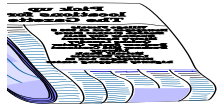
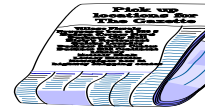


# THE GAZETTE



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## Principal Mr. Farnan's retirement party

After seventeen years, 450 thousand miles driven to and from Weston to Buckner, over 1/2 million hours on the road, having helped educate literally thousands of children, had the pleasure of working with a fantastic staff, a great community, and a wonderful school district, Patrick Farnan is retiring.

During his tenure as principal at Buckner Elementary School Mr. Farnan has brought test scores up dramatically, watched as children grew in self confidence, excelled in their ability to learn, and made learning an experience these children will never forget. Why, because Patrick has the ability to make learning fun and he sincerely loves all the children and only wants the best for them.

"The community held me up during the death of my son and grandson and stood by me during my own horrible accident last year. They have sent cards, food and letters. They have visited me, participated in the Walk to Remember at Weston, honored me with birthday surprises, remembered and honored veterans and even held an amazing walk to help with my hospital bills. Support of this kind is once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I will truly miss Buckner School, my students, parents, friends, teachers and the entire



**Back row: L-R son-in-law Chris, his wife Kristen  
Front row: L-R: Patrick Farnan, granddaughter, Kinsley, and wife Dee**

community. I don't know what I will do in the future, but if you are ever in Weston, please stop by and say hello."

A retirement party was held in Patrick's honor Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Buckner Elementary School.

Past, present and future students, parents and relatives stopped to visit and wish Patrick well.

Some kids were getting pictures taken for sports and others had games, but that did not stop them from seeing their favorite principal and eating some great food.

The FOFPD cooked hamburgers on the outside grill, some of the ladies that cook for the district made cookies and other goodies and everyone was invited to eat, visit and have a great time.

It was a day for fun, family and memories. We will miss you Patrick!

### Graduation Ceremony

Graduation ceremonies were held on Tuesday, May 13, at the Community of Christ Church in Independence, Mo. for the 2014 graduating class from Fort Osage High School.

Ceremonies began at 7 p.m. and guests were encouraged to arrive early to secure parking and seating.

Congratulations, Class of 2014!

## Krik Kellough visits the big Apple!

As most of you know Kirk and Rene' Kellough are opening Tuscono's Italian Restaurant in downtown Buckner.

Kirk wanted to learn how to cook the best pizza possible and went to New York to learn from the best. He studied at Good Fellas School of Pizza and Pasta located in Staten Island, New York. They are 3 time world champion pizza makers that own the school and restaurant that trained Kirk. Owners are Scot Consentino and Andrew Scudera. Kirk stated that "they trained me in the art of making New York style Pizza and Pasta."

Besides wonderful pizza the restaurant will also serve delicious pasta dishes, deserts, salad and soup.

The restaurant is completely renovated and has new up to date

equipment and will use only the finest ingredients.

Opening date will be sometime in July. We will keep you posted as soon as the restaurant is open.

**Pictured below is Kirk with one of his famous pizza's that he will be serving soon at Tuscono's**



## Tornado does major damage to Orrick, MO.

The town of Orrick, MO. our neighbor to the north, suffered quite a bit of structural damage, including roofs blown off homes and power lines blown down. Clean-up efforts are in progress.



**Picture taken near Levasy, MO. of the tornado that hit Orrick, Mo. on Saturday, May 10, 2014**

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### Jackson County Historic Truman Courthouse Wins Preservation Award

May 5, 2014 (INDEPENDENCE, MO) – Jackson County is the recipient of a 2014 Hickman Preservation Award for the restoration of the Historic Truman Courthouse.

County Executive Mike Sanders accepted the award for Outstanding Building Restoration from the Independence Heritage Commission during Monday night’s meeting of the Independence City Council. Named after local historian William Zere Hickman (1845-1921), the annual awards recognize preservation efforts by individuals and organizations.

“We are thrilled the Heritage Commission has recognized the renovation of this iconic structure,” said County Executive Sanders. “This building is important not only to the citizens of today, but also to generations to come,” he said.

The Independence Heritage Commission is a nine-member body appointed by the Independence City Council to oversee the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the city’s historic resources.

Mike Calvert, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Independence, said the courthouse restoration project filled him with a sense of pride. “In a day and age when so many look at old structures and only see something to remove, Mike Sanders and the Jackson County Legislature took the path to restore what I, and many, see as the crown jewel in the historic fabric of our county,” he said.

Last September, Jackson County re-dedicated the courthouse, 80 years after then presiding Jackson County Judge Harry S. Truman renovated the same building.

The courthouse underwent \$5.6 million in interior renovations in 2013, restoring it to the integrity of its 1933 design.

The work was done by Piper-Wind Architects, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri and Universal Construction Company of Lenexa, Kansas. The entire project

### JUNE EVENTS AT THE MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUCKNER BRANCH 19 EAST JEFFERSON STREET BUCKNER, MISSOURI 64016 816-650-3212

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

Adult Book Group – Monday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m.

June’s book selection is Like Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Copies may be checked out at the branch. Adults. Registration is appreciated.

Self-Defense for Teens – Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Be proactive instead of reactive. Learn how to defend yourself from attacks by learning self-defense tactics including hit-and-run escapes and pressure points. Teens. Registration is required.

Teens at the Library – Monday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The library can be 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, June 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun hour of conversation and inspiration. Bring your current project to share or for help. Adults. Registration is appreciated.

Teen Creativity – Thursday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Express yourself through original print, audio, video or visual works. Call the branch to see what we are planning. Teens. Registration is suggested.

Mad Science Demonstrates Spin, Pop, Boom – Wednesday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m.

Children will be amazed when the Mad Scientist is able to defy gravity in this energetic and spectacular special event. Didgeridoo tubes, foaming hands, and steaming chemical reactions will introduce a world of exciting chemistry. Children. Registration is required.

# Congratulations Class of 2014!

## The Gazette



Best of Luck in the Future!

May all your dreams come true!

## Special Olympics fundraiser on Katy Trail set for September

Get ready to dust off your bike and stretch out those riding shorts because Special Olympics Missouri has organized a two-day ride on the Katy Trail State Park Sept. 20-21, 2014 called Cycle for the Future.

The ride will allow participants to either start in Clinton or St. Charles (on Sept. 20) and both will finish in Jefferson City (Sept. 21). It's two two-day simultaneous rides all to promote and raise funds for the Training for Life Campus ([www.somocampus.org](http://www.somocampus.org)) and more than 17,000 athletes around the state of Missouri.

Both routes will total more than 100 miles over the two days with riders who start in Clinton staying the night in Boonville and St. Charles riders staying overnight in Hermann.

The registration fee for the ride is \$155 with an additional \$155 fundraising minimum. The full \$310 may be paid upon registration in lieu of fundraising. There will be fundraising incentives for individuals who raise more than the \$310 minimum.

The registration fee and fundraising minimum covers any associated fees with using the trail, camping, food, luggage transportation, Support and Gear Stop supplies and more. Return-trip transportation is available from Jefferson City for an additional fee.

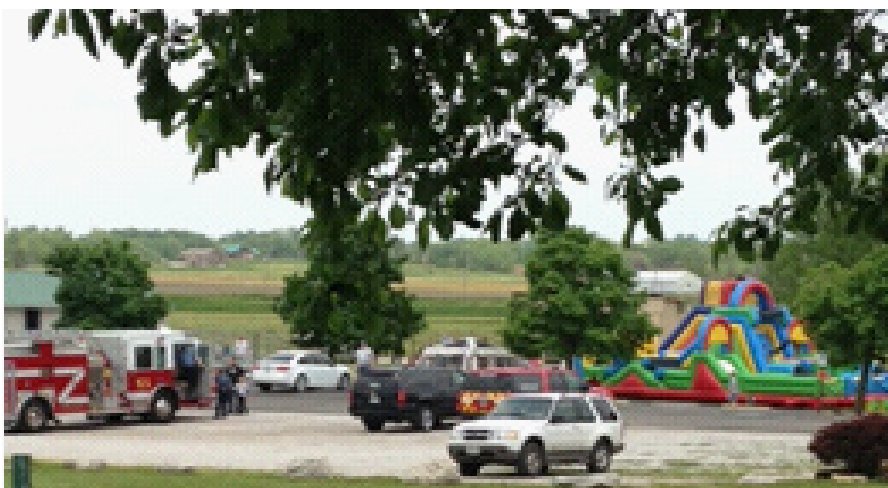
At both campsites and at the end-of-ride celebration in Jefferson City Sept. 21, SOMO and PedNet ([www.PedNet.org](http://www.PedNet.org)) will be putting on demonstration stops where we are inviting our local athletes out to take part in a cycling demonstration where they will learn the basics of safe cycling.

For more information or to sign up for the ride, visit [www.somo.org/CycleForTheFuture](http://www.somo.org/CycleForTheFuture). Registration is now open.

Since this is the first year of the event, the ride is limited to the first 300 riders on each route, so sign up today!

If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring the ride, email Brandon Schatsiek at [Schatsiek@somo.org](mailto:Schatsiek@somo.org).

Thanks to Katy Trail State Park and Missouri State Parks as our presenting sponsor of the 2014 Cycle for the Future.



Pictured above is Child Safety Day held in Heisler/Burns Park in Buckner, Mo.



## BLUES, BIKES AND BBQ

### BUCKNER 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SMOKE OUT IN THE VALLEY

**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
 Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Blues Band - Grand Villanova  
 (STARTING @ 6:30pm)

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## CTC Culinary Students Featured in Chef Series at Powell Gardens

Each season Powell Gardens invites chefs and other culinary enthusiasts to demonstrate recipes featuring ingredients grown in the Heartland Harvest Garden, the nation's largest edible landscape. Fort Osage Career and Technology Center Culinary Arts students and instructor Lisa Burgess have been invited to present a demo as part of the series. 2nd year students will be demonstrating healthy recipes that can be made in your home.

## National Military Appreciation Month: Celebrating Our Troops

May is National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM), a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the courageous men and women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Designated by Congress, NMAM encourages Americans to publicly show their appreciation for the sacrifices—and accomplishments—made by our military personnel. During this important month, Americans have the opportunity to come together to thank our military for their patriotic service in support of our country, at several national events planned throughout the month.

Loyalty Day, which is celebrated May 1 of each year, kicks off our Nation's month-long celebration of military appreciation. Other important events honoring our military's achievements include Victory in Europe (VE) Day celebrated on May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day celebrated on May 9, Armed Forces Day celebrated on May 17, and Memorial Day celebrated on May 26. Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day are the best known of the May military-themed holidays. Armed Forces Day, which was created to honor all branches of the U.S. Military, replaced separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. And Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in military service.

Please remember and support our military.

## Peace Officers Week

Last week cities all over the U.S. celebrated Peace Officers Week.

Local resident Jaclyn Adams and teacher in the FOSD helped organize the event in Buckner. She contacted businesses and asked for donations to show the towns appreciation of our police department.

Many businesses took part giving out a variety of wonderful items and gift baskets. It was a great week! Thank all of you who serve and protect our community.



Pictured above is a basket of goodies sent to the Buckner P.D. for the officers to enjoy.

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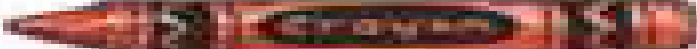


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## Major Meth Bust by Jackson County Drug Task Force \$1 Million in Drugs off the Streets May 14, 2014

What do you get when you combine  
a tip from a concerned citizen with the  
assets of the Jackson County Drug Task  
Force and the Jackson County Sheriff's  
Department? A methamphetamine bust  
to the tune of \$1 million. During a recent  
sweep, Officers recovered 22 pounds of  
methamphetamine, according to Dan  
Cummings, Officer in Charge for the Task  
Force. Valued at \$1 million, Cummings  
said the street value was closer to \$2  
million. The Task Force received a tip  
about suspicious activity around a local  
house. That tip lead to the investigation  
and subsequent bust. The Jackson  
County Sheriff's Department's Tactical  
Team was instrumental in the operation.  
Cummings said the Sheriff Department's  
K9 Unit also quickly alerted officers to  
a vehicle, where the drugs were found  
hidden inside a fender. Cummings said  
two adult men, one an illegal immigrant,  
were taken into custody. A 16-year-old

at the home was turned over to juvenile  
authorities. "This a major blow for the  
methamphetamine supply in Jackson  
County and the Kansas City metro  
area," said Cummings. "When you take  
\$2 million off the streets in one swoop,  
you put a huge dent in it." The cases  
have been turned over to the Jackson  
County Prosecutor's Office. The Jackson  
County Drug Task Force was formed in  
1986 and is comprised of representatives  
from fourteen area law enforcement  
agencies including police departments  
throughout the county as well as the  
Jackson County Sheriff's Office and  
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prosperous future!*

*Happy 1st Birthday!*  
*Moses (Bubby) Potter*



### First Birthdays!

Pictured to the left is Moses Potter, enjoying his birthday cake on his 1st birthday. Thanks Grandma Tammy for the cute picture.

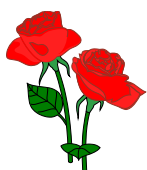
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A reader sent us a picture of a helicopter from Air2 sitting in a field on Neil Chiles Road. Air2 does aerial inspections of electrical distribution lines.

If you have an interesting picture, send it to us so others can enjoy it.



## Memorial Day

**May 26, 2014**

