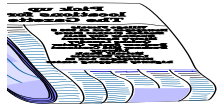


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## AAA Disposal Service Celebrates 50th Anniversary

We are all familiar with the Red Disposal trucks traveling through our communities, picking up unwanted disposal items. What most of you probably did not know is that AAA Disposal Service began their business in 1963 in the Oak Grove/Grain Valley area.

In 1967/68 they relocated their business to the present location on Blue Mills Road.

What once was a business with a few trucks has blossomed into a large fleet of trucks covering portions of eight counties.

The company is family owned and operated by the Holmberg family which consists of Robert, Caroline, (dad and mom) and sons Chris and Jason, plus many employees.

Besides the disposal service, AAA offers a recycling and transfer business

and these are the green and yellow trucks seen throughout our communities.

AAA offers commercial and residential service, they can provide dumpsters brought to your job site, home or business, they offer a roll off service and can provide for almost all your recycle and disposal needs.

We at The Gazette would like to thank AAA for their many years of excellent service to our communities!

**Happy 50th Anniversary!**



## Buckner Post Office Hours have changed!

For those of you who may not have noticed the Post Office located in Buckner, MO. on Washington Street has changed their hours of operation.

The new hours are: Monday-Friday, 9am-11 am, 1pm-4pm and they close at 4 pm. Saturday, 9am-11am and closed Sunday. The post office box area, located in the lobby is still open 24/7.

If you need to use the post office services during different hours other area post office hours are as follows: Levasy Post Office, located on Main Street in Levasy, MO. is open

from 8am-12 noon Monday-Friday, Saturday 8am-10am and closed on Sunday. Sibley Post Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 1pm-5pm, Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm and closed Sunday.

As you can see all locations are within approximately a 3 mile radius and one of above Post Offices is open between 8am and 12 noon, closed 12 noon to 1 (lunch time) and open until 5 pm Monday through Friday. All are full service post offices. All are closed on major holidays. (So it is very convenient to use one of the 3 post offices.)

## Get a Jump Start on Your Spring Cleaning

**"Help someone in need"**

With Christmas just a few days away, many parents will be cleaning out their children's closets to make room for their new clothes.

There are lots of children who have very little clothing and are in great need of items to wear, since children grow so quickly, they are in constant need of larger sizes.

In Buckner we have two different organizations, with a total of three locations, to drop off your clothing. The DAV, (Disabled American Veterans) is green in color and located in the south parking lot of Buckner Elementary School on BB highway. They accept used clothing and nonbreakable household items. The items are collected and taken

to different DAV stores, sorted and offered for a minimal price to help support our DAV.

Planet Aid has two containers in the Buckner area. One is located on the corner of 24 highway and BB, next to Misty's. Another one is located on the corner of South Hudson Street and Lake City Road, right by the railroad tracks and across from the Police Department.

Planet Aid collects clothes and shoes and distributes them to people in need.

Both are excellent places to drop off used clothing, shoes and non breakable household items.

Please consider donating and help someone else.



**Top-L-R:  
Buckner Post Office,  
Sibley Post Office**

**Bottom:  
Levasy Post Office**





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**Obituaries**

**ROBERT E. GALVIN**

Robert E. Galvin, age 84, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. He was born August 22, 1929, in Independence, the son of the late Earl and Martha Chiles Galvin.

On August 6, 1949, in Buckner, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Gretchen E. Burns, who survives the home.

Robert was a United States Air Force veteran having served in the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the New Hope Lutheran Church in Laurie, the Sunrise Beach Shawnee Bend 1 Crime Watch, the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach where he was active in the Honor Guard and the Legion Riders and was a past member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie.

In addition to his wife, Gretchen, he is survived by his sons, Raymond E. Galvin and wife Sheryl of Clever, Missouri and Keith A. Galvin and wife Rachel of Raymore, Missouri; his daughter, Debbie Maples and husband Deryck of Blue Springs, Missouri; six grandchildren, Kelly Keithley, Jason Galvin, Katelyn

Galvin, Rebecca Galvin, Jamie Etters and Jodie Vickers; six great-grandchildren, Oren and Nolan Keithley, Spencer and Hayden Etters and Macie and Easton Vickers; his sister, Shirley Campbell and husband Ivan of Buckner, Missouri and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor Rick Bell and Bill Moore officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home.

The family will also receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 16th, at the Speaks Buckner Chapel in Buckner, Missouri, with a graveside service to follow at 2:15 p.m., in the Buckner Hill Cemetery with Pastor Charles Funderburk officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Central Missouri Honor Flight, 1400 Forum Road Suite 1-C, Columbia, Missouri 65203 or to Share the Harvest Food Pantry, 689 North Highway 7, Camdenton, Missouri 65020. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

**Larry A. Stapleton**

Larry A. Stapleton, 65, of Buckner, MO passed away Sunday, December 8, 2013 at Centerpoint Medical Center. Funeral services for Larry were held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at Meyers Funeral Chapel, 1600 W. Main St., Blue Springs, MO, with visitation two hours prior to the service at the chapel. Burial was in Buckner Cemetery. Memories and condolences for the family may be left at [www.meyersfuneralchapel.com](http://www.meyersfuneralchapel.com).

Larry was born September 12, 1948 in Buckner, MO to William and Mildred (Harra) Stapleton. He was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. On June 6, 1970 he was united in marriage to Kathy Burns and she survives of the home. Larry

was a construction worker and for many years was a Councilman in Buckner. He belonged to the VFW in Buckner. Larry enjoyed hunting, Fishing, and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jamie William Stapleton; in-laws, Carl and Vera Burns.

In addition to his wife, Kathy, he is survived by his son, Jody Reed Stapleton of Buckner, MO; brother, John William Stapleton and wife Debbie of Odessa, MO; sisters, Barbara Jo Nelson of Rayville, MO, Carol J. Denney and husband Bob of Blue Springs, MO; brother-in-law, Duane Burns and wife Sarah of Independence MO; sister-in-law, Carol Cary and husband Merv of Independence, MO

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**THE WORLD IS MINE - Author unknown**

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman  
And wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch.  
But as she passed, she passed a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh,  
God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play,  
but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.. With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed,  
the world is mine.

If this poem makes you feel thankful, just forward it to your friends. After all, it's just a simple reminder that we have so much to be thankful for!  
Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!

## Jackson County COMBAT Awards Anti-Violence Funding December 9, 2013

Today, officials with Jackson County COMBAT (Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax) announced that they have allocated \$540,000 in funding next year to local agencies who are engaging in efforts to help address violent crime throughout the community. The funding was approved at this afternoon's meeting of the Jackson County Legislature. "This funding will help address many of the reoccurring issues we see with violent crime throughout our community," said Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders. "But this is just a beginning. All of us must continue to look for new and innovative strategies to reduce and prevent the unacceptable levels of violence that continues to take place in our neighborhoods." COMBAT is funded through a one-quarter cent countywide sales tax. Since first being passed in 1989, COMBAT funds have traditionally been awarded to agencies focused on substance abuse treatment and drug prevention. In September, COMBAT officials announced a plan to also begin funding agencies that specifically work to address various anti-violence strategies in Jackson County. A request for proposals was released, asking for innovative projects that addressed specific issues with violent crime in the

community, including gang violence, relationship violence, preventing violence among ex-offenders, restorative justice, and parenting and family interventions, among others. Over 130 individuals showed up to the two pre-bid meetings that were held and a total of 36 groups applied for the new anti-violence funding. Those who were awarded funding for anti-violence efforts include: Rose Brooks Center: \$35,000 Lee's Summit Cares: \$25,000 Ad Hoc Group Against Crime: \$40,000 City of Sugar Creek: \$29,000 Heartland Center for Behavioral Change: \$35,000 Kansas City Crime Commission (2nd Chance Program): \$35,000 Arts Tech: \$25,000 Freedom School Initiative (Mt. Pleasant Education): \$41,000 Boys & Girls Club of Greater KC: \$40,000 Mattie Rhodes Counseling Center: \$46,000 Jackson County Family Court: \$50,000 Dismas House of KC: \$50,000 ReStart, Inc.: \$24,000 Community Mediation: \$45,000 Full Employment Council: \$20,000 The expanded anti-violence efforts undertaken by COMBAT will not affect funding levels for drug treatment and prevention, which will remain a focus of the agency. Dan Ferguson Public Information Officer Jackson County, Missouri

## Jackson County Passes 2014 Budget December 9, 2013

During today's last scheduled meeting of the year, the Jackson County Legislature officially adopted the county's operating budget for 2014. The \$296.3 million budget is \$3.9 million less than 2013 and marks the seventh straight year that the county budget has been reduced. The 2014 budget includes no increase to the county property tax levy. Other highlights include funding for renovations to the Jackson County Courthouse Annex in Independence

and relocation and renovation of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office headquarters. "This budget is an example of the sensible and fiscally responsible government we have built in Jackson County," said County Executive Mike Sanders. "Rather than asking the citizens for more, we instead have committed ourselves to hard work, collaboration, and innovation in order to meet the challenges we face today as well as the priorities that we must address for our future."

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### Fort Osage School District Sports pics



Fort Osage Girls basketball c team



Fort Osage Girls Basketball-Varsity and Jr. Varsity



Fort Osage Wrestling team



### JANUARY AT THE BUCKNER BRANCH OF MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story Time – every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Book Group – Monday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m.

January's book is *Beneath the Shadows* by Sara Foster. Copies are available at the branch. Adults. Registration is suggested.

Village Crafters – Wednesday, January 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing uninterrupted hour of crafting. Bring your own project with you for encouragement, help and inspiration. A new project is introduced every month. Adults. Registration is suggested.

Teens at the Library – Monday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Visit the library at a time just for teens. Make crafts, watch movies, play games and more. Teens. Registration is required.

Young Writers -- Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us to write and share with others who like to write. We will present a fun and unique topic, and have a special guest from time to time. You will be encouraged to keep a writing journal just for our club. Ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

How Acupuncture Works – Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Come learn how a medicine more than 3,000 years old works, and what it can treat, from every day aches and pains, to nausea from chemotherapy, to hypertension. This is an educational program taught by a board-certified acupuncturist, so bring lots of questions. Adults. Registration is required.

January 1, the library will be closed for New Year's Day.

January 20, the library will be closed for Martin Luther King Day.

## Wellington/Napoleon Schools News

### Wellington/Napoleon Middle School Community Service Project



Students have been working at the CCC building to unload and distribute Harvesters. Harvesters comes the 1st Wednesday of each month with fresh produce for community families to pick up.

### A scene from the play *Crucible* Wellington/Napoleon School District



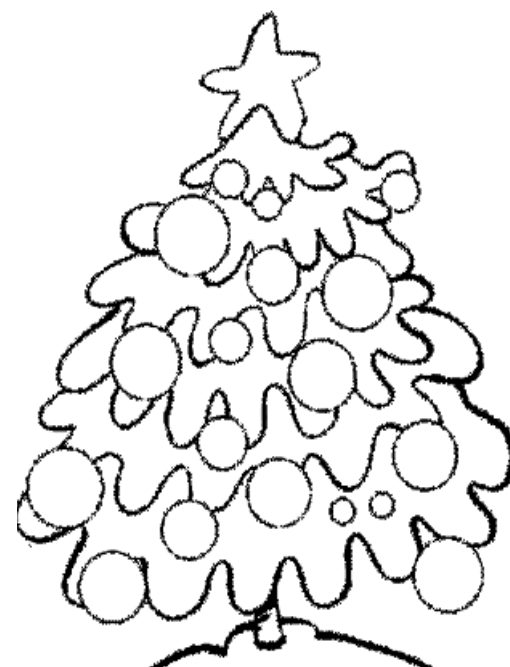
Micah Earnshaw and Zach Hopkins.

### November students of the month, Wellington/Napoleon School District:

JR Zach Hopkins, SR Cori Mitchell, 8th grader Mark Dickey, 8th grader Valerie Barnett, 8th grader Kelsi Southard

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## *Kids Coloring Page*





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**Public Service  
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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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- \*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
- \*Napoleon/Wellington School-(Ask school to send one home with your child)
- \*New Laundry Mat in downtown Buckner

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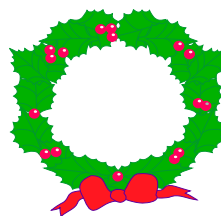
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Each month The Gazette will be doing a series on Spotlight of a Local business. You are invited to submit a local business via email at editor@gazetteweekly.com and tell us why you think this business should be recognized.

This month's business is Echo Realty, located on 24 highway in Buckner, MO. The owner is Jim Jones who has been in business in our communities for many years and is now serving as a Board of Director Member on the Buckner Chamber of Commerce. Jim works hard in the community to promote Buckner and helps out whenever he can.

Congrats Jim, you truly are a fantastic person and businessman.



**Merry Christmas**

**From**

**Misty's Restaurant**

**M-Sat.**

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**Misty's will close at 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve  
and reopen on Thursday morning,**

**December 26, 2013**



**The Gazette's offices will be closed from  
December 23, 2013 through January 6, 2014.  
Thank you for your support over the years  
and have a very Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!**

**Pictures from Levasy's Tree Lighting, December 7, 2013**



Despite the cold weather, Levasy had a very good turn out for their second annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Young and old alike enjoyed a fun evening visiting with Santa, friends, neighbors and eating some delicious snack food. Looking forward to next year!

