates that he will have to replant approximately 50 acres again that were flood damaged. Things will get back to normal and flood levels are already going down. As long as no more significant rainfall or extreme drought conditions plague the area, this years crop should be a good one. (additional flood pictures on page 8)



**Pictured above is a flooded field in Buckner, Mo.**



**Pictured above is the Veterans Memorial located in Buckner, MO. Please remember those who have served and are still serving in the military!**



# Happy Independence Day



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## **Obituaries**

### **MARY (HICKS) CAMPFIELD**

Mary A. Campfield, 48, of Buckner, MO passed away Sunday, May 26th 2013. A visitation was held . Wednesday May 29th at Speaks Buckner Chapel; 300 Adams St. Buckner, MO. A Memorial Service followed. at the chapel.

Mary was born October 13th 1964 in North Kansas City, MO to Joseph Travis and Margaret (Renninger) Hicks. While attending college she met her husband of 29 years, Everette Christian Campfield. Together they raised two beautiful children. She enjoyed the country life of raising animals, especially goats, and she was fondly referred to as the "Buckner Goat Lady." She adored her children often supporting their activities whether scout groups or sporting groups. Mary and Chris traveled to many places together including excursions for Chris' employment or their favorite; cruises in the Caribbean. She was a creative crafter

and made many Christmas decorations. Mary also collected alligators as tribute to her Louisiana heritage. She blessed many people including the elderly. Mary worked as a home health care worker for many seniors in the community over the course of 30 years. She is loved and will be missed. Mary was survived by her husband, Chris of the home; daughter, Falicia Rogers and husband Brett of Blue Springs, MO; son, Joshua Campfield of Topeka, KS; brothers, Eddie Hicks of Blue Springs, MO; and Joseph Hicks of Osceola, MO; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents. In lieu of flowers the family encourages contributions to Mary's favorite charity in her memory. St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel 816.650.5500)

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**very safe and happy**  
**Independence Day!**

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### **Daniel Allen Piedimonte**

Daniel Allen Piedimonte, 86 of Buckner, MO passed away, Friday, May 17, 2013 at the Shangri La Nursing Home in Blue Springs, MO. Cremation is planned with a memorial service which was held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday evening at the Remnant Branch Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1st congregation at 2820 M-291 Highway, Independence, MO 64055.

Daniel was born October 3, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA to Angelo Michael and Minnie (Esposito) Piedimonte. He graduated from high school and later received an associated degree from Graceland College. He had worked for a number of years in the banking industry as a trust department manager and as vice president. He enjoyed building model ships, the ocean and boats and most of all spending time with his family. He was a member of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1st congregation where he was an elder.

He was also a member and former president of the PSWD #16. He owned Venice Village, the first Italian restaurant in Independence and later Buckner. He proudly served in the Merchant Marines during WWII. He is survived by; his loving wife, Hilda of the home; 2 daughters, Delores E. Burgess and husband Rick of Spring Branch, TX and Bonnie Lynch and husband John of Buckner, MO; 2 sons, Michael Angelo Piedimonte of Bates City, MO and Robert Walter Piedimonte and wife Sandra of Buckner, MO; 11 grandchildren, Sonia, Nicholas, Dustin, Danny, Eric, Gina, John Jr., Jennifer, Anthony, James and Derek and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by; a son, Daniel Edward Piedimonte in 1972; a granddaughter, Samantha Christine Piedimonte in 2008; 3 brothers, Edward, William A. and Joseph and a sister, Jean Rickman. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel (816) 650-5555)

## Cemetery Watchman ..

I just wanted to get the day over with and go down to Smokey's. Sneaking a look at my watch, I saw the time, 1655. Five minutes to go before the cemetery gates are closed for the day. Full dress was hot in the August sun. Oklahoma summertime was as bad as ever--the heat and humidity at the same level--both too high.

I saw the car pull into the drive, '69 or '70 model Cadillac Deville, looked factory-new. It pulled into the parking lot at a snail's pace.. An old woman got out so slow I thought she was paralyzed; she had a cane and a sheaf of flowers--about four or five bunches as best I could tell.

I couldn't help myself. The thought came unwanted, and left a slightly bitter taste: 'She's going to spend an hour, and for this old soldier, my hip hurts like hell and I'm ready to get out of here right now!' But for this day, my duty was to assist anyone coming in.

Kevin would lock the 'In' gate and if I could hurry the old biddy along, we might make it to Smokey's in time.

I broke post attention. My hip made gritty noises when I took the first step and the pain went up a notch. I must have made a real military sight: middle-aged man with a small pot gut and half a limp, in marine full-dress uniform, which had lost its razor crease about thirty minutes after I began the watch at the cemetery.

I stopped in front of her, halfway up the walk. She looked up at me with an old woman's squint.

'Ma'am, may I assist you in any way?'

She took long enough to answer.

'Yes, son. Can you carry these flowers? I seem to be moving a tad slow these days.'

'My pleasure, ma'am.' Well, it wasn't too much of a lie.

She looked again. 'Marine, where were you stationed?'

' Vietnam, ma'am.. Ground-pounder. '69 to '71.'

She looked at me closer. 'Wounded in action, I see. Well done, Marine. I'll be as quick as I can.'

I lied a little bigger: 'No hurry, ma'am.'

She smiled and winked at me. 'Son, I'm 85-years-old and I can tell a lie from a long way off.. Let's get this done. Might be the last time I can do this. My name's Joanne Wieserman, and I've a few Marines I'd like to see one more time.'

'Yes, ma'am. At your service.'

She headed for the World War I section, stopping at a stone. She picked one of the flowers out of my arm and laid it on top of the stone. She murmured something I couldn't quite make out.. The name on the marble was Donald S. Davidson, USMC: France 1918.

She turned away and made a straight line for the World War II section, stopping at one stone. I saw a tear slowly tracking its way down her cheek. She put a bunch on a stone; the name was Stephen X. Davidson, USMC, 1943.

She went up the row a ways and laid another bunch on a stone, Stanley J. Wieserman, USMC, 1944..

She paused for a second. 'Two more, son, and we'll be done'

I almost didn't say anything, but, 'Yes, ma'am. Take your time.'

She looked confused.. 'Where's the Vietnam section, son? I seem to have lost my way.'

I pointed with my chin. 'That way, ma'am.'

'Oh!' she chuckled quietly. 'Son, me and old age ain't too friendly.'

She headed down the walk I'd pointed at. She stopped at a couple of stones before she found the ones she wanted. She placed a bunch on Larry Wieserman, USMC, 1968, and the last on Darrel Wieserman, USMC, 1970. She stood there and murmured a few words I still couldn't make out.

'OK, son, I'm finished. Get me back to my car and you can go home.'

Yes, ma'am. If I may ask, were those your kinfolk?'

She paused. 'Yes, Donald Davidson was my father, Stephen was my uncle, Stanley was my husband, Larry and Darrel were our sons. All killed in action, all marines.'

She stopped. Whether she had finished, or couldn't finish, I don't know. She made her way to her car, slowly and painfully.

I waited for a polite distance to come between us and then double-timed it over to Kevin, waiting by the car.

'Get to the 'Out' gate quick.. I have something I've got to do.'

Kevin started to say something, but saw the look I gave him. He broke the rules to get us there down the service road. We beat her. She hadn't made it around the rotunda yet.

'Kevin, stand at attention next to the gatepost. Follow my lead.' I humped it across the drive to the other post.

When the Cadillac came pattering around from the hedges and began the short straight traverse to the gate, I called in my best gunny's voice: 'TehenHut! Present Haaaarms!'

I have to hand it to Kevin; he never blinked an eye--full dress attention and a salute that would make his DI proud.

She drove through that gate with two old worn-out soldiers giving her a send-off she deserved, for service rendered to her country, and for knowing duty, honor and sacrifice.

I am not sure, but I think I saw a salute returned from that Cadillac.

Instead of 'The End,' just think of 'Taps.' (Sent via email, thanks John)

## Jackson County Public Works Wins Accolades for Recent Projects May 22, 2013 (KANSAS CITY, MO)

The Jackson County Public Works Department has received two "Project of the Year" awards from the Kansas City Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The awards were presented to County Executive Mike Sanders and public works employees Scott George and Earl Newill during the chapter's National Public Works Week luncheon, held earlier this afternoon at Union Station in downtown Kansas City. The Regional Animal Shelter won in the Structures Category, between \$5 and \$25 million. The new \$5.3 million facility, which opened in late April, is located on east 78 Highway in Independence. Great Plains SPCA operates the "no-kill" facility, which can hold up to 200 dogs and 100 cats. The building was designed by Patterson Latimer Jones Brannon Denham Incorporated of Joplin, Missouri. Straub Construction was the general contractor and Scott George, Special Projects and Environmental Health Administrator for Jackson County was project manager. Courtney Thomas, president and CEO of Great Plains SPCA

was the consultant for shelter layout and animal treatment. Jackson County Public Works also received an award in the Historical Restoration/Preservation category, less than \$5 million, for its work on the MyARTS facility. Located at 315 Main Street in Independence, this \$1.1 million project involved the renovation of the Oscar Maple Motors Building, a car dealership built in the 1940's. The facility, which had been vacant for 10 years, now houses a working, not-for-profit art studio for youth apprentices ranging in age from 15-19. The original auto dealership showroom is now a retail outlet for artwork created on the premises. The design was done by DRAW Architecture + Urban Design LLC of Kansas City and R. L. Phillips Construction of Belton, Missouri, was the general contractor. Glenn Dvorak, Jackson County Public Works was project manager. "Through their hard work, ingenuity and skill, our Public Works Department continues to provide Jackson County citizens with high quality infrastructure that will stand the test of time," said County Executive Sanders. "The Regional Animal Shelter and the MyARTS facility have both filled significant needs in our community and will benefit our citizens for years to come."

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### Upcoming issues of The Gazette

This month's issue of The Gazette emphasizes the Military, our freedoms and rights as Americans and what a Great Country we live in!

Next month's issue will be all about back to school news, bus routes, school supplies list, etc. We would like to thank Stephanie Smith, Public Relations Director for the FOSD for all her hard work and dedication in getting the news out to the general public. Stephanie, we really appreciate you and look forward to working with you for a long time!

We would also like to thank all our

friends in the Wellington/Napoleon School District for all their stories and pics, we couldn't do it without you! We look forward to working with you for a long time!

September's paper will be our School Sports edition with pictures of the sports teams, schedules and other related school and sport's news

October/November's issue will be taking us into fall and the holidays!

December's issue will deal with the holidays and an end of year paper, emphasizing what has happened in and around our town.

### Buckner Chamber of Commerce President Resigns

After the last Buckner Chamber meeting, word was received that Pat Farrell, current chamber president resigned. Stephanie Smith sent an email out to members asking for an election of officers to move the Chamber forward. Any chamber member interested in serving one of the five board positions is asked to contact Stephanie at

ssmith@fortosage.net or 650-7019 by June 12. A vote will take place on June 12, at 4 o'clock at the regular meeting held at the FOFPD. Members can cast their votes at the meeting or those not able to attend will have one week to either email or mail their ballots in.

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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.

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John C Tryon M 36006 E Little Rd Buckner MO 64016-9228  
Sydney Neale F 16 N Hudson St Buckner MO 64016-9702

### Ways to help our servicemen and women

Servicemen and women enjoy letters from home, from friends and family, along with cards. Whether they are stationed close to home or out of state or on foreign soil it's important to take time to let them know how much they are appreciated.

There are several groups and organizations that send letters and cards to servicemen and women that are wounded and in hospitals. Also, there are groups and organizations that collect necessary items to send over seas.

Here is a list of web sites and contact information so you can donate much needed items for our troops. Without their selfless dedication and service we would not have the privilege of living in a free country!

[www.operationonceinalifetime.com/](http://www.operationonceinalifetime.com/)

[www.woundedwarriorproject.org/](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/)

[www.operationgratitude.com/](http://www.operationgratitude.com/)

[www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/](http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/)

[www.thecarepackageproject.com/](http://www.thecarepackageproject.com/)

[www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress...](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress...)

[www.toysfortots.org/](http://www.toysfortots.org/)

*Please remember our troops  
serving at home and on  
foreign soil!*

### Our Servicemen and Women

Your cell phone is in your pocket.

You're looking at all the pretty girls.

He patrols the streets, searching for insurgents and terrorists.

He's told he will be held over an extra 2 months.

You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.

He waits for the mail to see if there is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend, like you do everyday.

He holds his letter close and smells his love's perfume.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He gets a letter with pictures of his new child, and wonders if they'll ever meet.

You criticize your government, and say that war never solves anything.

He sees the innocent tortured and killed by their government and remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make fun of men like him.

He hears the gunfire, bombs and screams of the wounded.

You see only what the media wants you to see.

He sees the broken bodies lying around him.

You are asked to do something by your parents. You don't.

He does exactly what he is told even if it puts his life in danger.

You stay at home and watch TV.

He takes whatever time he is given to call, write home, sleep, and eat.

You crawl into your soft bed, with down pillows, and get comfortable.

*He tries to sleep but gets awakened by mortars and helicopters all night long.*

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### Band Success

The Osage Trail Middle School (7th and 8th graders) band member participated in the Sole and Ensemble Festival on May 4. Of the 15 performances, 12 earned a Superior (1) rating and three earned an Excellent (2) rating.

#### Earning Superior ratings were:

Jordyn Krause (8) - clarinet solo  
 Jordyn Krause (8), Kaitlin Evans (8), and Kacie Powell (8)-clarinet trio  
 Jordyn Krause (8) and Kaitlin Evans (8) - clarinet duet  
 Benjamin Siefker (8)-alto saxophone solo  
 Hannah Rice (8)-alto saxophone solo  
 Kacie Powell (8)-clarinet solo  
 Kate Nelson (8)-alto saxophone solo  
 Alana Golden (8) and Hannah Rice (8)-mixed woodwind duet  
 Hunter Ginavan (8) and Matthew Burkett (8)-mixed woodwind duet  
 Kaitlin Evans (8)-clarinet solo  
 Nicole Dover (7)-clarinet solo

#### Earning Excellent ratings were:

Alana Golden (8)-flute solo  
 Dexter Wickham (7)-euphonium solo  
 Jordan Mayberry (7) and Chaya Jensen (7)-mixed duet

### Eight advance to compete at State Level

Fort Osage High School Industrial Technology students competed in the Suburban Kansas City Industrial Technology Competition for the first time in over 25 years. Students competed in areas such as basic woodworking, furniture construction, sheet metal, and metal welding. 19 projects were taken and eight advanced to compete at the state level against projects from the other regional districts in Missouri.

#### Congratulations to

Tyler Davis, sheet metal tool box  
 Dalton Bransteitter, cedar gun rack  
 Tyler Arndt and Tyler Titus, poker table  
 James Beams, keepsake box  
 Anthony Hennigh, breadbox  
 Brandon Daniel, occasional table  
 Dylan Dunlap, coffee table  
 Tyler Davis, wooden sword/scabbard

Tyler Arndt and Tyler Titus's poker table also received a State Champion Award

### State Music Festival Results

The Fort Osage High School vocal music department had a successful day at the State Music Festival at the University of Missouri.

#### Receiving an Excellent "II" rating were:

Anna Cox  
 Alexis McGowan  
 Brayden Shelley

Superior "I" rating  
 Tyler Arndt

The Fort Osage High School Band students participated in the State Instrumental Festival at the University of Missouri.

#### Receiving and Excellent "II" rating were:

Andrew Tann, snare solo  
 Melissa Long, trumpet solo  
 Kevin Basham, tuba solo  
 Megan Berry, flute solo

#### Receiving a Superior "I" rating were:

Revan Hammontree, trombone solo  
 Matthew Baumler, oboe solo  
 Becca Elder, flute solo



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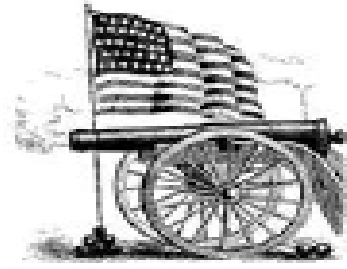


Above picture is of Arlington National Cemetery, located in Arlington County, VA. Photo taken from internet and emailed to us.



Pictured above is the tomb of a Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Washington Square in Philadelphia (Story and article via email and the internet.)

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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 and church and community events.

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If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
And they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,  
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the U.S.A.  
From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,  
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea.  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.,

There's pride in every American heart  
And it's time we stand and say:  
I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,  
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**Sheriff Sharp Announces Recipient of John  
Dennis Scholarship**

In 1988, the Missouri Sheriffs' Association began the John Dennis Scholarship Fund. Since that time, the award has been given to Missouri students pursuing careers in the criminal justice field.

Each applicant is required to be in good standing with his/her school, have a good reference from his/her school counselor, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 GPA or greater, be active in extra-curricular activities, and include a paragraph detailing his/her goals ten years after high school graduation.

Today, Sheriff Sharp is pleased to announce Blake Shephard as a 2013 recipient of the John Dennis Scholarship award!!!

On May 7th, 2013, Sheriff Sharp presented Shephard with a certificate commemorating his \$1,000 scholarship.

Shephard, an 18-year-old senior of Raytown High School, plans to attend Missouri State University. There, he plans to obtain a double major in Criminal Justice and Criminology with an emphasis in Homeland Security.

When asked why he wanted to continue his education beyond high school, Shephard said, "One's education is the only thing that society can not steal." He said his ultimate goal is to obtain a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to, "become a leader in our nation's security and promote positive actions to keep our nation safe." Sheriff Sharp said, "I am proud of Shephard's accomplishments. He is a bright young man who is goal driven, and I look forward to him making a difference in our community."

***Flood Pictures May, 2013***



**Looked what the rain washed up! This is one of the largest turtles we have seen for awhile and he wasn't too happy to see us!**



**A large log along with other debris floated swiftly down the mighty MO on May 31, 2013  
Picture taken on 224 highway in Napoleon, Mo.**



**Fire Prairie Creek runs behind the park.  
Picture taken on BB highway in Buckner, Mo.**



**Photo taken in Levasy, MO. looking south on Stock Road.  
Before the flood this was freshly planted farmland.**





# Wellington/Napoleon School News!

## Wellington-Napoleon Middle School Math Team Travels to Orrick and takes 1st place



1st row: Asia Crownover, Elizabeth Fahrmeier, Alannah Nowak  
2nd row: Lain Woody, Garrett Walters, Kenny Manning, Bryce Sowerby  
3rd row: Mark Dickey, Olan Zeiler, Gavin Collins, Savannah Crowley, Alain Harris

The Wellington-Napoleon Middle School Math team attended the Orrick Math Relays on Tuesday, May 7th. There were five schools in attendance and they were Concordia, Hardin, Orrick, Santa Fe, and Wellington. Wellington-Napoleon placed first overall. It was for grades four through eight and only four students from each grade level could attend. Those in attendance for our school were as follows.

- 4th grade: Asia Crownover, Bryce Sowerby
- 5th grade: Kenny Manning, Alannah Nowak, Garrett Walters, Lain Woody
- 6th grade: Savannah Crowley, Alaina Harris
- 7th grade: Gavin Collins, Mark Dickey, Elizabeth Fahrmeier, Olan Zeiler

Our results are as follows:

- 4th grade: Asia Crownover and Bryce Sowerby- 1st place team problem-solving
- 5th grade: Kenny Manning: 1st place computation, 4th place geometry, 1st place team problem-solving, 3rd place fifth grader overall  
Alannah Nowak: 3rd place computation, 3rd place geometry, 1st place team problem-solving  
Garrett Walters: 1st place team problem-solving  
Lain Woody: 5th place computation, 1st team problem-solving
- 7th grade: Gavin Collins: 2nd place computation, 1st place team problem-solving, 3rd place 7th grader overall (tie)  
Mark Dickey: 4th place computation, 1st place geometry, 1st place team problem-solving, 1st place 7th grader overall  
Elizabeth Fahrmeier: 5th place computation, 2nd place geometry, 1st place team problem-solving, 3rd place 7th grader overall (tie)  
Olan Zeiler: 1st place computation, 5th place geometry, 1st place team problem-solving, 2nd place 7th grader overall



Kindergarten graduation 2013, senior class of 2025. Picture by Reagan Rukavina.

## A & B Honor Roll- 3rd qtr. 2013

- First row: Gracie Hager, Madison Bolten, Leighann Briggie, Sydney Nieweg, Sydney Rukavina, Asia Crownover, Jessica Salyer, Blake Peterson, Jalen Hill, Bryce Sowerby, Miles Hodson, Audrey Garrett, Adreyanna Hayes
- Second row: Quintin Hamilton, David Smith, Matthew Strickler, Dalton Baer, Cheyenne Quick, Keylea Gray, Kaylinae Hansen, Shelby Holliday, Macy Rodenberg, Gage Portell, Alannah Nowak, Katelyn Dickey
- Third row: Emma Williamson, Lexie Garrison, Doug Reade, Dallas Walls, Connor Weedman, Maximus Caton, Garrett Walters, Lain Woody, Kenny Manning, Elliot Zeiler, Nathan Davis
- Fourth row: Marco Jimenez, Sammie Jo Leach, Austin Hall, Zeysing, Jordan Blystone, Joseph Rukvina, Trey Shannon, Schaberg, Carleigh Jenkins, Ashleigh Jimenez
- Fifth row: Topanga Hilker, Marisa Merritt, Madison Salyer, Harris, Savannah Crowley, Travis Young, Justin Ford, Scarborough, Mitch England

Not pictured-Avery Todd, Brennan Bottcher, Gabrielle Sisson



Wellington-Napoleon Elementary Students of the Month: Savannah Crowley-6th grade, Mason Hodson-first grade, Ross Sowerby-3rd grade, Dixie Tennison-4th grade.

## “Burning Desire to Read Challenge”

This is the second year that the Wellington-Napoleon Fire Protection District has sponsored the “Burning Desire to Read Challenge” for our elementary students. The student at each grade level that reads the most number of minutes is picked up and brought to school in the fire truck on a designated day. This year it was May 23rd. Combined these students read 50,365 minutes this school year.



Front row, left to right; Amber Merritt-3rd grade, Katelyn Dickey-5th grade, Kailey Henry-2nd grade, Trey Lambertson-kindergarten, Trotter Hughes-1st grade; back row; Arby Todd-fireman, Savannah Crowley-6th grade, Wes Young-fire chief, Leighann Briggie-4th grade.



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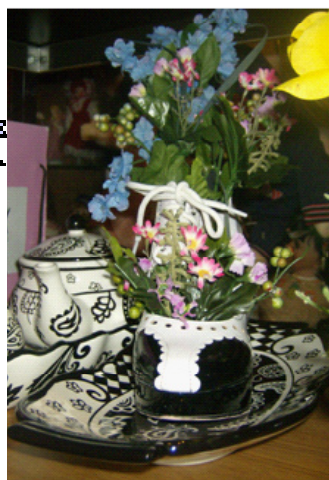
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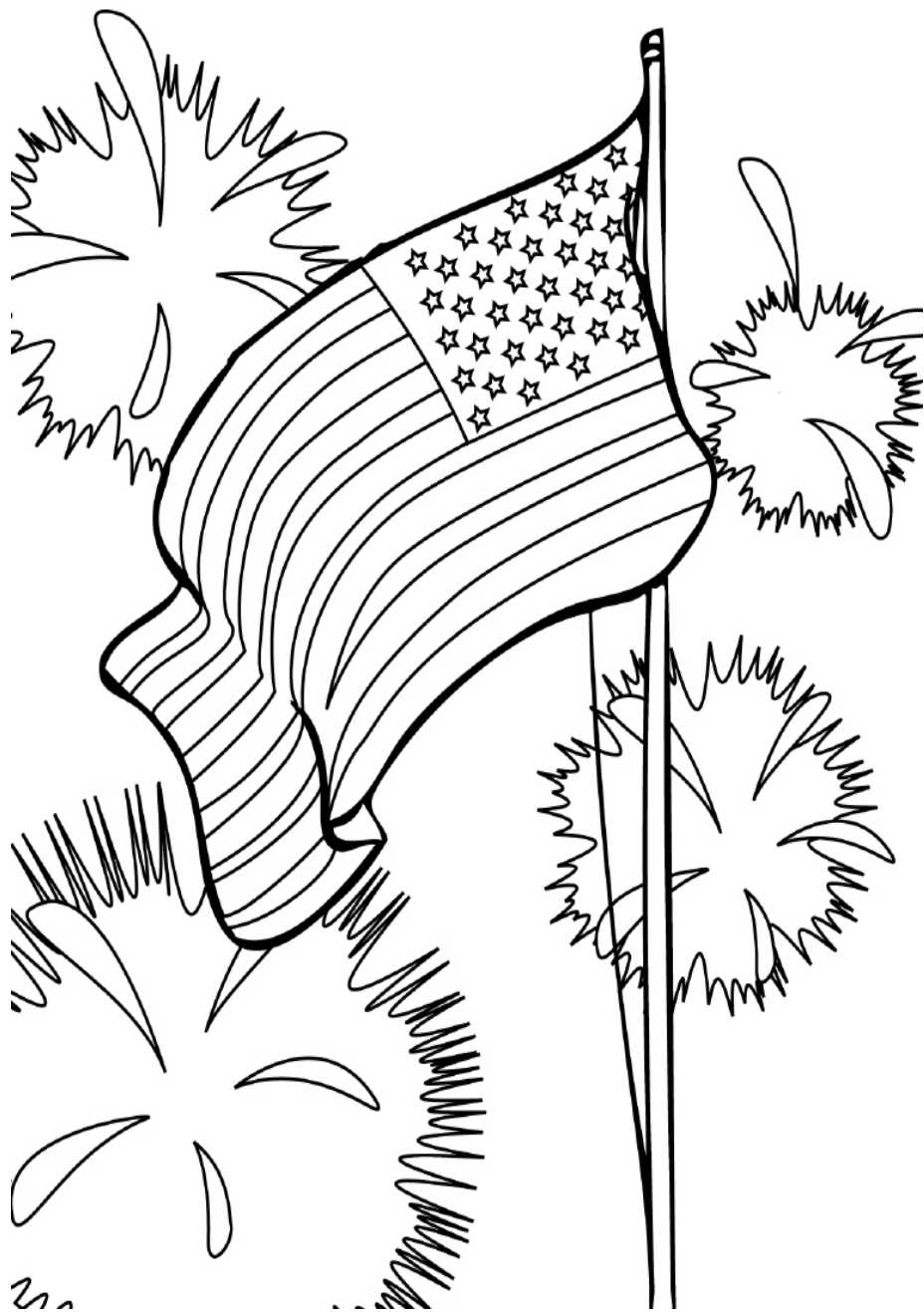


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Kid's 4th of July coloring page



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Brad Speaks and Kelsey Stoenner Frazee getting ready to plant some flowers

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1. Drawing for a large screen T.V.



2. 2 Pre paid Visa cards will be given away

3. We are inviting the kids to help us plant flowers.

4. Lemonade stand

5. Bounce house for the kids



6. Free hot dogs, BBO Brisket, BBO ham, chips, and soda will be available



7. Tours of the funeral home



*Open House/  
Celebration*

*Speaks Memorial  
Chapel*

*400 Adams Street  
Buckner, Mo. 64016*

*Time: 11 am to 2 pm  
Date: Saturday, June 8  
Everyone is welcome!*

*Fun time for  
family and  
friends*

**Please bring all your family and friends and help us celebrate with Speaks Memorial Chapel!**