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2nd Annual Smoke out in the Valley, Bar-b-que cook out held in downtown Buckner

If you were just passing through Buckner this past weekend, June 22 and 23rd, you might think there was a fire going on in downtown Buckner.

The smoke was more prevalent at other times, as over 30 groups of avid bar-b-que individuals, fired up their grills and smoked to their hearts content. Some of these dedicated men and women travel to several towns each year to cook their own special recipe and believe me, the pride these individuals take in their products is amazing. Smells of chicken, pork and beef filled the air and the crowds were just a little more than hungry.

Grand bar-b-que champions from last year cooked and sold delicious food items and was a crowd pleaser. The other contestants were at the contest to win one of several awards and their products were not available for the public to purchase.

One of the contestants was a young man from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, who cooked ribs and brisket. This was his first bar-b-que contest!

Breakfast was served Sunday morning, and Kirk and Rene'

On Tuesday evening, June 17, 2014,

a meeting was held at Historic Town

Hall in Buckner, MO. The purpose

of the meeting was to let every one

know about "Believe in Buckner" it's purpose, goals and what achievements

they would like to accomplish.

The meeting was opened with the

President of "Believe in Buckner",

Mike Larkins., discussing different

Kellough were serving up some awesome sausage, gravy and biscuits. They were so good, we know that their new restaurant, Tuscono's will be a hit! Judging took place in late afternoon on Sunday and we're sure it was very difficult to choose between so many well executed varieties of bar-b-que!

The following groups or individuals won in the following categories for first place:

Brisket-KC Can Crew

Ribs-Team Price Chopper

Chicken-Hackers & Hogs

Pork-Dirt Road BBQ

Grand Champion: Dirt Road BBQ

Reserve Champion: KC Can Crew

Deserts was:

Team Price Chopper

"Believe in Buckner"

organizations for working together for the betterment of the town.

The meeting had a very positive note and people are becoming more involved and excited about their "hometown."

Pictured below is Historic Town Hall, located on BB highway







More pictures on page 9

Sheriff's Deputy Saves Life of Choking Infant

On 04-12-2014, after observing a driver back in to a car while working off-duty, Deputy Tony Uredi stopped the driver in the area of the 200 block of N. Armour Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri. What began as a routine car stop ended like no other. Within minutes, Deputy Uredi heard a female screaming, "MY BABY'S DYING", as he observed a man and woman running from a nearby residence holding an infant child. The man, later identified as the child's father, was franticly trying to call 911 as he approached the Deputy. The deputy's report stated he, "... observed the infant fighting for air ... stopped breathing and his body when completely limp.'

ultimately clearing his tongue from his airway.

At that time, the child took a small breath and began to cry. EMS arrived and transported the child to Children's Mercy where he was treated and released.

Today, fourteen month old Andre is

things that were being accomplished in the community and future plans.

Mayor Dan Hickson, stated that besides the building of the new Buckner City Hall in downtown Buckner, the city was going to put in new sidewalks in the downtown area, Hudson Street was going to be repaved and they were going to place new street lights on Hudson Street.

With the building of the new City Hall, new businesses would be attracted to our town. Downtown Buckner would be the venue for not only the Buckner Fall Festival and Bar b que smoke out, but would attract many other venues. Mayor Hickson praised all the different groups and

Deputy Uredi acted quickly, and utilizing his training, he prepared to begin CPR. Prior to, he tilted the child's head back to open his airway and conducted a finger sweep healthy, and his parents attribute it to the quick thinking of Deputy Uredi his mother describes as an angel.

On Monday, June 16th, 2014, Andre and his parents will join Legislator Scott Burnett and Sheriff Mike Sharp as they recognize Deputy Uredi and present him with a Lifesaving Award. The presentation, scheduled to be during the Jackson County Legislative Meeting, will begin 2:30 p.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area at 415 E. 12th Street; Kansas City, MO.

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In the words of Tim the tool man Taylor......

"Now that's a bad boy" Buckner Laundromat, located in downtown Buckner has added a third 5-6 load capacity washer to the facility. Each washer has the capacity of doing approximately 5-6 normal washing loads for only \$5.50 Please use Buckner Laundromat for all your washing and drying needs! All new machines, great prices and a clean place to do your laundry!



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Cemetery Watchman..

I just wanted to get the day over with and go down to Smokey's. Sneaking a look at my watch, I saw the time, 1655. Five minutes to go before the cemetery gates are closed for the day. Full dress was hot in the August sun. Oklahoma summertime was as bad as ever--the heat and humidity at the same level--both too high.

I saw the car pull into the drive, '69 or '70 model Cadillac Deville, looked factorynew. It pulled into the parking lot at a snail's pace.. An old woman got out so slow I thought she was paralyzed; she had a cane and a sheaf of flowers--about four or five bunches as best I could tell.

I couldn't help myself. The thought came unwanted, and left a slightly bitter taste: 'She's going to spend an hour, and for this old soldier, my hip hurts like hell and I'm ready to get out of here right now!' But for this day, my duty was to assist anyone coming in.

Kevin would lock the 'In' gate and if I could hurry the old biddy along, we might make it to Smokey's in time.

I broke post attention. My hip made gritty noises when I took the first step and the pain went up a notch. I must have made a real military sight: middle-aged man with a small pot gut and half a limp, in marine full-dress uniform, which had lost its razor crease about thirty minutes after I began the watch at the cemetery.

I stopped in front of her, halfway up the walk. She looked up at me with an old woman's squint.

'Ma'am, may I assist you in any way?'

She took long enough to answer.

'Yes, son. Can you carry these flowers? I seem to be moving a tad slow these days.'

'My pleasure, ma'am.' Well, it wasn't too much of a lie.

She looked again. 'Marine, where were you stationed?'

'Vietnam, ma'am.. Ground-pounder. '69 to '71.'

She looked at me closer. 'Wounded in action, I see. Well done, Marine. I'll be as quick as I can.'

I lied a little bigger: 'No hurry, ma'am.'

She smiled and winked at me. 'Son, I'm 85-years-old and I can tell a lie from a long way off.. Let's get this done. Might be the last time I can do this. My name's Joanne Wieserman, and I've a few Marines I'd like to see one more time.'

'Yes, ma 'am. At your service.'

She headed for the World War I section, stopping at a stone. She picked one of the flowers out of my arm and laid it on top of the stone. She murmured something I couldn't quite make out.. The name on the marble was Donald S. Davidson, USMC: France 1918.

She turned away and made a straight line for the World War II section, stopping at one stone. I saw a tear slowly tracking its way down her cheek. She put a bunch on a stone; the name wasStephen X.Davidson, USMC, 1943.

She went up the row a ways and laid another bunch on a stone, Stanley J. Wieserman, USMC, 1944..

She paused for a second. 'Two more, son, and we'll be done'

I almost didn't say anything, but, 'Yes, ma'am. Take your time.'

She looked confused.. 'Where's the Vietnam section, son? I seem to have lost my way.'

I pointed with my chin. 'That way, ma'am.'

'Oh!' she chuckled quietly. 'Son, me and old age ain't too friendly.'

She headed down the walk I'd pointed at. She stopped at a couple of stones before she found the ones she wanted. She placed a bunch on Larry Wieserman, USMC, 1968, and the last on Darrel Wieserman, USMC, 1970. She stood there and murmured a few words I still couldn't make out.

'OK, son, I'm finished. Get me back to my car and you can go home.'

Yes, ma'am. If I may ask, were those your kinfolk?'

She paused. 'Yes, Donald Davidson was my father, Stephen was my uncle, Stanley was my husband, Larry and Darrel were our sons. All killed in action, all marines.' She stopped. Whether she had finished, or couldn't finish, I don't know. She made her way to her car, slowly and painfully.

I waited for a polite distance to come between us and then double-timed it over to Kevin, waiting by the car.

'Get to the 'Out' gate quick.. I have something I've got to do.'

Kevin started to say something, but saw the look I gave him. He broke the rules to get us there down the service road. We beat her. She hadn't made it around the rotunda yet.

'Kevin, stand at attention next to the gatepost. Follow my lead.' I humped it across the drive to the other post.

When the Cadillac came puttering around from the hedges and began the short straight traverse to the gate, I called in my best gunny's voice: 'TehenHut! Present Haaaarms!'

I have to hand it to Kevin; he never blinked an eye--full dress attention and a salute that would make his DI proud.

She drove through that gate with two old worn-out soldiers giving her a send-off she deserved, for service rendered to her country, and for knowing duty, honor and



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

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sacrifice.

I am not sure, but I think I saw a salute returned from that Cadillac. Instead of 'The End,' just think of 'Taps.' (Sent via email, thanks John)

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Letter to the Buckner/Sibley/Levasy Communities

Patrick Farnan

To the Buckner Community, Sibley, Levasy and the farms around town and to all of the businesses past and present, THANK YOU! Thank you is the least I can say and I am surely going to miss someone in telling them thanks but sorry! It has been a great 16 years here at Buckner! I am proud to call it my "second home". If I would have known today back when I started I would have moved here with my kids and family! This is a "Hometown" like the one I live in, Weston. We, my wife, Deann and I were raised there and raised our kids, Colby and Kristen there too. We all went to West Platte and were Bluejays as our mascot! Here I have been through "Bucky" to now "Boomer the Bobcat" and always the "Fort Osage Indians". No worries from me, my wife either, as she is ¹/₄ Native American. We are bikers too, as many of you know from my accident!

First quick story, I was thinking one night as I lay in the hospital that I should thank my mom for the prayers, then I thought, wait there is the church, the town of Weston, my friends, the school kids, the teachers, the community and I was overwhelmed with what they all said, "Not that I won a million or become rich" but that "I get better" WOW! Over 6,000 prayers for me to get better! That is incredible! Thank you.

Thank you for the years of learning we have shared and the trust you have given to us for educating your children! You are the FIRST and most important givers of life, love, and learning! We just keep it up as you bring them to our neighborhood school! Thank you for that as we have grown from having 25% of our kids at proficient and advanced when I started in 1998 to where they are today, the top of the district with 60% reading and 63% math at proficient and advanced! It is not magic; it is not me, but you and the kids, and the teachers! I am glad to be a part of it. You all have made me look good for years! Thanks. Thanks to the businesses from Misty's,

(formerly Vickie's), the new Sonic, the new Casey's, the new Subway, the always Thriftway with the Mulholland's to the owners now! They are always ready in a pinch, like a fire or tragedy! Thanks to Frey farms, to Sibley Orchard, Pat Farrell, Jim Jones and the Hamilton's that owned the pizza place! To the owners of the Cabin, best ice cream in town, the Maxwell's to the two parents who bought me dinner, as a friend or brother would while I stayed late for a I drove 26,000 program, thank you. miles a year to work and back for 16 years to Buckner from Weston, I have no regrets, just thank you to all that have helped and watched over me. Thanks to ALL of those businesses and owners and workers for treating us all like we are family! Thanks for your hard work and donations for years!

Thanks to the many parents that came for breakfast and/or lunch or that acted as grandparents, or parents for kids that didn't have that dad or mom or grandparent here to "be here", it happens we live long distances apart and have many commitments! Thanks to the ladies and gents of PTA, now PTO! Both organizations do the best for kids, the only difference with PTA was our money was going to state programs and we wanted to keep it here for our kids! That is how we re-organized for the PTO, Parent/Teacher Organization!

Thanks to the Gazette for ALWAYS printing events, stories and fun little articles in the paper! Even the KIDS attendance prizes that 50-60 kids won but all 400 were entered! You should be the one on the other side having to see the kid's name being called or not called! It is tough! Printing fun games and stories about and for them and covering them throughout their career at the Fort! You were always Buckner PROUD and TRUE!

Thanks to the Fort for keeping me here for this time, Dr. Paul James called me on a Saturday morning at 7:30 AM to offer the job to me, I accepted! I have

seen many principal's come and leave, many assistants and directors and a few superintendents, and many board of education members come and new ones elected! We all must keep kids first! That is our GOAL, it is our OBJECTIVE! KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE!

Tomorrow is my birthday and I am 54. I am retiring in a few more days. I have buried my son of 22, as he died in the War in Iraq, the day after his mother's birthday! It has been a hard and continues to be a difficult time for all of us. We talked to Casualty Assistance and the Army and I spoke to the Uniformed Army Officers who notify families of casualties, train them to be better prepared and ready to work "it is someone's Son or Daughter" know the name, know something about them, know their past and some history of the town, family. Life is short! We started a foundation to honor our son. We made donations to Weston School and our Church. We rose funds for 32 Kansas and Missouri Battlefield Cross Statues, and then helped with 13 additional ones in other states! Thanks for all of the support when in 2010 my grandson passed away from SIDS, (sudden death infant syndrome) at 22 months while his dad, an Army Warrant Officer, tried to save him! I learned that the new normal in my life was "OKAY" - Webster's defines it as Adequate but unremarkable. so it said. My brother told me to use it; he had his 15 year old daughter pass away at 15! I live for those two boys, daily as I mention in my story in the book, "Happy Stories", by Will Bowen. My daughter nominated me for one of the happy people and I was a match for what they wanted! There are fifty four people in the book and we all had great stories that make or made us happy, mine continues! Like I told my Neurologist after my motorcycle accident when asked how this ranked in my tragic events in my life, "I commented it didn't make the top 5 but it is in the top 10" She looked at me and said you will be okay, (remember

that is adequate but unremarkable)!

Thank you to all of the parents, even though I am terrible with names, not kids names but adults. Thanks to all of the kids who I remember and don't remember but after this length of time your face is familiar but your name is one of 2,000 that I have seen here or more! Thanks to ALL of the grandparents, I'm one too! I used to be the "Dad" of the school now I am the "Grandpa" of the school!

Thanks to all of the businesses and friendships I have made through town and the school! Thank you to the many Mayor's, Alderman, Fire Department, Police and Emergency personnel who are always there when needed for a drill or for FUN! Thanks to ALL of the personnel that do these jobs and thank them for their service! Thanks to ALL of the Lake City workers and the Army, American Legion, present and past soldiers for defending all of us and making our lives precious through all these years in all these battles, wars, and encounters!

Thanks to the fantastic custodians, kitchen workers, A+ student's, high school kids who come back and the Teachers! I have loved and needed all of them to change the building and the impression of education in the school! WE DID IT! We are not done but it is changing! I will always care and read about and visit Buckner, my second home, because I care too, about all of you and what WE have achieved!

I am thankful to God for giving me a wonderful life to share the joy I have for kids being successful and better than me! Thank you all for a grand time together, it is not good-bye but "See you later", Be Safe, Learn and have Fun, life is short! Thank you does not even come close to enough said or done by me to all of you! Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you! I love Buckner and all of the friends I have and continue to make! Patrick Farnan

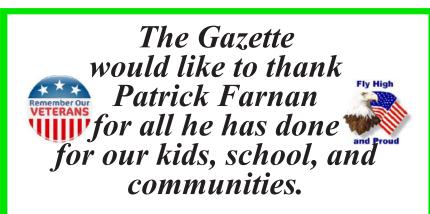
B-25 Returns 'Home' for Jackson County Salute to Veterans

Mary Eisenhower to Speak at National Airline History

More than 6,600 B-25s were produced at the North American Aviation plant in Kansas City, Kansas during World War II. On Saturday, June 14, one of those planes will make a return trip to the metro for Jackson County's Flag Day Salute to Veterans.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate Flag Day than by honoring our Veterans," said Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders. will be attending the ceremony. She'll speak on the role of the B-25 in our nation's defense.

During the war, the North American Aviation plant employed more than 50,000 people. Ray Hawks and Emma Newland, who helped build B-25s at the plant, will be on hand to see what the plane looks like today. Each B-25 featured 165,000 moving parts and 150,000 rivets.



Our wish for you is the best of everything in the future, you are truly a fantastic person and will be greatly missed by everyone! Please don't be a stranger, our doors are always open! The communities of Buckner, Sibley and Levasy!

The B-25 "Axis Nightmare," from the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Cincinnati, was built in the Fairfax District in 1945. Its return trip to Kansas City for the Veterans celebration is being paid for with private donations.

Mary Eisenhower, the granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower,

As part of the celebration, everyone is invited to enjoy FREE admission to the National Airline History Museum.

The Salute to Veterans will include breakfast for Vets and some will fly over Kansas City in the historic B-25 "Axis Nightmare."



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

Independence Day - Monday, July 4 the library will be closed

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

July's book selection is Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers. Copies may be checked out at the branch. Adults. Registration is appreciated.

Village Crafters – Wednesday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an hour of fun with fellow crafters. Bring your own craft to share or for help. Adults. Registration is helpful, but not required.

Unlocking Social Security – Thursday, July 10, at 7:00

Learn the keys to unlocking the secrets of Social Security. Learn answers to important questions about estimating and filing for benefits. Adults. Registration is required.

Show Me Your Smile – Wednesday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn all about how you can make your teeth strong and beautiful. We will learn about proper brushing and flossing techniques. We will also talk about what happens when you visit the dentist and how eating right can

Commencement Ceremonies Conducted at UCM

Warrensburg, Mo. -- Area residents were among the more than 1,000 individuals who were eligible to participate in the University of Central Missouri's 2014 spring commencement exercises May 9-10 in the university's Multipurpose Building. Students who completed their degree requirements by the end of the spring 2014 semester were honored at the event.

Special to THE GAZETTE WEEKLY University of Central Missouri Spring 2014 Graduated Student List

STUDENT DEGREE SEX ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP Caleb E Morris M BSE 31103 E Burgess Rd Buckner MO 64016-8263 Elliot Benjamin Hamilton M BS 33207 E Mackey Rd Buckner MO 64016-8247

Karin L King F MAT 324 Allen St Buckner MO 64016-9737 Steven B Colyer M BS 30508 E Heidelberger Rd Buckner MO 64016-8273

Matthew S Butler M 1YC 3806 N Johnson Rd Sibley MO 64088-9706 Matthew S Butler M BS 3806 N Johnson Rd Sibley MO 64088-9706

Key to abbreviations: 1YC-One-Year Certificate **BA-Bachelor** of Arts **BFA-Bachelor of Fine Arts BM-Bachelor of Music BME-Bachelor of Music Education BS-Bachelor of Science** BSBA-Bachelor of Science in Business Administration **BSE-Bachelor of Science in Education BSW-Bachelor of Social Work** GC-Graduate Certificate MS-Master of Science MBA-Master of Business Administration MSE-Master of Science in Education MA-Master of Arts MAT-Master of Arts in Teaching

UCM News

Special to THE GAZETTE WEEKLY

Warrensburg, Mo. -- The following local student(s) have earned a spot on the University of Central Missouri Dean's List. Each semester, the Dean's List is divided into two parts. The first list includes the names of students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and the second list includes the names of students who attained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

4.0 Dean's list at UCM NAME SEX ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP Caleb E Morris M 31103 E Burgess Rd Buckner MO 64016-8263 Noelle E Hazelrigg F 205 N Paul Dr Sibley MO 64088-9604

3.5 to 3.99 Dean's list at UCM NAME SEX ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP Svea D Owens F 321 N Buckner Tarsney Rd Buckner MO 64016-8238 Kayla R Wehrend F 202 Echo Rdg Buckner MO 64016-9761 Ashley Nicole Chapman F 36602 E Stoenner Rd Sibley MO

help your dental health. Ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

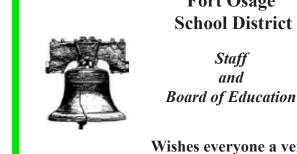
Teen Creativity – Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Express yourself through creativity. Call the branch to see what is being planned. Teens. Registration is appreciated.

Homeschooling 101 – Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Are you thinking about homeschooling but do not know how to get started? An experienced home educator examines the benefits of teaching children and teens at home, explains Missouri law, and discusses curriculum options. Information about local support groups and opportunities will be shared. Even if you already homeschool, this program will be helpful to you. Adults. Registration is required.

Mid-Continent Public Library programs are free and fun. Come join us!



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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





Oh NO! In the dog house again? Call Village Florals

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announcements and church and community events.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has sent us pictures, stories, important information on events and to our advertisers! This is YOUR hometown newspaper! We look forward to each edition with the help of all our friends,

businesses and communities. Have a GREAT WEEK, Gretchen

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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.

Our Servicemen and Women

Your cell phone is in your pocket.

You're looking at all the pretty girls.

He patrols the streets, searching for insurgents and terrorists.

He's told he will be held over an extra 2 months.

You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.

He waits for the mail to see if there is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend, like you do everyday.

He holds his letter close and smells his love's perfume.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He gets a letter with pictures of his new child, and wonders if they'll ever meet.

You criticize your government, and say that war never solves anything.

He sees the innocent tortured and killed by their government and remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make fun of men like him.

He hears the gunfire, bombs and screams of the wounded.

You see only what the media wants you to see.

He sees the broken bodies lying around him.

You are asked to do something by your parents. You don't.



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.)

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 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.

www.woundedwarriorproject. org/

www.operationgratitude.com/

www.militaryfamily.org/getinvolved/donate/

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Please remember our service men and women-they are giving up so much to help keep us free!







2014-2015 WELL-NAP 2 white erasers R-IX Elementary School supply list

KINDERGARTEN 4 boxes - 24 crayons each box (no larger please) **1** pair of Fiskars scissors 2 bottles of white Elmer's school glue 8 glue sticks 1 pkg. of 12 #2 pencils (plain brown sharpen the best) painting cover-up (large old **T-shirt works well)** 1 large backpack (no wheels please) 2 large boxes of tissues 4 paper folders with pockets 1 plastic folder with pockets 1 small plastic supply box 1 box of broad line washable markers 1 four pack of play-dough 2 large erasers 1 containers anti-bacterial wipes 1 pkg. dry erase markers (assorted colors) 1 pkg. construction paper (assorted colors) 1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder with pockets and clear front pouch (for paper insert) 1 watercolor paint set (8 basic colors) Boys – 1 box snack size Ziploc bags 1 pkg. of brown lunch sacks Girls – 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags 1 pkg. of white lunch sacks

FIRST GRADE 4 pkg. (12 count) # 2 pencils 1 pair of scissors 1 bottle of school glue 4 glue sticks

1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes 2 boxes (24 count) crayons 1 - 4 oz. bottle of glue 3 wide-lined (1 subject) notebooks 1 box of (12) colored pencils 1 small plastic supply box 6 - paper folders w/pockets (2 with 2 plastic folders w/pockets and brads) brads 2 pkg. of wide-lined notebook 1 box of tissues paper 2 boxes colored pencils 2 composition notebooks wide lined 1 pkg. 8 count washable markers 1 pkg. Expo markers 2 white 1" binders with clear front cover **Boys-1 box of small Ziploc bags** Girls-1 package small paper plates **SECOND GRADE** 6 Pkg. - (12) # 2 pencils or #2 mechanical pencils 2 box of (12) colored pencils 2 large white erasers 2 glue sticks 2 box of 16 crayons (basic colors) 2 wide lined spiral notebooks 1 pair of pointed, sharp scissors **1** small plastic supply box 2 large boxes of tissues 4 hard plastic folders with pockets 1 pkg. of 4 dry erase markers 2 containers antibacterial wipes 1 pkg. index cards 1 clipboard 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags personal pencil sharpener 2 inch binder 1 pkg. of index colored dividers for binders MARKERS OR PENS NO PLEASE NO ROLLING BACKPACKS **PLEASE LABEL **EVERYTHING** THIRD GRADE 1 box of (24) crayons

pkg. loose leaf colored 1 construction paper **1** spiral notebooks Boys -1 pkg. 3 x 3 post- it- notes Girls – 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags **ŇO THREE RING BINDERS **P. E.** *Grades 4th-6th 1-2 pocket folder

and paper for Health Units.

*Tennis Shoes are required for safety reasons. Students will

not participate in P.E. class if they do not have their tennis shoes.

FOURTH GRADE

2 pkg. (12) pencils 1 small supply box 1 pkg. of multi-colored ink pens 4 pack multi-colored highlighters 1 box 12 count colored pencils 2 composition books 1 box of 24 crayons 1 pair pointed, sharp scissors 1 bottle of school glue 2 glue sticks 4 paper folders w/ pockets and brads 2 white erasers 1 - 12- inch standard/metric ruler **2** boxes of tissues 3 pkgs. wide lined notebook paper 1 pkg. 3 x 3 post-it-notes Girls-1 container Clorox/Lysol wipes **Boys - 1 box Ziploc bags (any size) ** NO THREE RING BINDERS**

FIFTH GRADE 4 pkg. of (12) #2 pencils 1 pair of pointed, sharp scissors

1 box of (24) crayons 1 24 ct colored pencils 1 box of broad tip washable markers 1 bottle school glue OR 1 glue

stick **3** large boxes of tissue

- 5 paper folders w/pockets and brads
- 1 binder w/pockets for homework
- 1 package of red pens
- 4 pack multi-colored highlighters
- 1- 4 pack multi colored fat dry
- erase markers (chisel tip)
- 4 pkg. wide lined notebook paper
- 1 pkg. post-it-notes (4 count) 1 pkg. 4 x 6 note cards
- 2 composition notebooks
- **1** box quart size Ziploc bags

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SIXTH GRADE

3 -pack of index cards 1- pack construction paper 1- pack colored pencils 1-box of 24 crayons 4- spiral notebooks 1-3 ringed binder (1 inch) – To be left in English class pencils red pens

SEVENTH EIGHTH and GRADE **3**-boxes of Kleenex 1 box of markers 4- spiral notebooks 1-3 ringed binder (1 inch) – To be left in English class 1-pack of 4 black dry erase markers pencils red pens





Bar-b-q Smoke Out in the Valley pics



Dirt Road BBQ Grand Champion

Hackers & Hogs 1st place-Chicken

1 pair of pointed sharp scissors

1 small plastic supply box

1 pkg. dry erase markers

1 large box of tissues

2 pkg. (12) pencils

1 large white eraser



Quincy and Sophia Garner from Scott AFB, Ill. This was their first BBQ contest







From L-R: bottom row: of the bbq one booth contestants bbq grill space, donated by Tonahill's, another picture of bbq equipment.

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