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Mother Nature strikes twice in our areas!

Missouri is no stranger to storms, tornados, and flooding, but our communities have been very lucky until recently.

On May 16, 2015, a tornado touched down near Sibley, MO. causing extensive damage to several buildings, disposal trucks and dumpsters at AAA Disposal Company on Blue Mills Road.

The tornado made a straight line through the disposal area causing damage to several of the large buildings on the property. Pieces of steel siding could be seen across the road hanging on a barbed wire fence.

Thankfully, no one was injured and the tornado missed both the office buildings and the homes directly to the west of the damaged area. AAA Disposal Company has been in business in the area since 1963.

Even though some trucks and buildings were damaged, it was business as usual the next day. It will be awhile for everything is rebuilt or replaced.

On June 26, 2015 Mother Nature blessed us with a huge thunderstorm. Lighting lit up the entire sky and buckets upon buckets of rain drenched the ground.

I was awakened by the thunder and got up, only to find water on the main floors of our home. It took 4-5 hours to clean up and access the damage to the home.

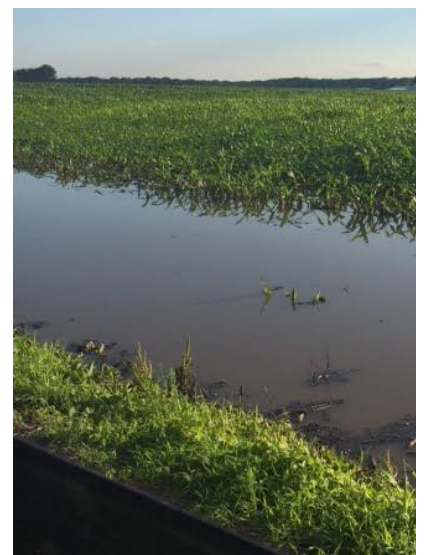
One of the ball fields in Heisler-Burns Park was partially under water and the top of the fence was barely showing. Trees fell down, some landed on vehicles others went through windows



Pictured above is Holly Road at the intersection of Holly and Neil Chiles road after the last rain. You can see that the road is slowly deteriorating and becoming dangerous.

and fell on roofs, A large tree fell on H highway near Truman road and traffic had to turn around and find an alternate route to work. Power was out in many areas and summer school classes were cancelled. Fields with new crops were turned into mud holes and it will be awhile before all the damaged can be accessed.

So far, we have not heard of anyone being seriously hurt.



Pictured above is a field in Levasy, with a small river running through it after the storm. Below is another field with mud covering the crops



Pictured below is the Veterans Memorial on 24 Highway



Pictured above is just some of the damage caused by the tornado last month at AAA Disposal Company.

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in the upcoming year!*



Obituary

MARY I. MORGAN

Mary I. Morgan, born March 17, 1936, passed away June 17, 2015. Mary was a beautician for close to forty years.

She leaves behind her husband of thirty eight years, Lee Morgan; four children, Jewel Groom of Independence, MO, Russell Groom of Kansas City, MO, Janet Kesloski of Mesa, AZ, Robert Groom of Independence, MO; three stepchildren, Ruby Monteer of Raymore, MO, Teresa (Tracey) Munkers of Independence, MO, and Jeff Morgan of Independence, MO. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A visitation was held from 9:00-10:00a.m. Monday, June 22nd at Speaks Buckner Chapel. A funeral service followed at 10:00 a.m. at the chapel. She was be laid to rest in Miller Memorial Gardens, Miller,

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



From the Editor

When I was around ten years old, I met a new friend by the name of Susie. Being the friendly girl in my class I got to know her and found out that she lived just a short distance from my house.

We had a blast and did things all little girls do, including playing with paper dolls, baby dolls, baseball and I could out hit and out throw any old boy and was proud of it. Another one of our favorite things to do was to go swimming.

Susie's family had a large in ground swimming pool in their home. It was so much fun to have sleep overs and go swimming all the time.

As we grew older and graduated from high school, then college, and got married, Susie and I went our separate ways. She and her husband moved to another state and Chuck was drafted shortly after we got married and after basic and AIT he was deployed to Viet Nam.

There were many occasions that I wished we had an in ground pool in our home. As the kids were growing up, we had several above ground pools, but never got the pool of my dreams.

Well, you have probably all heard the old saying, be careful of what you ask for?

Finally my dream of a pool in

our home had become a reality, well, really a nightmare. During the horrific rain storm this past week, I woke up around 1:30 am to step into a large amount of cold water! Wow, that sure was an eye opener!

My request for a pool had come true, well sort of, but instead of just one room with a pool I got four rooms and a bathroom full of water.

After several days of running the wet/dry vac, dumping it, cleaning up the mud and mess that comes along with “my pool” I decided that I might need to be a little bit more specific about what kind of pool I want.

Life is back to normal, water and mud has been all cleaned up, and the house almost looks normal.

I still would like to have a pool in our home, but I am being more specific this time. Professionally put in, and only in one room. Of course, I don't think this will ever happen, but a girl can always dream.

The damage could have been much worse and I am grateful that no one was hurt. Like my dad always said, “Gretchen a little mud will never hurt you.”

Have a great week, enjoy the fourth of July and be grateful that we live in the “land of the free and home of the Brave.” Gretchen



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song 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 livin' here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away*

And I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me

And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA

*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 LA
Well, there's pride in every American heart
And it's time to stand and say that*

I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me

And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today

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- *Heating and Cooling Co. downtown Buckner
- *Wellington/Napoleon School
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- *Buckner Thriftway
- *Buckner Public Library
- *Buckner Elementary School
- *Levasy City Hall
- *Misty's
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- *Paper box in 24 highway shopping center
- *Paper box on corner of S. Hudson and Washington street in downtown Buckner
- *Senior Center
- *Nadler's Meats-Wellington, Mo.
- *Rookies Bar & Grill-24 highway, Buckner, MO.

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Food for thought

God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.*

*With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me.."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the
black is for you to let go."*

*We should consider all of our friends a blessing.
Send this to your friends today just to let them know you
are thinking of them and that they are a joy in your life.*

*A ball is a circle, no beginning, no end.
It keeps us together like our Circle of Friends.
But the treasure inside for you to see,
Is the treasure of friendship you've granted to me.*

*Today I pass the friendship ball to you.
Pass it on to someone who is a friend to you...*

Have a Safe and Happy

4th of July!



Wellington/Napoleon School District News

The Wellington-Napoleon Fire District sponsors a reading challenge called "The Burning Desire to Read" each year for the elementary grades K-5. The student in each grade level that reads the most minutes in the school year gets picked up at their house in the firetruck and brought to school along with a backpack full of goodies.

This year the winners are: front row Clayton Sharp-2nd grade with 6545 minutes, Isaiah Block-kindergarten with 3995 minutes; middle row-Macy Pence-5th grade with 6235 minutes, Trey Lambertson-2nd grade with 22, 835 minutes, Mollie Nagel-4th grade with 11,994 minutes and Cadance Rogge-3rd grade with 14,940 minutes. On the back row is firefighter/paramedic Sean D'Agostino and WN Fire Chief Wesley Young. These students read a total of 66,544 minutes. A huge thank you to the WN Fire District for encouraging our students to read, read, read!



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2015 Conservation Farmer of the Year

Ken Summers is Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts' 2015 Conservation Farmer of the Year. John Campbell, Vice-Chair on the Jackson County Board of Supervisors presented Ken his award at Jackson County's Annual Meeting, February 19, 2015. Ken's award was in the form of a plaque that reads, "In recognition of outstanding achievement in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources,"

Ken and his Dad, Dan, have farmed together, as Ken puts it "for-ever", raising corn, soybeans and cattle. Ken has been saving his soil by using no till or minimum tillage and applying conservation practices which include miles and miles of tile.

Ken is of the same opinion as many farmers, "Farming can't be a job when you enjoy it so much". The only thing Ken enjoys more is his family, his wife Tricia and daughters Sydnee and Bailee. Family time is spent together at the girl's volleyball and soccer games. Sydnee also enjoys pulling at tractor pulls along with her Dad. The family worships at East Side Baptist Church in Independence.

CONGRATULATIONS, KEN!
KEEP ON FARMIN'!!



Pictured: Ken Summers, left, and Supervisor, John Campbell.

Little Lending Libraries

The Fort Osage Education Foundation and the Eastern Independence Rotary Club have placed Little Lending Libraries around the community to encourage kids to read. Little Lending Libraries are designed for kids and adults to take a book, leave a book, or return a book. The way it works is simple:

- We initially stock the libraries with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our community.

- You stop by and take whatever catches your eye

- You return and bring books to contribute when and if you can

The Little Lending Libraries can be found in the Fort Osage School District at:

- Cosentino's SunFresh (18001 E. 24 Highway, Independence)

- Fort Osage Church of the Nazarene (19333 E. US Hwy 24, Independence)

- First Baptist Church, Buckner (131 S. Hudson Street, Buckner)

- Sibley Orchards and Cider Mill (3717 N Buckner Tarsney Rd, Sibley)

For the remainder of the summer, you can also find Little Lending Libraries at our summer food program sites:

- Elm Grove Elementary (18000 E. Kentucky Rd, Independence)

- Cler-Mont Elementary (19009 Susquehanna Ridge, Independence)

- First Baptist Church, Buckner (131 S. Hudson Street, Buckner)

The libraries are a way to provide kids and adults with their favorite literature and stories. Books can be placed inside any of the lending libraries or donated to a school within the Fort Osage School District. So stop by today and grab a book to read!



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BSW-Bachelor of Social Work

GC-Graduate Certificate

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SPE-Education Specialist

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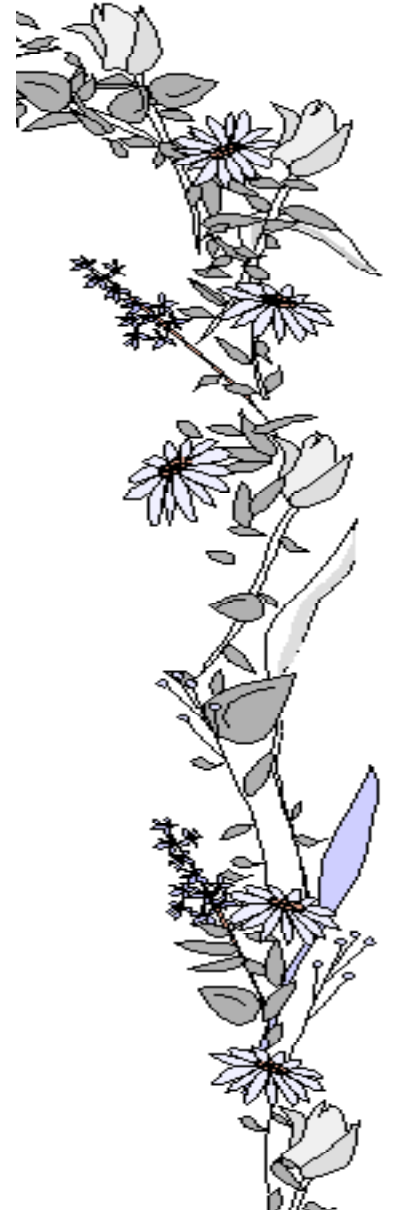
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