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#### Fire Safety Week Napoleon/Wellington School District

Recognizing fire safety week. Kindergarten classes are learning about fire safety with Brian Beissenherz, volunteer fireman.

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



Students of the Month, left to right; Kaylee Ford- kind., Izabel Lopez-kind., Bree Shannon-fourth grade, Justin Garcia-third grade



#### Wellington/Napoleon Elementary Student Council



Elementary student council, front row- Alison Dehn, Ayden Shannon, Bree Shannon, Austin Legate, Sydney Rukavina, Gracie Hager-president, Madison Bolten- secretary, Sydney Nieweg, Aaron Dehn, Jalen Hill, Bryce Sowerby-vice-president. (if they are not an officer they are a class representative)

## AMERICA CELEBRATES U.S. CONSTITUTION Lafayette-Lexington Chapter DAR Promotes Constitution Week Awareness

Week of September 17, 2013, was the national celebration of Constitution Week. The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a Republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties," states DAR President General, Lynn Forney Young. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom and come together to Celebrate America!"

DAR has served America for 123 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, DAR Constitution Hall is the only structure erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has over 175,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 13 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children and programs for new immigrants. For more information about DAR and its programs visit <a href="www.dar.org">www.dar.org</a> or call (202) 628-1776.

The Lafayette-Lexington DAR Chapter celebrated Constitution Week by decorating the window at the Trails Regional Library, in Lexington, MO. Bookmarks were given to the American Government high school classes at Lafayette County C-1 in Higginsville, MO, Lexington R-V in Lexington, MO, and Wellington-Napoleon R-9, Wellington, MO. In celebration of Constitution Week, the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter members attended the Truman Library exhibit of George Washington's rare personal leather-bound copy of the *Acts of Congress*. This rare volume includes Washington's copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, complete with his personal annotations. Members had lunch at Café Verona, where flag napkins were handed out, patriotic garland was placed on the tables, and special cannoli's were given as dessert to each member to commemorate Constitution Week, and to remember the freedoms we have as Americans. A framed "Bill of Rights" was presented to the Wellington-Napoleon R-9 school library in honor of Constitution Week.

### Village Florals

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### Festival in the Valley Parade and Pie Contest Winners

**Pie Contest:** 

1st Place \$100 Aimee Worley
2nd Place Kristie Meyer
3rd Place Tammy Cosgrove

Parade: 1st Place:

Organization - Scout Troop #82 Car - family Truxter Tractor - Davis Trucking Float - Fort Osage FFA Horse - Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

2nd Place:

Organization - 1st Baptist Church Car - Smoky & The Bandit 1981 Kenworth Tractor - Fred Stewart Float - Girl Scout Troop #965 Horse - Crooked River (Frye's Farms)

3rd Place:

Organization - Stephen Denk Troop #802 Car - Bryon Coatney Tractor - Dan Summers Float - Red Hatters Horse - No Entry

