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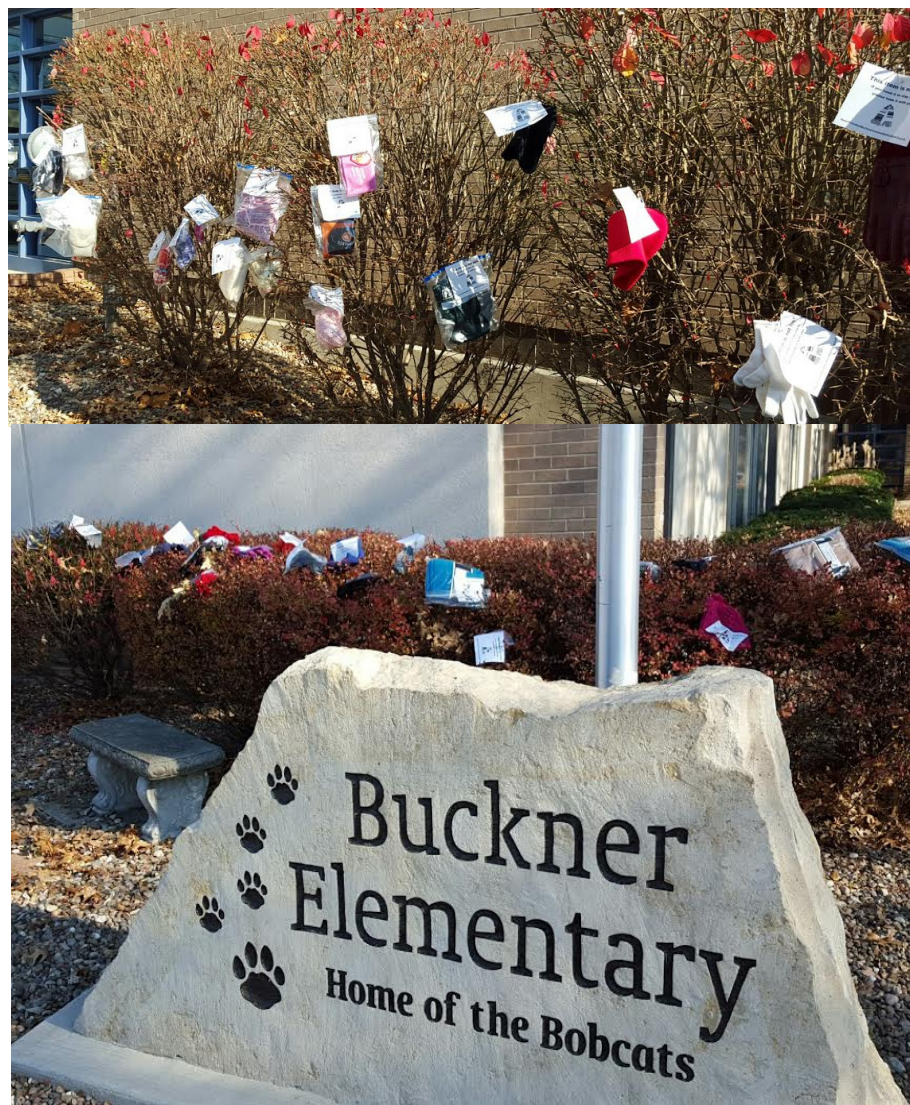
## ***Buckner Elementary School is Scarf Bombed!***

**By Rosie Farmer**

Rosie Farmer caught wind of the event of scarf bombing on Facebook, as some great ladies were going to #scarfbombkc. "Basically it was putting out scarves for anyone who needed them in the parts of the city areas where the homeless frequented. I took the idea and shared the idea with Pastor Linda Wansing, who thought our congregation should get involved! We collected not only scarves, but hats, gloves, and leggings too. She spoke with Karen Hile, principal at Buckner Elementary, and got permission for us to put the items out."

On Sunday, December 6th, Pastor Linda and Rosie set out with 131 cold weather items donated by the members of **Buckner United Methodist Church** and scarf bombed the school!

Rosie has knitted and crocheted for over 15 years and the church has a prayer shawl ministry at the church which she leads.



**Photos and story submitted by Rosie Farmer, thanks!**

We do projects like scarf bombing, making scarves for Special Olympics, hats for preemies, and of course prayer shawls for those who are sick or lost a loved one. We meet on Thursday nights at the church at 6:30 pm till about 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



## **Four FOHS students earn FFA Degree**

On October 27-31, members of the Fort Osage CTC FFA travelled to Louisville, KY to participate in the 88th National FFA Convention and Expo.

"Amplify" is the theme for this year's convention and expo. "With the opportunities we are given in our lives, we must take action and share the message of agriculture with others," said 2015-16 National FFA President Andy Paul, a student at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Georgia. "It's time we all amplify our voice when it comes to the message of agriculture, and boost our impact."

**This year, four of our outstanding members earned their American FFA Degree. Those students were Alex Seifker, Austin Sims, Sarah Daubendiek and BreAnne Houghtaling.** The American FFA Degree is the highest honor in the organization and is awarded to less than 3% of members across the nation. On Saturday morning, Oct. 31, these students were recognized and celebrated in the nationally broadcasted ceremony.

Nine general sessions drew FFA members together at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Students will have countless opportunities to engage exhibitors from more than 450 corporations, organizations and colleges at the expo inside the center. They also attended several leadership sessions and development workshops with other members from across the country. Other events will be held at venues downtown, in the suburbs and beyond. The 8 FO CTC members made several tour stops including the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, the Yew Dell Botanical Garden, Schimpff's Confectionary and Churchill Downs. Students also heard from keynote speakers Rick Rigsby, and past Utah state FFA officer Amberley Snyder.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

## ***New Superintendent of The Wellington/Napoleon School District is Mindy Hampton***

On Thursday morning, December 10th, School Board President, David Twente, announced to Wellington/Napoleon staff that Mrs. Mindy Hampton will become new superintendent, effective July 1. Mrs. Hampton currently serves as principal of Wellington-Napoleon Middle/High School. She is very excited to accept this new role.

The Wellington-Napoleon school board employed the services of MSBA (MO School Board Association) to lead the superintendent search, upon accepting the retirement of Mr. Jeff Ruskey. MSBA received multiple applicants and interviewed top candidates, resulting in Mrs. Hampton's hire. She will be very beneficial in continuing to stay "Dedicated to the Wellington- Napoleon Dynasty". Congratulations!



**Mindy Hampton**



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### *Obituary*

#### *Brian Lee Alexander*

Brian L. Alexander, 46, of Warsaw, MO passed away on November 26, 2015. Visitation was from 6-8pm Friday, December 4, 2015 at Speaks Buckner Chapel. Funeral Services were held at 10am Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Heart of God Fellowship

in Buckner. Burial was in Buckner Hill Cemtery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel 816-650-5555).

### *Obituary Policy*

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### *Sugar Cookie Recipe*

- +2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- +1 teaspoon baking soda
- +1/2 teaspoon salt
- +1 1/4 cups margarine
- +2 cups white sugar
- +2 eggs
- +2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- +1/4 cup white sugar for decoration

**Prep 10 min, Cook 15 min, Ready In 25 min**

- 1-Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, and salt; set aside.
- 2-In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and 2 cups sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then the vanilla. Gradually stir in the dry ingredients until just blended. Roll the dough into walnut sized balls and roll the balls in remaining 1/4 cup of sugar. Place cookies 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets and flatten slightly.
- 3-Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until lightly browned at the edges. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. you can ice cookies when cool if you desire, absolutely delicious!



### *Weddings, engagements and birth announcement policies*

The Gazette Weekly is happy to include your wedding, engagement and birth announcements. These announcements need to be sent to us via email, at [www.gazetteweekly.com](http://www.gazetteweekly.com), with the consent of the individuals emailing these announcements to The Gazette. You may include a picture via email. There is no charge for this service. Thank You.



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Storytime for Families – Every Thursday at 10:00

All ages are welcome to join us for a story, games, and songs. No registration is necessary.

Adult Book Group – Monday, January 4 at 7:00

January's book selection is Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip by Matthew Algeo. Copies are available at the branch. No registration is necessary. Adults.

Accessing eBooks with OverDrive – Thursday, January 7 at 6:30

If you can't find a book on the shelf, try looking in our digital collection. This program will walk you through the steps of searching for and checking out an eBook through Overdrive Digital

Downloads. Limit of 10, so registration is a must. Adults.

Basic Yoga – Thursday, January 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30

Always wanted to try yoga? Join in this three-week restorative class with slow-paced stretching,

simple breathing exercises, and seated meditation. Learn basic poses, relaxation techniques,

and how to be comfortable with the practice of yoga. All levels are welcome. Be sure to wear

comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or a towel. Adults. Registration is required.

## Making a positive difference



Pictured to the left is Debbie Long time employee of Sonic Drive-in in Buckner, MO.

Debbie is all dressed up for Christmas and brings a smile to everyone who sees her.

She loves dressing up for the holidays and has five different pieces of Christmas head pieces.

Thanks for the great service and smiles you bring to our faces

## Food for Thought Biology exam

This is straight from Scotland. Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages.

### However, he wrote:

- (1) It is perfect formula for the child.
- 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.

6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

- 7) It comes in two attractive containers and its high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

**He got an A.**



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- \*Metcalf Bank
- \*Buckner Thriftway
- \*Buckner Public Library
- \*Buckner Elementary School
- \*Levasy City Hall
- \*Misty's
- \*Laundromat in downtown Buckner
- \*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.
- \*Tommy G's-24 highway and Central, Buckner, MO.
- \*Nora Denise Insurance Agency, Napoleon, MO.

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***Last Saturday children went Shopping with a Buckner Cop***

The City of Buckner and the Buckner Police Department is pleased to announce that they will be participating in **SHOP WITH A COP!** Buckner Police Officers will be taking area children to Wal-Mart (in Independence, MO) so that less fortunate families and child crime victims will be able to have a bountiful Christmas. In addition to all of the Department's officers, special thanks to the following for making this event happen on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2015:

The Lube Shop (Buckner, MO)	Walther Trust (Lady Lake, FL)
Larkin Contracting (Buckner, MO)	Wal-Mart (Independence, MO)
Mayor's Christmas Tree (Buckner, MO)	Echo Realty (Buckner, MO)
BOCO Properties (Buckner, MO)	Brian and Molly Kinne (Buckner, MO)
Buckner Chamber of Commerce	Brandon and Michelle Shrout (Grain Valley, MO)
Tim's Pizza (Independence, MO)	Denny Young (Buckner, MO)
Thriftway (Buckner, MO)	Fraternal Order of Police (MO Lodge 50)

***Shopping with a Cop was a huge Success, Thank YOU***

The Buckner Police Department, and its officers are excited in presenting this opportunity to the community, and it would not have been possible without the assistance of the above people and businesses.

***Levasy Post Office preparing for large crowds during the Christmas mailing period***



A little bit of humor can go along way, especially during the Christmas Season with larger than usual crowds at the post offices. Long lines and limited amount of time sometimes make customers somewhat cranky.

Pictured above is Levasy Post Office, in Levasy, MO. Just added a little bit of humor to the obvious plumbing problems that have incurred during our holiday season. Please be patient, postal employees are working hard to make sure everyones packages, letters, etc. are received in time.

***Happy Holidays***



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## *Fort Osage School District News*

### **Fort Osage High School Marching Band to Perform at the TaxSlayer Bowl**

Independence, Missouri- 11/13/15 – WorldStrides OnStage programs has invited the marching band from Fort Osage High School to perform at the TaxSlayer Bowl. They will join marching bands from across the country in the halftime show finale of this major college bowl game. An invitation to perform at the TaxSlayer Bowl is an honor reserved only for the most talented student performers from across the nation.

Under the direction of Erica Gregory, the Fort Osage High School marching band will travel to Jacksonville where they will rehearse with the mass band and learn from nationally acclaimed adjudicators. In their free time, they will take in the sights of Jacksonville.

Erica Gregory has been teaching for 15 years and will be personally leading the Fort Osage High School group of 93 students to Jacksonville.

### ***Congratulations SWACDA Representatives***

Congratulations to the following Fort Osage High School students that were selected to participate and represent our district in the SWACDA (Southwestern American Choral Directors Association) Honor Choir . This 7-state competition required students to send in their audition via the computer in October.

**Men's Choir:** Ben Long (9), Lane Sullivan (10), D'Angelo Talbot (10), Nick Zachgo (10)

**Women's Choir:** Josie Boutte (9), Rachel Evans (9), Megan Hall (9)

**Mixed Choir:** Emelita Barker (12), Aaron Long (12), Alexis McGowan (12), Eseta Pau (12), Jessica Perry (12), Halsey Shelley (12)

Students will be under the baton of world-renown conductors at the SWACDA Conference March 7-10 in Kansas City. They will perform at a the Kauffman Center at the end of the conference.

### ***Lauren Archer selected for the Kansas City Middle School All-District Band!***

Nine Osage Trail Middle School students auditioned for the Greater Kansas City Middle School All-District Band. The competition was pretty fierce, and of the hundreds of area middle school kids who auditioned, we had one who was selected for the band--Lauren Archer! Truman Gouldsmith received an Honorable Mention!

Lauren will practice with the group on December 12 and give a concert that evening at Park Hill South High School at 6 pm.

### **3D - Artwork**

*Addams Family Kimono - Chase Matlock*

*Child's Monster - Melena Ethridge*

*Crooked Home- Ashley Franklin*

*Enigma - Josh Wirth*

*Envy - Natalie Sheets*

*Implemented Wisps - Anna Ibarra*

*Mirror Mirror - Jamie Tucker*

*Prior to Strike - Anna Ibarra*

#### *2D Artwork*

*At Sea - Patrick Kelly*

*Beautiful Colors - Alivia Phillips*

*Citrus - Kayla Copeland*

*Close Friend - Kaitlyn Webb*

*Continuous Perennials - Christina Moore*

*Desert Plant - Simaran Singh*

*Harvest - Lydia Calderon*

*Okeeffe Flowers - Hannah Backhus*

*Okeeffe Flowers - Samantha Trimmer*

*One in the Same - Shelby Horton- Wilhelm*

*Pieces - Katlin Schoenemann*

*Popcorn - Kayla Copeland*

*Printmaking - Daniel Curtis*

*Purple Onions - Bobbi Jo McCulloch*

*Reflexionem - Kyra Vermeland*

*Remains - Rebecca McCane*

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*Where Home Is - Rachel Ogle*

*Workshop Playground - John Schweer*



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**PSA**

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**Santa's Secretary**

Christmas is just around the corner, and Santa's secretary is now taking applications for a visit from Santa Claus. Please call 816-650-9701 to reserve your visit from Santa.

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# Christmas Pictures in our communities 2015



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