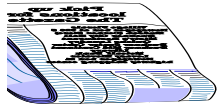




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Break-ins on the rise in Levasy, Mo.

When I think of Levasy, I think of a quiet little community, just off 24 highway, comprised of young families and retired families as well. It's a friendly little community. There aren't many businesses left in the farming community, but it still has a City Hall, Mayor, Aldermen and a City Clerk.

In the past 3-5 weeks there has been three break-ins and two robberies.

All three of the break-ins were committed in houses that were vacant. At this time the amount of items missing is undetermined. The two robberies were committed on the water exchange (pictured to the left). Individuals come here to get water in their water tanks usually carried on the back of their trucks or trailers. It only takes quarters. The first break-in, approximately 80 dollars in quarters were taken. A heavy chain and lock were placed on the collection box. Robbers came a second time, cut the chain and robbed the box again.

If you have any information on the break-ins or robberies, please contact Levasy City Hall at 650-3552 or the Jackson County Sheriffs Department



Growth in downtown Buckner

When we started The Gazette Newspaper 19 years ago, downtown Buckner was booming with businesses. During the past 19 years businesses have come and gone. Unfortunately the number of businesses has gone down significantly.

However, the downtown area is coming back to life again! A new laundry will be opening in November of this year and several other businesses, including a restaurant have made commitments and will hopefully be ready to open this year.

Several old buildings have been

renovated and the old Red Dawg, located on the west side of Hudson has been torn down, due to the roof falling in and not being safe any longer. The new Red Dawg which was located on the East side of Hudson, and once housed George Cox's business has been torn down and a proposed Municipal building for the City of Buckner will be located on the lot. Several buildings are for sale and would be great for new businesses.

Things are definitely looking good on Hudson Street and hopefully growth will continue. Please support your local businesses!



Pictured above is a long shot of Downtown Buckner, on Hudson Street

The DAR presented the WN R-IX school district with a framed copy of the Bill of Rights on Thursday, September 19th.

Left to right, front row are; Gracie Hager, Madison Bolten, Jolynne Soendker, Ladonna Scott, Linda Marchetti; back row; Mark Hilden, Olan Zeiler, Monica Thornburg, Connor Weedman, Kelsey Gray, and Dillon Brisbin. Jolynne is the library media specialist and students are all members of wither the elementary, middle school or high school student council. (Story on p. 9)



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



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Obituary

KEITH "CASEY" N. CLEVELAND

Keith "Casey" N. Cleveland, 77, Sibley, Missouri, passed away September 11, 2013. He was born September 3, 1938 to Maurice and Florence Cleveland in Oneonta, New York. He graduated from Oneonta State University in 1959. Keith served in the United States Army from September 1960 to September 1963. Keith married Ruth Ann Bull in 1964. They moved to Kansas City, Missouri where Keith began teaching in the Kansas City Missouri Public School system as well as the Fort Osage School District until his retirement in 1995 he then became a courier for Via Bancourier until 2009. Keith was an active member of Heart of God Fellowship, Buckner, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Keith is survived by wife, Ruth Ann Cleveland; 8 children and their families: Yvonne (James) Barker of Atherton, MO, Brian Cleveland of Atherton, MO, Catherine Ferozzi of Houston, TX, Michael Cleveland, Terry Cleveland of Farmington, MO, Matthew Cleveland of Sibley, MO, Mark (Sara) Cleveland of Olathe, KS, and Benjamin (Jennifer) Cleveland of Republic, MO, eleven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Cleveland of Lancaster, PA; many extended family and friends.

Celebration of Life was held 3 p.m. at Heart of God Fellowship in Buckner, MO, with visitation at 2 p.m. He was laid to rest privately at Swan Lake Memorial Park Cemetery, Grain Valley, MO.



Keith N. Cleveland

September 3, 1938 ~ September 11, 2013
Honoring his gift of life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart of God Fellowship Benevolence fund/Children's Ministry fund. Heart of God Fellowship, 3720 Buckner Tarsney Road, Buckner, MO 64016. Arrangements: Chapel of Memories Funeral Home 816-463-4030

John Dennis Scholarship for Criminal Justice

Sheriff Mike Sharp is announcing the availability of the John Dennis Scholarship, for Criminal Justice majors only, which will be awarded by the Missouri Sheriffs' Association. The scholarship, in the amount of one-thousand dollars, will be presented to sixteen college-bound Missouri high school seniors who intend to pursue a criminal justice career and will be attending a Missouri college or university. Applicants must be in good standing with their school, have a good reference from their school counselor, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 GPA or greater, and be active in extra-curricular activities.

Also required, a paragraph attached to the application detailing goals ten years after high school graduation.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may obtain the application on line at <http://www.mosheriffs.com> and click the Scholarship tab; send an email to Karen Logan at karen@mosheriffs.com to request an application; or contact the Missouri Sheriffs' Association and Training Academy, 6605 Business 50 West, Jefferson City, MO 65109, 573-635-5925, extension 100. Applications, along with the required paragraph, must be submitted by January 31, 2014.

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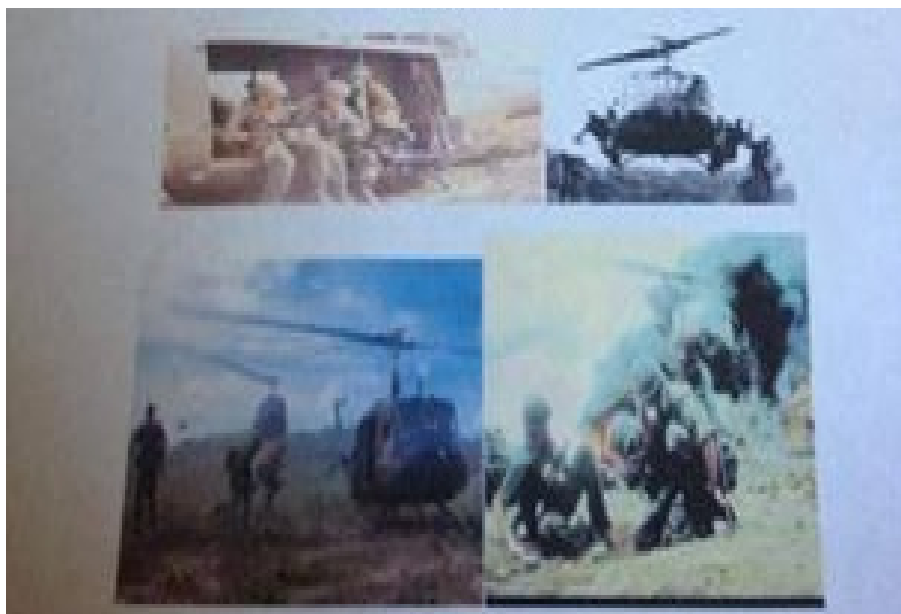


Upcoming events in our communities

VFW Post 8101 in Buckner will be hosting a Vietnam Vets SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, October 26th 9am to 4 pm

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 243 will be displaying a Bell UH1 Huey Helicopter. This War Bird was shot down 4 times between 1967-1970. It has accumulated 3482 Combat Mission hours transporting troops, supplies and providing cover fire. Come out and see a piece of History. Talk with the Veterans that flew in these birds. Post address 95 Baker Street, Buckner, MO.



Information and pictures received from a flyer



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held again this year from 5-7 pm on October 31, 2013. Location Hudson Street in Buckner, Mo. Everyone is welcome, come out, get some great treats in a safe environment.

Veterans Day Celebration at Buckner School

On November 11, 2013, Buckner Elementary School will celebrate Veterans Day. At approximately 9 a.m. students, teachers and guests will assemble at the school gym. The Village Kids, a group of Buckner Elementary School students will perform various songs. Post 8101, Buckner, Mo. will be present.

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Birth Announcement

Krystal Lynn Rhodes
Krystal Lynn Rhodes was born July 16, 2013 at 5:08 pm at Centerpoint Hospital in Independence, Mo. She weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19" long. The proud parents are Dusty and Kristina Rhodes of Levasy, Mo. Congratulations!



New Laundry
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Grand Opening
in
November
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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/

www.woundedwarriorproject.org/

www.operationgratitude.com/

www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/

www.thecarepackageproject.com/

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Cancer Solidarity Walk

Cancer Solidarity Walk October 20, 2013 (Kansas City, MO) – In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders and members of the Jackson County Legislature will join county employees in a breast cancer solidarity walk on Monday, October 21.

The walk will begin at 12:30 P.M. on the north side of the Jackson County Courthouse (415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo). Participants will walk around the block surrounding the courthouse while wearing pink ribbons to increase awareness of breast cancer.

Fall Photos around town!



Lyrics from

"Proud to be an American"
by

Lee Greenwood

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,
 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.

Truman Road to Be Reduced to Single Lanes During Stone Arch Bridge Repairs

Beginning October 8, 2013, Truman Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction at Blue Ridge Boulevard to accommodate improvements to the Stone Arch Bridge. The lanes will only be reduced during non-peak hours, approximately 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Boulevard will close entirely over Truman Road in mid-October, and will remain closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed in early December.

Improvements call for the roadway over the bridge to be replaced and for the parapet walls to be recapped. A wrought iron fence will be added atop the bridge walls to enhance safety for walkers and bicyclists. Sealant will be applied to the exposed stone faces of the bridge to help extend the life of the structure. Lights will be added to showcase the face of the bridge at night.

The Stone Arch Bridge forms the divide between unincorporated Jackson County and Independence. Jackson County Public Works drew up the plans with consideration for the Truman Road Green Gateway project, which is currently in the early stages of design. The corridor study is partially funded by a grant from the Mid-America Regional Council. Gunter Construction Company is the contractor on the Stone Arch Bridge project.

Detours on Blue Ridge Boulevard will be marked appropriately.

at approximately 4 PM, the sheriff's office received a call on a burglary in progress. The location of the incident was in the 40200 block of E. Campbell Road north of Oak Grove, Missouri.

The suspects were reportedly seen burglarizing the home and confronted by a relative of the homeowner. According to the witness, as the suspects were leaving, they attempted to run him over. He then shot toward the suspects.

A deputy was near I-70 and M-291 when he observed the suspect vehicle heading north on M-291. After a short pursuit, the deputy was able to take the male suspect into custody.

At the same time, sheriff's deputies received information a female had been dropped off at a local hospital with a gunshot wound.

We have been able to confirm the female was involved in the burglary. Therefore, both suspects are in custody. The male was not injured.

Drop off locations for The Gazette

- *Napoleon Bank
- *Metcalf Bank
- *Buckner Thriftway
- *Buckner Public Library
- *Buckner Elementary School
- *Levasy City Hall
- *Misty's
- **Paper box in 24 highway shopping center
- *Paper box on corner of S. Hudson and Washington street in downtown Buckner
- *Senior Center

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Alumni Veterans Salute

The Fort Osage School District and the Fort Osage Alumni Association would like to honor Veterans at a special event for Fort Osage alumni, community members, and family who have served, or are currently serving, our country. We invite you and your family to join us on



November 11, 2013

1:30 p.m.
reception following



*Fort Osage High School Performing Arts Center
2101 N. Twyman Road
Independence, MO 64058*

Parking will be available by the football field

*Please RSVP to Stephanie Smith at
816-650-7019 or ssmith@fortosage.net by November 1, 2013.*



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Happy Veterans Day!



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



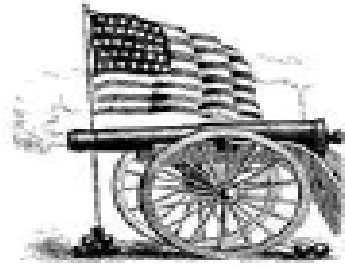
Pictured above is the tomb of a Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Washington Square in Philadelphia (Story and article via email and the internet.)

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The Gazette's policy on
PSA's is we print them
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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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November 11, 2013

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