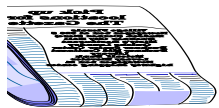


THE GAZETTE



"Your Hometown Newspaper"



"Special Election and Patrick Farnan Retirement Edition"

"Serving the Communities of the Fort Osage And Wellington/Napoleon School Districts"

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Monday, March 31, 2014

Patrick Farnan resigns as principal of Elementary School after 17 years!

Patrick Farnan, principal of Buckner Elementary School has announced his retirement as principal at the end of the 2013-2014 school year

"It's been a wonderful 17 years at Buckner School and I have enjoyed meeting all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family

members over the years."

"I don't know what I will do after retirement, but I know it will be something worthwhile. If you ever visit Weston, my hometown, please stop by and say "hi", you are always welcome to visit. Thanks for a great 17 years!"

The radio communications upgrades will assist our personnel with communicating with our dispatch center, hospitals, and other neighboring agencies. Federal governmental mandates have enforced restrictions on us that have decreased our communication capabilities recently.

(Bond Election continued on p. 2)



Fort Osage Fire Protection District – Bond Election – April 8, 2014

The District is asking the voters on April 8th for a No Tax Increase bond issue. The bond question will allow the district to sell \$3.5 million in general obligation bonds. The Fort Osage Fire Protections District provides fire protection and emergency medical services for 110 square miles of Northeastern Jackson County and operates out of three (3) fire stations. These general obligation bonds are crucial to ensure Fort Osage Fire Protection District continues to operate efficiently and smoothly. Budgets are tight for everyone during these tough economic times and we as a Fire District are not immune to these constraints either.

Part of our apparatus fleet needs to be replaced. We have fire and emergency medical equipment that is out dated and does not meet current national standards.

Tim has been at FO since 1985. He took the EMT course the fire district was sponsoring in Jan. 1985. He passed the state exam in June 1985. At that time the fire department was a volunteer department so they assigned him to an ambulance crew. He ran EMS with Fort for a year before taking the Fire Fighter I course and officially becoming a member of the department in 1986.

Tim has been a firefighter for 28 years. He received the rank of Fire Specialist in 1992 and filled in as out-of-position captain for the last 17 years. He has run approximately 10,000 fire and EMS calls.

He received a Life Saving Award

along with his captain, Steve Pottberg, for rescuing a man from a house fire on Central Street in Buckner in 1999. He has helped deliver several babies in his time with the department.

"I enjoy the fire side of my career, but EMS is where my heart has always been. I never aspired to be a firefighter; it chose me. I was at a family reunion in September of 1984 when a 4 year old boy drowned in the pool at the camp. I pulled him from the bottom of the pool and others performed CPR to no avail. I didn't know CPR and having four small children of my own, I vowed never to be in a position of not knowing what to do. The fire district was sponsoring an EMT

The Gazette Newspaper beginning 20 years of publication

It seems like just recently we decided to publish a paper in the Buckner communities instead of 20 years ago. Yes time does fly, especially when you are having fun. Well, for the most part.

We have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful people, learning more about the communities of Buckner, Sibley, Levasy, Wellington and Napoleon. We have had to say good-bye to some dear friends, and have watched as babies in our communities have grown up into adulthood.

Businesses have come and gone, as have some residents, who have decided to move to different

locations. We have watched and reported on too many items to even begin to mention.

So, I would like to thank each and everyone of you who have helped with the paper, through articles sent, fire reports, police reports, Sheriffs reports, pictures, items about the history of our communities, community events, obituaries, birth announcements and the list is endless.

As we enter our 20th year of publication on April 5, 2014, we wish all of you the very best and hope you continue enjoying and supporting YOUR LOCAL HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER!

Recycle Transfer Center is open to the public

Recycle Transfer Center is located at 31103 E. Blue Mills Road in Buckner, Mo. and is open during the following days and hours:

Hours of operation are as follows:
Monday-Friday-8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday-8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday-Closed

The recycle transfer center asks that everyone that brings items to them, please pull up to the stop sign at the bottom of the scales and wait for the person inside to motion you onto the

scales. After you have been weighed, you will be given a total of what you owe, then told where to drop off your items.

Items such as old tires, washers, dryers, construction materials, will be accepted to name a few. If you have any questions please contact the recycle center during regular business hours at 816-650-4019. Directions are provided on their advertisement on page 5 of this weeks issue of The Gazette.

Tim Brown's Retires from FOFPD

class in January 1985 which I took and from then on I was hooked. There are events in everyone's life that change their course or have lasting effects. The event at the pool was mine."

Changes I've seen:

□ Department went from volunteer to fully staffed, full time professional personnel.
□ Started with a fire phone. No 911. When someone had an emergency, they would call the fire department's emergency number and everyone on the department's phone would ring continuously until they picked it up. It was like a party line for fire members only. We could all hear the caller and we could talk to each other (like a conference call) and assignments were

made.

□ We did our own dispatching.

□ We had a Firefighter's Association that I was president of for several years.

(See Tim Brown retires on p. 5)



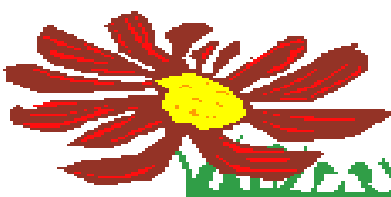
Tim at his retirement party

Enjoy Your Retirement!

Patrick Farnan
Principal of Buckner Elementary School

We will miss your smiling face, great sense of humor, and gentle enthusiastic way in which you work with the children who have been blessed to have you as their principal!

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Bond election continued from page 1

Our firefighters require air packs to make entry into hazardous atmospheres. Our current air packs need to be replaced due to mandated compliance standards and repair costs. The Board of Directors is asking the following question to provide replacement of fire apparatus, ambulances and fire & emergency medical services equipment.

QUESTION

Shall the Fort Osage Fire Protection District of Jackson County, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of 3,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring equipment and improving buildings and facilities of the District including without limitation purchasing fire trucks, ambulances, medical and rescue equipment, breathing apparatus and communication equipment, and improving, furnishing and equipping fire stations and training facilities?

What will this no tax increase bond issue fund?

- * Replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (firefighter air tanks)
- * Replacement of ambulances
- * Replacement of fire trucks (1988) (1997)
 - * Out-dated fire & emergency medical equipment
 - * Radio equipment upgrades and improvements
- * Facility upgrades and improvements



This bond issue can only be utilized to support capital items and improvements and is not available for general operating expenses associated with the general fiscal budget.

Two downtown business relocated to Strip Mall on 24 highway

Creation Tattoo

Has moved from Hudson Street in downtown Buckner to the strip mall on 24 highway. They are located on the far east end.

Second Chance Thrift Shop

Has moved from downtown Buckner to the old Dollar General Store location on 24 highway and BB.

Birth Announcements

Stella Rose Garber

Tanner and Nikki Garber would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Stella Rose Garber. She was born on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 2:08am at Center Point Hospital in Independence. Stella weighed 8 pounds and was 19 3/4 " long.

Grandparents are: Kirk & Rene' Kellough and Daniel & Victoria Garber
Great Grandparents: Ruth Bowling, Herschel Kellough, Lavona Garber



Public service announcement policy for birth announcements and obituaries

Birth announcements

Please email all birth announcements to editor@gazetteweekly.com. Please include the baby's name, parents, grandparents, weight, length, date of birth, and any other information you would like printed. If you want a picture, please email the picture along with the announcement.

Obituaries

All obituaries must be emailed to editor@gazetteweekly.com from a funeral home. We are not able to accept obits from individuals, only funeral homes.

Obituaries

BETTY LYNN (POWERS) LLOYD

Betty Lynn (Powers) Lloyd, 83, Buckner, Mo passed away Feb. 16, 2014. Services were held Friday, Feb. 21 at The First Christian Church of Buckner, 126 S. Hudson, Buckner, MO 64016; interment was at Buckner Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to The Fire Creek Wetlands Committee, the First Christian Church of Buckner or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society "Team Jack", Liz & Ray Clause, 1227 Sweetbriar Rd., Madison, WI 53705..

Betty was born Dec. 7, 1930 to Paul Harold & Lottie "Irene" (Foster) Powers in Higginsville, MO. She grew up as Betty Clark and graduated from Odessa High School in 1949 before attending Central Missouri State College from 1949 to 1951. She married David Louis Lloyd of Raytown, MO on Aug. 6, 1951. She taught at Dale Elementary School in Ray County, MO in 1951-52 and taught at the State School for the Mentally Retarded in Richmond, MO from 1962 until 1968. They lived in Lexington, MO from 1956 until

WILLIAM ROBERT AMES, II

Rob Ames, age 59, of Buckner, MO passed away, Monday, March 24, 2014. Rob was born January 26, 1955 in Buckner, MO to William Robert "Bob" Ames, Sr. and Shirley H. (Thomas) as one of three children. He graduated from Fort Osage High School.

Rob married his beloved wife, Alice (Oliver) on January 21, 1977. In 1979 he began his 32 year career at the Sibley Power Plant as a Journeyman Mechanic. In 1980, Alice and Rob's daughter was born. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking, and especially training his black labs to bird hunt with him. He is remembered as a loving family man and husband who was a great grill cook. He is loved and will be missed.

1970. Betty finished her Masters in Education at CMSU in 1968 and taught kindergarten in Lexington Elementary from 1968-70. She moved to Buckner, MO in 1970 and began teaching elementary special education for the Fort Osage School District in Sibley, MO. When that school was closed, she taught at Buckner Elementary School until May, 1992. Betty was Fort Osage Teacher of the Year in 1976.

She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ. She worked on the Buckner Park Board and the Fire Prairie Creek Wetlands Committee. Betty was preceded in death by her husband David, daughter Patti Alice Williams and grandson Paul David Lloyd II. She is survived by son Paul David Lloyd, Sibley, MO; daughters Linda Louise Lloyd, Florence, MO; Jan Marie Lloyd, Fall River, KS; sister Joan Powers, Maryville, MO; nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel 816-650-5555)

He is survived by wife, Alice, of the home; daughter, Mandy Lawson; son-in-law, Jason Lawson both of Blue Springs, MO; granddaughter, Maddi Ames Lawson; sister Sheila Biegler of Spokane, WA; brother, Bret Ames of Buckner, MO; father, Bob; nephews, Scott and Matt Biegler; sister-in-law Ann Gray of Overland Park, KS; and aunt, Jan Mershon of Buckner, MO. He was preceded in death by his mother. The family encourages contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Ducks Unlimited in his memory.

Services were held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at Heart of God Church.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel 816-650-5555)

MADELENE RAE WOODWARD 1923-2014

Madelene Rae Woodward, 91, of Levasy, MO, died Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

She was born the daughter of Cleveland G. and Allie Mae (Westphal) Simpson on January 6, 1923 on a farm near Millport, MO.

Madelene attended school at Millport, Edina and Rule School. She graduated high school from Edina in 1939.

She worked at Hatfield's Dental Office in Edina, Dunn and Bradstreet in Kansas City, and North American Aviation during World War II. Madelene married Weldon Lee Woodward. He preceded her in death.

She was a devoted mother and wife who loved nature and gardening. Her faith in Jesus Christ was unending. Although she had been tragically injured in a car accident in 1947, she always persevered through all aspects of life.

Madelene was a life-long member of the Millport Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri 411 – Matilda Chapter in Edina. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary Post #499 in Blue Springs, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Richard Woodward; a sister, Lenore Simpson; brothers Leonard and Richard Simpson.

She is survived by her children, Janice and husband Bob Combs of Kansas City, MO, and Weldon Woodward of Novelty, MO; a sister, Kathleen Tierney of Osawottamie, KS.

A funeral service was held at noon, March 30, at the Gerth Funeral Home in Memphis, with her son Weldon officiating. An Eastern Star service was held at the start of the funeral. Ray Prebe, Roger Stock, David Simpson, Bob Burns, Bob Combs, Gary Guinan, Alan Rimer, John Woodward, Jerry Friedrich, Mark Rimer, Glenn Dieckman, James Smith, Jack Vaughn, Darren Draper, Lance Simpson, Michael Prebe, Jonathon Prebe, and Tommy Prebe were honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in the Millport Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Millport Church and Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Gerth Funeral Service, 115 S. Main, Memphis, MO 63555.

Online condolences may be sent to the Woodward family by signing the guestbook at gerthfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gerth Funeral Service.



Dara Gwen (Mennis) Cox

Dara Gwen (Mennis) Cox, after a valiant 6 year fight with breast cancer, peacefully left this earth to travel back home to heaven on March 9th, 2014. She was in a room at KC Hospice House that was packed full of family and friends who loved her dearly. She had her hook attached to all of our hearts and took a little piece of each of us with her.

She will be missed by all of us, but especially by her two surviving daughters, Savannah

(Anna) Cox; Gabriella (Abby) Cox; mother Judy Oetting; stepfather Vaughn Oetting who all lived together in Levasy, MO; her sister Mary Pettet & husband Timothy (KC); her brother Jim McFarlane & wife Cheryl (Buckner, MO); Tim Cox was her husband, father to Anna and Abby and a friend to the end; nephew Erik McFarlane (world traveler); niece Megan Covert (Parkville); nephew Trevor King & family (Belinda, Raylene & Makala)

(Buckner); and her "infinity gang of sister-cousins" Jayne Hartwig, Susie Munson, Felice Prine, Tanya Sargert, Trish Hernandez, Natasha Switzer; and a multitude of other much loved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Derril Mennis; sister Julia Miles; grandfather Leonard Sherman; grandmother Charlotte Sherman Godfrey and step grandfather John Godfrey. Dara was a member of Osage

Hills Community of Christ.

Her memorial was held at Village Heights Community of Christ Church on March 23rd. Visitation was at 2-4 PM followed with a service from 4-5 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Anna and Abby's educational fund at www.gofundme.com/HonorDara If you have questions contact Ruth Farrand Cox at 816-650-5813

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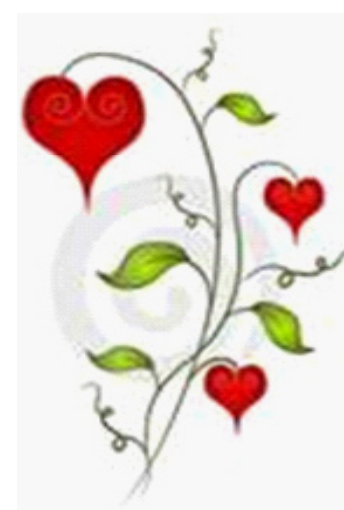


Congratulations Mr. Farnan!

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Transfer Center is on the left
side of Blue Mills Road. Turn in
the driveway and proceed to the
scales.***

Hours of operation are:

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Items you may bring out:

****Roofing and building materials***

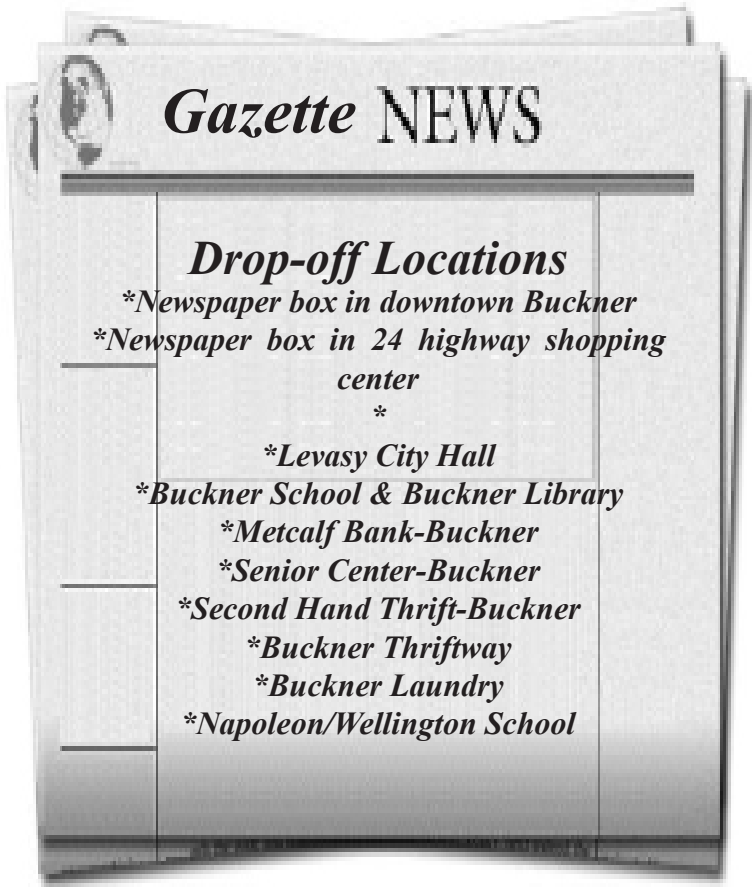
****Household clean-ups***

****Tires***

***All trucks must pull up on scales, be weighed and will be given a cost to drop off items
in truck.***

***If you have any questions on what you can bring, please call the Recycle Transfer Center
at***

816-650-4019



The Little Village in the Valley

by Jim Hisle

For several years in the 1960's, the Lasater Ford dealership had an ongoing advertising campaign urging big city car shoppers to come on out to "the Little Village in the Valley" for the good prices on their Ford line up. This title for Buckner has stayed with us over the years as we are still in the "Valley". My father, Harold Hisle, the one man public works department for Buckner during the early 1960's knew something was different about the flat ground that most of Buckner was platted on. After he took the job, Harold was informed that the waste-water/sewer system, which had only been in operation a few years had experienced a near catastrophe and had been repaired before he arrived in town. The main waste-water line, which was about 12 inches in diameter and several hundred feet long, had broken off between the lift station and the sewage lagoon. This backed up the waste water system for the entire town. Despite probing for the line for a reconnection, it had sunk too far into a very sandy muck to be used again. At some substantial expense, a new line was laid at a shallower depth to keep the system operational. An engineer consulting on another matter for the town remarked to Harold that it seemed the Buckner valley had been a part of a much larger river channel; perhaps even a Missouri River slough. During these years, Buckner's source for drinking water also came from the "Valley" in a series of shallow wells drilled just to the west of town. Another reminder of the fact that water is never very far away in Buckner occurred around 1970. The job was supposed to be a simple dig to a water main for an additional connection for new construction. The street was opened up near the funeral home. The backhoe dug down about six feet and uncovered sandy soil. In a few minutes, the sand started bubbling. At first the workers thought this was a broken water line. It soon became apparent the dig had exposed a natural spring. The water rose and fell in the newly created spring. Eventually, the spring formed a hole about 10 feet deep and 20 to 25 feet

across. The city was advised that if they were lucky the spring would give out as underground water from the hills to the south drained. It took several months for the very active spring to subside, and the city filled the hole with a special soil mix and reopened the street. As a student of geology I was interested in why Buckner was in a much larger valley than Fire Prairie Creek could have created. The answer came when I was paging through the book: Geologic Wonders and Curiosities of Missouri, written by the former State Geologist of Missouri, Dr. Thomas R. Beveridge. In his book, Dr. Beveridge described the "why" of the Valley. The large valley was caused by "stream piracy." This is when a stream dramatically changes course and abandons its former stream bed. Dr. Beveridge wrote, "...Little Blue formerly flowed east following the valley of Fire Prairie Creek. This valley was abandoned when a tributary of the Missouri River worked its way southward and interrupted the flow of the Little Blue west of today's Lake City reservation".

Dr. Beveridge further noted that the track surveyors for the Missouri Pacific Rail Road who were always seeking the least elevation for their tracks, followed both the old and new valleys of the Little Blue River. The railroad left its Missouri River path beginning at Levasy and travelling west through Buckner, Lake City and turning northwest to follow the new valley and returning to the Missouri River plain near Atherton.

Let's call the mystery solved, but still beware of digging holes in the "Valley". * Geologic Wonders and Curiosities of Missouri, Geologic Wonders and Curiosities of Missouri, Feature #191, pgs. 144, 145; Thomas R. Beveridge, Revised edition 1990, Published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geology and Land Survey Dewey 557.78 B467 2nd, copies available through Mid-Continent Public Libraries. Dr. Beveridge (now deceased) was formerly the State Geologist of Missouri and a professor with the University Missouri at Rolla. This book is highly recommended for anyone interested in the myriad surface geologic features of Missouri.

Tonahill's Last Chance Bar & Grill

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Tim Brown retires (con't from page 1)

□ There was also a Lady's Auxiliary where the wives or significant others would sponsor events such as developing a cookbook to support the department.

□ We would have potlucks at Christmas time where awards were given, some serious and some not.

□ We had a pop machine (a LONG time ago) that served a can of beer as well as soda..

All of those things are history, but very fond memories.

Tim stated that "We've gone from old used fire engines and ambulances to top of the line fire and EMS equipment with the latest diagnostic tools. Today, the Fire District is second to none. The patrons of the district can take pride in what their tax dollars have and continue to provide".

Tim's wife is Carol Shipman Brown. Both are 1969 graduates of Fort Osage. Carol just retired from MCC-Blue River Community College where she coordinated the Community Education program. Tim stated, "that more than I can express I appreciate the sacrifices she's made over the years. We have four children, Kathy, Kevin, Dale and Debbie

and we are blessed with 12 grandchildren. Our children are all Fort Osage graduates. They have all enjoyed the firefighter's life experiences and the sacrifices that go along with being a part of the fire family. Because of our firefighter life, our son, Dale, took the firefighter course through Fort Osage CTC, but didn't complete the course because he joined the Army."

"I have been so blessed to be a part of this organization. I have been able to see and do things very few people have the privilege of experiencing. I've also seen some things no one should have to see, but that's all part of what we do. The people I've been able to work with over the years have been a joy (most of the time :) in my life".

After retirement, Tim will continue to work his construction business for the foreseeable future. His immediate plans are to run for Board of Directors for the Fort Osage Fire District. He was a former Board member from 1988-1991 then he became an employee. I believe my unique perspective and experience makes me well qualified.



Wellington/Napoleon School News!



Feb students of the month:

*Keylea Gray- 6th grade Makaylyn Ryun- 8th grade,
Amanda Grumke- 10th grade, Aaron Schuster- 11th grade*



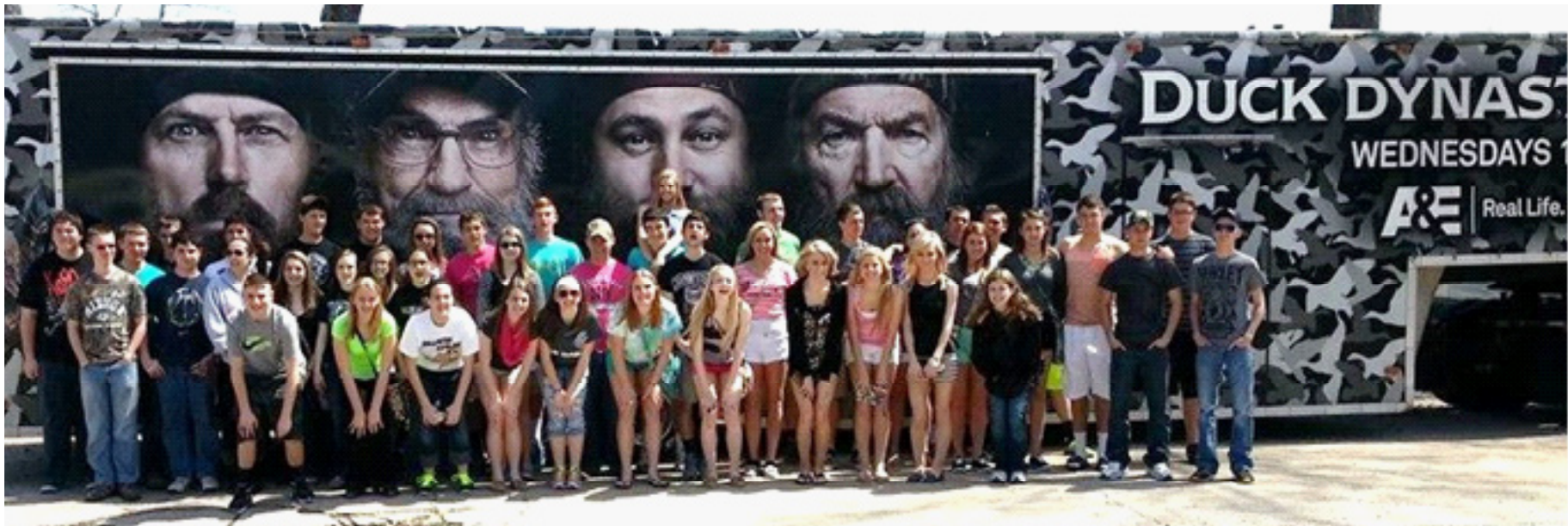
Congratulations Samuel Fahrmeier for getting 2nd in Ag Sales Proficiency, 2nd place in Division 2 public speaking, & 1st place in completed record book at the FFA area banquet



Senior trip 2014- 11 students and 3 adults traveled to San Antonio, Texas to visit the Alamo and Riverwalk as well as Six Flags and the beach in Corpus Christi, Tx.



*4th place Conference Quiz Bowl
Quenton Bainbridge- coach Samuel Fahrmeier Brock Beckemeyer
Morgan Weedman Luke Schaberg John Meierer
Front row- Kate England
**all students are Sophomores*



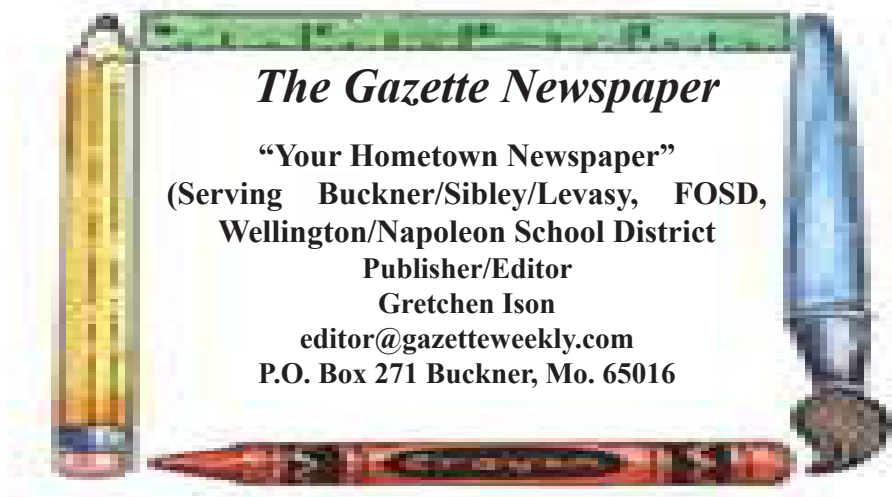
FFA and FCCLA members travels to West Monroe, Lousiana for Spring Fling 2014! They took 48 kids and 10 adults and were gone March 20th -22nd. On the trip they toured the Duck Dynasty Command Center,

Voter information
SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF SIBLEY, MISSOURI
GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
FOR TRUSTEE (Vote for Three)
TROY JEFFRIES
MARY RUTH DOBBINS
DAVID JEFFRIES
WRITE-IN
WRITE-IN
WRITE-IN

SAMPLE BALLOT
CITY OF LEVASY, MISSOURI
GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
FOR MAYOR
KIM DYER
MIKE COLE
WRITE-IN
FOR ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE
(Vote for Two)
J. T. DIECKMANN
WRITE-IN
WRITE-IN
SAMPLE BALLOT
FORT OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
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TERRY SNELLING
TIM BROWN
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YES
NO





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The Gazette’s policy on PSA’s
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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.

Public Works Employee Injured

At approximately 9:15 this morning, March 11, 2014, the Jackson County, MO Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to the area of Colbern and Stillhouse Roads, south and east of Grain Valley, MO in reference to an agency assist for EMS. Upon arrival, we learned an employee of Jackson County, MO Public Works was trimming trees when a branch approximately 8” in diameter fell and struck the employee in the head. The employee was conscious and transported via ground ambulance to a local hospital with what is described as a non-life-threatening injury. All deputies have cleared the scene.

Suspect in Child Pornography Investigation Commits Suicide

Today, just prior to noon, the Sheriff’s Office received a call from a man stating he just witnessed a car drive into Lake Jacomo at a high rate of speed. Deputies responded, and with the assistance of Lee’s Summit Underwater Recovery, a vehicle was pulled from the water with a man inside.

The Jackson County Medical Examiner’s Office confirmed the victim’s identity and noted what appeared to be a self inflicted gun shot wound to the victim’s head. The man was then identified as 40-year-old Jeffrey D. Welch of Lee’s Summit, MO.

Investigators have since learned the Western Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force (WMCCTF) was investigating Welch for crimes relating to child pornography. Based upon the suspect’s death, the WMCCTF investigation is now closed. For further information on the WMCCTF investigation, please contact Captain Erik Holland with Platte County, MO Sheriff’s Office at 816-858-2424. For further information regarding the suspect’s suicide, please contact me at 816-524-4302.

Task Force Requests Help in Identifying Suspects

As of November 2013 through March 26, 2014 there have been 7 ATM thefts and 10 ATM theft attempts throughout the Kansas City Metro Area. The suspects have used either a bigger heavy truck or SUV with a tow strap or chain tied around the ATM to pull it out or to use various tools to pry or break it open.

The most recently reported theft is pictured in the attachment and happened at the Enterprise Bank, Independence, MO. The subjects in this particular case are believed to be a male and female in the truck.

There has been a task force created to investigate these cases. Should anyone have information on this or any of the thefts, please call the Sheriff’s Office at 816-524-4302 or the TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS.

For further information regarding the press release, contact me at 816-524-4302 Ext. 72237.

Tim Brown

for

***Fort Osage Fire Protection District
Board of Directors***

***Please exercise your right to vote
on April 8, 2014***



"The Patrons Advocate"

**Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2014-2015 School Year
Will Be Held:**

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

12:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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 15th, 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, 2014 in order to attend kindergarten.***

Items Required for Kindergarten Enrollment

☐ ☐ ***Proof of Age (Birth Certificate)***

☐ ☐ ***Immunization Records***

☐ ☐ ***Proof of Residency (two current utility bills in parent/
guardian's name with home address)***

☐ ☐ ***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. Contact your home school
to receive the kindergarten enrollment packet or if you
have any questions.***

Blue Hills Elementary 650-7440

Buckner Elementary 650-7300

Cler-Mont Elementary 650-7350

Elm Grove Elementary 650-7400

Indian Trails Elementary 650-7645

Patrick Farnan

Congratulations

on

17 years

as

Principal

of

Buckner Elementary School

Best of Luck in the Future



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Principal Patrick Farnan
on 17 years as Principal of
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Congratulations Mr. Farnan
on
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APRIL EVENTS AT THE MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Story Time – every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Career Exploration and Transition: Discovering Your Ideal Career – Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.
Are you unsure of your career path? Do you want to change careers? Learn about career exploration and transition from a multi-certified career coach and resume writer. Topics include career assessments, career passion and enthusiasm, identifying strengths, helpful Websites, utilizing contacts, and professional development. Adults. Registration required.

Mad Science Presents Radical Robots – Saturday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m.
Get wrapped up in the world of robotics. Learn about robots and how they are used in our world. We’ll perform experiments with lots of cool robots, including sound-sensing robots, line-tracking robots and even robots that can score a soccer goal! You’ll get to pet a soft, and snuggly robot seal pup and build your very own robot hand to take home. Ages 6 to 13.
Registration is required.

Adult Book Club – Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.
April’s book is Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express. Copies are available at the branch. Adults. Registration is suggested.

Village Crafters – Wednesday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of fun and crafts. Bring your own project, or the new one introduced every month. Adults. Registration is suggested.

Teens at the Library – Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.
Visit the library at a time just for teens. Make crafts, watch movies, play games, and more.
Give the branch a call for more information. Teens. Registration is suggested.

Teen Creativity – Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.
Spark your imagination and express yourself through original print, video, audio, or visual works. Call the branch to see what we are planning. Teens. Registration is suggested.

Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning – Thursday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a session that will help unravel the mystery of retirement planning and reach your retirement goals. We will help those who are about 10 to 15 years from retirement figure out if their planning is on track. We will help find ways to fill in any savings gap. We will also provide tools and information for all ages who have questions about retirement planning. Adults. Registration is required.

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Students qualified for State DECA competition

Fort Osage Career and Technology Center DECA competed at DECA District competition on Wednesday February 12th at the Independence Center. The following is being held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks in March.

Marketing Research
Sydney DeJanes- 1st place
Ben McCabe and Nema Pau- 2nd Place

Sports Marketing Promotion Plan
Tyler Highland and Dominic Marriott- 1st Place
Kevin Smith and Devon Williams- 4th Place

Advertising Campaign
Elizabeth Knauf and Mariah Smith- 3rd Place
Samantha Daily- 4th Place

Fashion Promotion Plan
Kyla Ericson, Kiana Valdepena, and Nina Terrazas- 3rd Place

Professional Selling Events
Savanna Palmer 1st Place
Kristine Bodine 3rd Place

Entrepreneurship Participating Event
Michel Cochran- 4th Place

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

Adult Book Club – Monday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.
May’s theme is popular books that became blockbuster movies. Adults. Registration is suggested.

Teens at the Library – Monday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.
Visit the library and have fun! Every month is a different activity, so call the branch for more information. Bring your friends. Teens. Registration is suggested, but not required.

Village Crafters – Wednesday, May 14, at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of fun conversation and inspiration. Bring your current project to share or for help. Adults. Registration is suggested, but not required.

Teen Creativity – Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.
Spark your imagination and express yourself through original print, audio, video, or visual works. Call the branch to see what we are planning. Teens. Registration is suggested.

Cooking for One or Two – Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m.
Are you cooking for one or two? Does your family rarely have time to eat together? If so, throwing away food, eating leftovers, and having limited healthy meal options are probably concerns for you. Small quantity cooking can be made easier and more interesting.

Come learn ways to stretch your budget, shop with convenience in mind, and prepare small, healthy meals. Adults. Registration is required.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

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