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## The Local Skyline is Changing

#### **By Jim Hisle**

A new water tower is being built at the corner of Sunny Nook School Road and Little Road approximately three miles southwest of Buckner. The new tower is being built by the Public Water Supply District #16 of Jackson County. This project is another step in the District's program to increase capacity and renew the District's infrastructure. The tower is built at an existing District site and near the presently used tower that serves the clients in the south part of the District. The new tower will have a 500,000 gallon capacity, vastly increasing the old tower's 100,000 gallon capacity. Kyle Leeds, District Manager, mentioned that the old tower was built in 1994 but will continue to be used as a wireless antenna platform for a few more years. Mr. Leeds stated that the \$1,500,000 project was made possible through a joint financing from a loan obtained by the District and a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources State Revolving Fund. The target date for the new

tower to come on line is October 2016.

On another front the District staff has also been busy replacing its radio read meter system. The older meter units were becoming a maintenance liability. This fact coupled with the bankruptcy of the original manufacturer, made the meter units replacement a priority. The District hopes to have the all units replaced with new system by the end of summer 2016.

Note: I placed a small yellow inset box on the SAM 1131 picture of both towers then did an enlargement of the inset box showing a worker who was on the tower today. Its grainy but gives an idea of the scale of the tower.

## Stephanie Smith named MOSPAR Professional of The Year

Stephanie Smith, Director of Public Relations for the Fort Osage Public Schools, has been named the Missouri School Public Relations Association's 2016 Professional of the Year at their annual Spring Conference held March 30 – April 1 at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Ms. Smith has provided strategic, researched communications the Fort Osage Public Schools for 13 years.

school district and community and she is known as one of the strongest public relations professionals in our association."



Pictured L-R: New Water District 16 water tower and old water tower located at the corner of Sunny Nook School Road and Little Road

## Fort Osage Press Release: Retired Superintendent Receives Award

Mark Enderle, was recently honored retiring. Enderle was nominated for

The primary criteria for the Professional of the Year is that they have made a valuable contribution to either an education institution or MOSPRA in promoting school PR or have made a difference in the life of students.

MOSPRA President, Lana Snodgras, stated, "Stephanie is the consummate professional. She is a leader in her (See Stephanie Smith on p. 3)



**Stephanie Smith** 

by the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) for his service to public education. Enderle was one of eight former educators to receive the associations Outstanding Emeritus Educator Award. This special recognition was made during the awards banquet at the MASA Spring Conference at The Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake Ozark, Mo.

MASA presents the award annually to recognize individuals for their length of administrative service, their participation in MASA while an active member, significant accomplishments as a school administrator and their continued interest in public education since the award by his colleagues in the Greater Kansas City area.



**Mark Enderle** 



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**Obituaries** 



#### Mildred B. Struewe

Mildred B. Struewe, age 89 of Buckner, MO passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Centerpoint Medical Center. Services were held, Friday, June 10, 2016 at the Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Levasy, MO 206 W. Old Lexington Rd., Levasy, MO 64066. Burial followed in Ebenezer Church Cemetery. The family greeted friends, Thursday evening at the church. Donations may be made in her name to the Ebenezer United Church of Christ.

Mildred was born April 20, 1927 in Buckner, MO to Benjamin Carl and Olinda (Nienkamp) Brockemeyer and has been a life long area resident. She had been a school teacher in the Fort Osage, Buckner and Levasy areas for over 46 years before she retired in 1992. In addition to her love of teaching, she enjoyed playing piano, singing, writing songs and her life on the farm. Her greatest belief in life was to put God first, family second and always serve others. She was a long time member of the Ebenezer United Church of Christ and the Women's Fellowship at the church, AARP and the MSTA.

She is survived by: a son, Nelson Struewe and wife Joan of Grain Valley, MO; a daughter, Nancy Hall and husband Bill of Independence, MO; a brother Eugene Brockemeyer and wife Mildred of Lincoln, NE; 5 grandchildren, Jeremy LaMastres, Carrie Keating, Kimberly Boileau, Heather Struewe, and Nathan Struewe; and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Loreen Edmondson. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel (816) 650-5555)

### **Obituary Policy**

## **Donald Lee King**

Donald L. King, 69, formally of Buckner, MO passed away June 4, 2016 in Jackson TN. Visitation was held at 1:00-3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2016 with services to following at 3:00 p.m., at Speaks Buckner Chapel, 300 Adams Street, Buckner, Missouri 64016. Burial will take place in Buckner Hill Cemetery. Donald was born on September 1, 1946 in Gallatin, MO to Carl Sr. and Wilma (Vanderpool) King. In 1965 Donald enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and proudly served our country until 1969, at which time he transferred to the Reserves and continue to serve until 1971. He was employed for over 28 years with Ronson Machine and Manufacturing in Independence. Donald was the Past President of Masons Lodge #149 in Independence. He enjoyed working in the yard and always had the best lawn in the neighborhood! Don also enjoyed deer hunting and spending time with his family. Survivors include; brother Carl King Jr.; sister Dorothy Yardley; 7 nieces and nephews, and extended family and many friends. Don is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harold King. Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com

(Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel 816-650-5555).

#### **DORIS LOUISE (LILLY) YOUNG**

Doris Louise Young, age 73, passed away on May 22, 2016. A celebration of her life was held at Speaks Buckner Chapel, 300 Adams St. on Thursday, May 26, from 2-5 p.m., with a graveside inurnment immediately following at Buckner Hill Cemetery.

Doris was born on August 4, 1942, in Kansas City, MO, to Leonard and Faye (Hall) Kirksey. She attended school in Levasy, MO. She married Robert Lilly, and to this union were born three children. After her children were grown, she became a CNA, and worked as a caretaker in various capacities throughout Indep-endence and Blue Springs. She later married Alan Young, who preceded her in death. Over the past ten years, Doris enjoyed travelling and spending time with her significant other, Dave West. She loved to paint and make crafts, and was very creative and artistic. She was a giving and generous person. She loved to be around her family, and certainly lived life to the fullest. Survivors include her daughter, Vicky Mosburg (husband, Scott); grandchildren, Daniel, Sarah, and Dustin; step-grandchildren, Kori, Sam, and Seth; great-grandchildren, Makenzie, Tanner, Kyler, and Isabella; and many loving nieces, nephews, and other family members who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert and Alan; son, Raymond; daughter, Deborah; and brothers, Denny and Bill. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the COPD Foundation or the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be left at www.speakschapel. com (Arr: Speaks Chapel 816-373-3600)

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### From the Editor

July are names that we as American's are very familiar with. It's a time to celebrate our Independence and honor those men and women who have fought for our freedoms and to those who are still fighting to keep us safe and for future generations of Americans!

Many of us were born and raised in the United States of America and sometimes take for granted our rights and freedoms. I for one, sometimes forget how lucky we are until I watch SERVICE MEN and WOMEN!

Independence Day, The Fourth of the news and see all the deplorable conditions in other countries. It makes me sad to see how people, especially children are suffering and makes me even more thankful for our freedoms.

> As you sit down to enjoy a wonderful holiday meal, please take time to remember those who have fought for and are still fighting for our freedoms.

> Have a very happy 4th of July and a BIG THANK YOU to ALL our

## **Becky Williams, Speaks Legacy Chapels** is retiring

One of my favorite jobs at the paper is getting to know neighbors, friends, business owners and the public in general on a more personal basis.

It has been my pleasure to be able to work with Becky Williams, who started at Speaks Legacy Chapels in 2001 as a book keeper and for the past two years is the controller who watches over the finances.

Becky approves all the ads Speaks places in The Gazette and takes time to make sure I receive obituaries in our communities. Of course there are several other staff members that send obituaries via email and I do appreciate all that Speaks does for The Gazette.

Upon retiring Becky plans on getting "stuff" done around the house, taking a cruise with family members, and just enjoying life and keeping busy.

Becky stated "that Brad Speaks has given her a replacement who is well trained and knows all the ins and outs of the funeral business".

Happy Retirement Becky, you will be missed!



#### **Stephanie Smith** (con't from page 1)

**Becky Williams** 

Fort Osage Superintendent, Dr. Jason Snodgrass, commented, "Stephanie has a passion for effectively serving each student and staff member in a positive and enthusiastic fashion. She goes above and beyond to effectively communicate and build relationships with students, parents, staff, community, businesses, alumni and other stakeholders to ensure the success of all involved."

Fort Osage High School Principal, Scott Moore, shared, "One of Stephanie's many strengths is the ability to support multiple situations while still creating positive relationships with all parties involved."

Jill Filer of the Harrisonville Schools, commented, "I know that I can always rely on her for guidance and insight. I trust her judgment and lean on her for support. I've "borrowed" numerous ideas from her to improve our district's communication program including her building walkthroughs and her innovative use of a district app. However, I know that I'm not the only one who counts on Stephanie. MOSPRA members throughout the state know Stephanie as a true PR professional who is willing to answer a call or email any time."

#### Hanny 1st Birthday Tuscono's

## **Thank You!**

I would like to thank everyone who came to my retirement party or sent a card or called me, it was a wonderful day. I was sorry I did not get to talk to everyone long enough. I was surprised at the large turn out, I know how hard it is to find time to do anything. It has been my pleasure working at the Bank for 38 years and taking care of so many wonderful people. I have made so many life long friends that I care about very much. This is such a caring and loving community I can not imagine living any where else. I miss you all, my co-workers and my customers.

Thank you again for everything

Vickie Myers

## **Thank You!**

This is a BIG THANK YOU to all my friends and relatives that kept the GET WELL CARDS coming while I was recovering in the hospital. Also the visits from so many of you. This meant more to me than you will ever know.

> Virginia Woods Buckner, Mo.

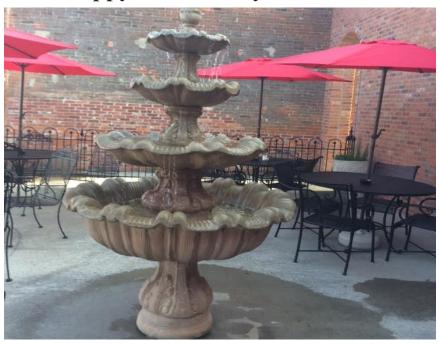
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# Wellington/Napoleon School News



FOURTH GRADE

4 pkg. (12) pencils

1 small supply box

5 composition books

1 box of 24 crayons

1 bottle of school glue

4 glue sticks

2 white erasers

1 box of tissues

green, blue & purple)

1 box 12 count colored pencils

1 pair pointed, sharp scissors

4 paper folders w/ pockets & brads

1 container Clorox/Lysol wipes

1 pair of headphones/earbuds

4 pkg. of (12) #2 pencils

1 24 count colored pencils

2 large boxes of tissue

package of red pens

1 binder w/pockets

1 pair of pointed, sharp seissors

1 box of broad tip washable markers

3 paper folders w/pockets & brads

4 pack multi-colored highlighters

3 pkg. wide lined notebook paper

1 pkg. post-it-notes (4 count)

1 container of Clorox wipes

1 pair of headphones or earbuds

4 composition notebooks

1 zippered binder w/expanding pockets

1- 4 pack multi colored fat dry erase mari

\*Preschool 2016-2017 school supplies

\*\*Middle School 2016-2017 school su

1 bottle school glue

1 pkg. fine or ultra fine tipped dry crase :

FIFTH GRADE

1 pkg. of multi-colored ink pens (Must is

1 pkg. highlighters (Must include yellow

#### 2016-2017 WELL-NAP R-IX

Preschool, Elementary, & Middle School Supply Lists

#### 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 (pre-sharpened pencils) 1 painting cover-up (large old T-shirt works well)
- 4 paper folders with pockets & brads
- l plastic folder with pockets
- 1 small plastic supply box
- 1 box of broad line washable markers (10 basic colors)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 containers anti-bacterial wipes
- 1 pkg. dry erase markers (assorted colors)
- 1 1" 3 ring binder with pockets & clear front pouch
- 1 pkg. clear pocket sleeves for 3 ring binder
- 1 pkg. playdoh
- 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
- 1 pkg. small paper plates girls
- 1 pkg. regular size paper plates boys

#### FIRST GRADE

- 3 pkg. (12 count) # 2 pencils
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 bottle of school glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 white erasers
- 2 boxes (24 count) crayons
- 3 wide-lined (1 subject) notebooks
- 1 small plastic supply box
- 3 plastic folders w/pockets & brads
- 1 paper folder
- 1 clipboard
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 boxes colored pencils
- 3 composition notebooks wide lined
- 1 pkg. 8 count washable markers
- 1 pkg. Expo markers
- 1 white 1" binder with clear front cover
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes
- 1 pkg. Construction paper (assorted colors)
- l pair of earbuds

#### <u>P. E</u>

\* Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 1- 2 pocket folder and paper for Health Units.
\* K - 5 Students: Tennis Shoes are required for safety reasons.
Students <u>must wear tennis shoes to participate in P.E.</u>

#### Preschool Supply List 2016-2017

#### 1 box of tissues

- 1, 4 pack dry-erase markers
- 1 box broad line washable markers
- 1 pkg. construction paper (assorted colors)
- 2 phB. construction paper (assorted
- 2 glue sticks

1, 3-ring binder (1") with clear front pouch

#### All students need a large backpack.

#### SECOND GRADE

- 6 Pkg. (12) # 2 pencils or #2 mechanical pencils
- 2 box of (12) colored pencils
- 2 large white erasers
- 1 bottle of school glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 boxes of 16 crayons (basic colors)
- 4 wide lined spiral notebooks
- 1 ruler
- 1 pkg. Crayola washable markers
- I pair of pointed sharp scissors
- 1 small plastic supply box.
- 1 pkg. construction paper
- 1 large box of tissues
- 4 hard plastic folders with pockets & brads
- 1 pkg. of 4 dry erase markers
- 2 containers antibacterial wipes
- 1 pkg. index cards 300 count
- 1 clipboard
- 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags
- personal pencil sharpener
- 2" binder
- 4 pack highlighters
- 1 pkg. of index colored dividers for binders
- NO MARKERS OR PENS PLEASE
- NO ROLLING BACKPACKS
- \*\*PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

#### THIRD GRADE

- 1 box of (24) crayons
- 1 pair of pointed sharp seissors
- 1 small plastic supply box
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 pkg. dry erase markers 4 pkgs. (12) pencils
- 1 large white eraser
- 1 mage winte craser
- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 1 4 oz. bottle of glue
- 1 box of (12) colored pencils
- 3 paper folders w/pockets & brads
- 2 pkgs. of wide-lined notebook paper
- 1 pkg. loose leaf colored construction paper
- 2 composition books

SIXTH GRADE

3 composition notebooks

1- pack of colored pencils

3 -pack of index cards

1-box of 24 crayons

4 pkg. Multi-colored highlighters 1 spiral notebook 1 pair of headphones or earbuds

Boys -1 pkg. 3 x 3 post- it- notes

Girls - 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags

Middle School Supply List

2016-2017

- pkg. white index cards (blank)
   pkg. of Dixie cups
   crib sized fitted sheet
   small blanket (no large bedding items)
   backpack (standard size)
- Spiral notebooks or paper for completing classwork 1- 3 ringed binder (1 inch) — To be left in English class Pencils 1 package of 4 black dry erase markers red pens
- 1 pack of colored pencils
  Spiral notebooks or paper for completing classwork
  1 3 ringed binder (1 inch) To be left in English class
  1 package of 4 black dry erase markers
  Pencils
  Red pens

## Thank You

## Wellington/Napoleon School District

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SEVENTH and EIGHTH GRADE

3 - composition notebooks

1 – package of 100 note cards

3 - boxes of Kleenex

1-box of 24 crayons

1 - box of markers

## Fort Osage School District News

## **New Head Cheer Coach Named**

Dr. Jason Snodgrass, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce Heather Hopkins, Fort Osage High School teacher, will assume the role of Head Cheerleading Coach at Fort Osage High School, pending board approval on May 11, 2016.

"I'm excited to take full advantage of this opportunity to carry on many traditions that have been instilled into the Fort Osage Cheerleading Program by Coach Schwab. I look forward to bringing innovative techniques to all of our squads while implementing a family atmosphere," said Hopkins.

#### Hopkins can be reached for comment at 816-835-2994.

## **Local Board Member Achieves Advanced Certification**

Mr. Floyd Hawkins, a member of the Fort Osage R-1 Board of Education, has achieved Advanced Certification in the Missouri School Boards'Association certified board member program.

The program established by MSBA recognizes school board members for participating in ongoing professional development to improve the knowledge and skills they need to function as effective educational leaders in their communities.

Those members achieving Advanced Certification choose to complete additional professional development requirements beyond the 16 hours required by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993.

The Missouri School Boards' Association is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help public schools succeed.

## Fort Osage Press Release: New Director of **Buildings and Grounds**

Dr. Jason Snodgrass, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce that Salum Stutzer will be the next Director of Buildings and Grounds beginning July 1, 2016. Stutzer replaces David Swearingen who is retiring in June.

"I am thrilled to serve as Fort Osages next Director of Facilities. I want to thank the Board of Education, and the search committee for my appointment. I look forward to meeting many members of the Fort family, and working with the various stakeholders to continue the Districts forward momentum. I can not wait to start," said Stutzer.

Stutzer joins us from The Shawnee Mission School District where he currently serves as a Operations Supervisor. Prior to that he spent nine years at Central Methodist University, most recently serving as the Associate Dean of Student Development. Stutzer earned a Bachelor's degree in Recreational Administration from Central Methodist in 2005 and a Master's degree in Education in 2009.

A native of Independence, Mo., Stutzer attended William Chrisman High School. Salum and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Independence, Mo., with their three sons, Noah, 8; Max, 4; and Louis, 2.

## A Step Above

The Fort Osage District has many top notch support staff. Starting with the 2015-2016 school year, the District is proud to start a new tradition by honoring an outstanding support person that exemplifies the qualities of a caring spirit toward others and an excellent work ethic. This person will be one that goes above and beyond their duties to help others when not asked, who steps in to help their coworkers and shows compassion in both their words and actions.

## New Head Wrestling Coach Named

of Schools, is pleased to announce Mr. Brandon Wackerman will assume the role of head wrestling coach at Fort Osage High School, pending Board approval on June 14, 2016. Wackerman is replacing Mr. Matt Cox who resigned.

"I am excited to serve and to lead this excellent wrestling program. Great work has been happening here, from the youth club, to the middle school, to the high school team's success in duals and at the state tournament. These kids love to wrestle! I'm ready to help them reach new goals this season, and I'm ready to join the Fort Osage family. Everyone I've talked to so far has been positive and warm. You can do great things with great attitudes," said Wackerman.

Wackerman will be teaching Health at Osage Trail Middle School. He comes to Fort Osage from the Butler R-V School District where he has taught high school and middle school physical education, high school English, math, social studies, and Biology. He has served as the head wrestling coach at Butler High School since 2008.

Wackerman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Psychology as a Bacherlor of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He holds a Master of Arts in Secondary

#### Dr. Jason Snodgrass, Superintendent Administration om William Woods University.

In his time coaching he has had 21 Class 1 Missouri State Qualifiers; 8 Class 1 Missouri State Medalists and 3 Class 1 Missouri State Finalists. in 2011 and 2012 Butler High School Wrestling were the Crossroads Conference Wrestling Team Champions.

Wackerman can be reached for comment at 816-674-2193.



## **2** New Head Coaches Named

Dr. Jason Snodgrass, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce two new head coaches for Fort Osage High School starting with the 2016-2017 School Year.

Mr. Brock Bolt will assume the role of head football coach at Fort Osage High School, pending Board approval on May 11, 2016. Bolt is replacing Mr. Ryan Schartz who accepted the Activities Director position at Fort Osage High School.

Ms. Lindsay Thompson will assume the role of head girls basketball coach at Fort Osage High School, pending Board approval on May 11, 2016. Thompson is replacing Ms. Dawn Williams who resigned.

"I am excited for the opportunity to be the next head coach and build upon the tradition we have established over the past eleven years. I intend to make the transition smooth and seamless for the coaches and athletes as we move forward and prepare for the upcoming season," said Bolt

"The Fort Osage Womens Basketball program is dear to my heart. I am honored to have the opportunity to grow the program and am ready to get to work," said Thompson.

Bolt can be reached for comment at 816-590-2163. Thompson can be reached for comment at 816-853-6668

The District was pleased to honor five finalists at the District Steak Fry on April 25. The winner of the first A Step Above Support Staff Employee of the Year Award was Julia Hupp, parent educator in the Parents as Teachers Program.

When asked what she liked best about working at Fort Osage she said, "...Each employee is looked on as a valuable asset in raising the next generation. I have always felt that I matter here and that I am doing something important," said Hupp.

Congratulations to Julia Hupp and our four other finalists:

Paraprofessional **Terra Martin** Stephanie Schnakenberg Food Service Matt Craig Technology **Claudia Stanton** Custodial

## A BIG THANK YOU to **Stephanie Smith** for all that you do for our communities!

## **University of Central Missouri** Spring 2016 Dean's list **Special to THE GAZETTE**

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.

#### 3.5 to 3.99 Dean's list at UCM

Buckner Heather Michelle Hayes Jesse L McBee Katie J Rose **Staci Ann Williams** 

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Pictured above Veterans Memorial, Buckner, Mo. Below-VFW Post 8101, Buckner, Mo.









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

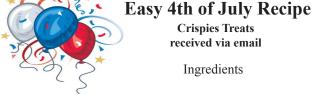
I'd thank my lucky stars To be livin' here today ~Cause the flag still stands for freedom And they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American Where 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 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 Huston And New York to L.A. Well, there's pride in every American heart And it's time we stand and say



#### **Crispies Treats** received via email

Ingredients

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 -10 ounce package (about 40) regular marshmallows or 4 cups miniature marshmallows

6 cups any type of crispy cereal, name brand or generic.

- \* Assorted sprinkles-red, white and blue would look good
- \* 12 wooden ice cream sticks (optional

#### **MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS:**

1. In microwave-safe bowl heat butter and marshmallows on HIGH for 3 minutes, stirring after 2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Microwave cooking times may vary. Note

1. For best results, use fresh marshmallows. 1 jar (7 oz.) marsh mallow creme can be substituted for marshmallows. Diet, reduced calorie or tub margarine is not recommended. Store no more than two days at room temperature in airtight container. To freeze, place in layers separated by wax paper in airtight container. Freeze for up to 6 weeks. Let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving.

That 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 USA.



