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Tuscono's competed in the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas in March

Joey Neidel made us proud by winning 1st place in the Mid West Division and 3rd in the World



Pictured above is Joey Neidel preparing his famous first place pizza. Watching him is Kirk Kellough who is Joey's mentor.

Joey Neidel, son of Larry and Kathy Neidel, Buckner placed first in the Mid West Division and 3rd in the World for his pizza.

Joey is a local hometown man, who is employed by Tusconos Italian restaurant, located in downtown Buckner, MO.

Joey was taught by Kirk Kellough, owner of Tusconos, and has been employed there since they began operation two years ago.

The winning pizza has Italian Sausage and a variety of peppers with Tuscono's special sauce. Congratulations to a very talented young man!

Happy 21th birthday Joey



Pictured above is Joey preparing his famous pizza as a photographer photographs his pizza making skills.

New Parking Lot located in Downtown Buckner



Fort Osage R-1 School District Public Relations Director Named to Blackboard MVP Program

Stephanie Smith Recognized for Expertise in Education Technology

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 6, 2017 – Stephanie Smith, Public Relations Director at Fort Osage R-1 School District, was selected to participate in the Blackboard MVP Program. Run by education technology leader Blackboard Inc., the program consists of faculty members, administrators, educators, and instructional designers who have proven themselves as leaders in the education technology community. They regularly demonstrate expertise in Blackboard technologies, share their expertise with other clients, and actively share feedback with Blackboard on the company's products and services.

Members of the Blackboard MVP Program are selected through a competitive application process and possess the following qualifications:

Knowledgeable: MVPs stand out as experts in either technical aspects or application of Blackboard technologies.

Engaged: MVPs demonstrate leadership in the community and foster a collaborate community of users by volunteering to present, lead and share readily.

Accessible: MVPs represent the voice of the community and openly share feedback with Blackboard. They are accessible to help other clients in a timely manner.

Collaborative: MVPs are committed to answering questions, sharing best practices, knowledge of Blackboard products and their expertise with the educational community. They work with their fellow Blackboard users to improve the application of Blackboard technologies for the benefit of all users and education overall.

Members of the Blackboard MVP Program receive exclusive access to professional development trainings and are invited to private product briefings and roadmap sessions with Blackboard executives. They will also share their expertise by answering questions and assisting other users on the Blackboard Community site and through their own personal blogs,

Blackboard blogs, social media, Tweetups, virtual office hours and more.

"I am proud to welcome our newest MVPs and recognize their commitment to sharing knowledge and best practices around educational technology with the larger education community," said Bill Ballhaus, Chairman, CEO and President of Blackboard. "Blackboard MVPs are truly helping improve the learning experience and addressing important challenges in education." for more information on the Blackboard MVP Program please visit: community.blackboard.com/groups/mvp.

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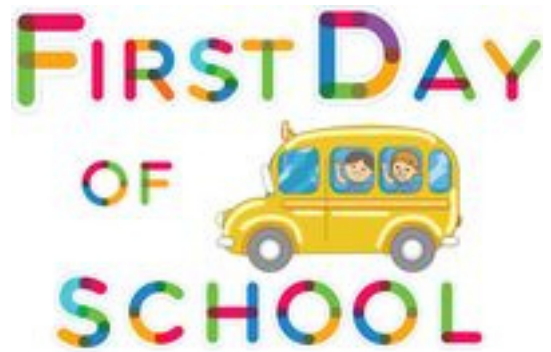
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Please enjoy the beautiful weather!

Napoleon United Methodist Church

Due to the weather on June 16--17 the church had to postpone their Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast. They have set the new date, Saturday July 15th, all details remain the same. They will serve from 7-9 am, all proceeds from the free will offering will go to Oak Grove tornado victims.

***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, 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.

Obituary Policy

The Gazette Weekly Newspaper publishes obituaries sent to us via email from Funeral Homes. We ask that the funeral home email us at www.gazetteweekly.com with the obituary with the families consent. A picture may be included with the obituary via email. There is No charge for this service. Thank You

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Years!**

Obituaries

Nick Robinson

Nick Robinson, age 27, of Buckner, MO. Passed away on June 18, 2017. Visitation was from 6-8pm on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Carson Speaks Chapel. A Celebration of Nick’s life will be held at 10am Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Carson-Speaks Chapel. Nick was born on March 21, 1990 in Kansas City, MO. He was a graduate of William Chrisman High School. For over 5 years Nick was self employed as flooring installer.. He was a dedicated father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He enjoyed

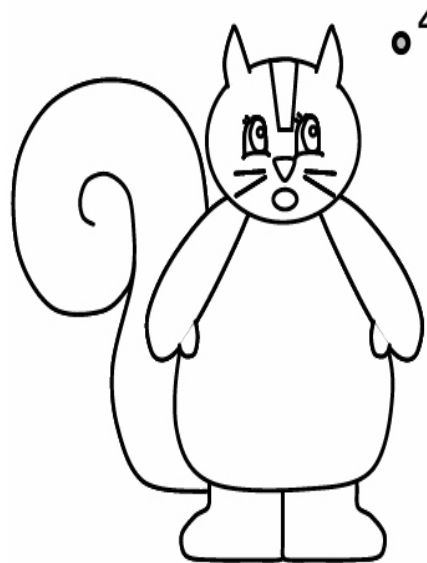
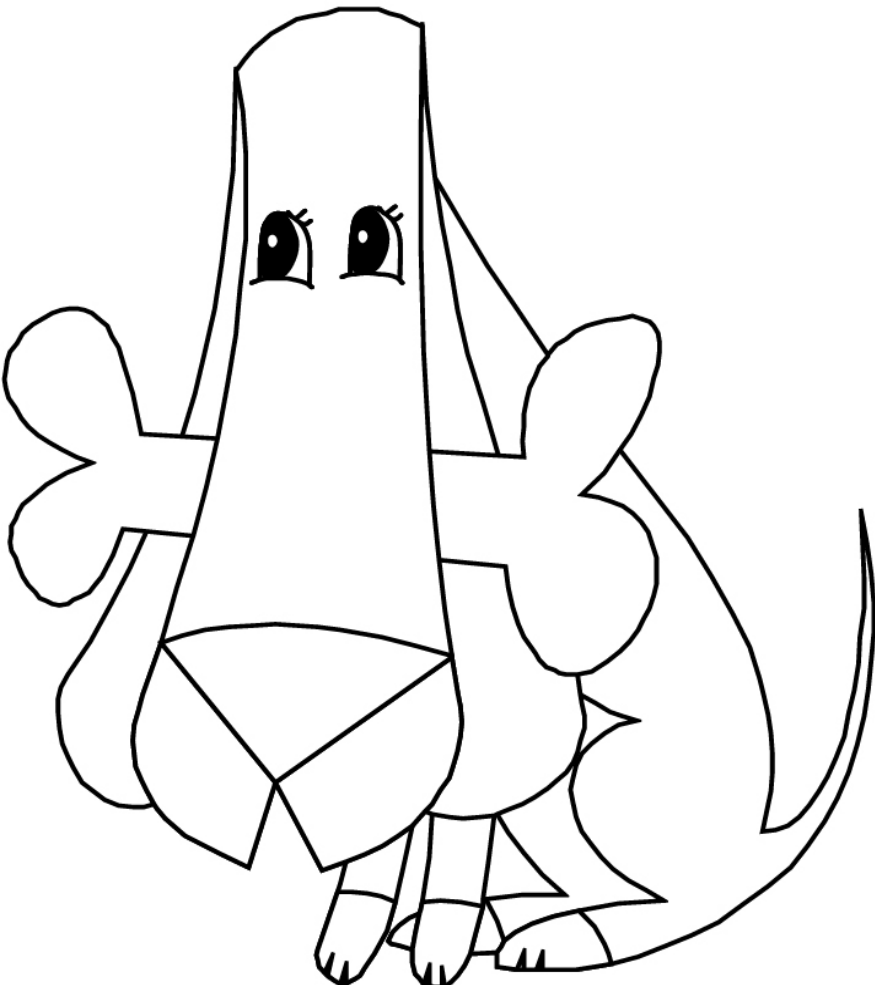
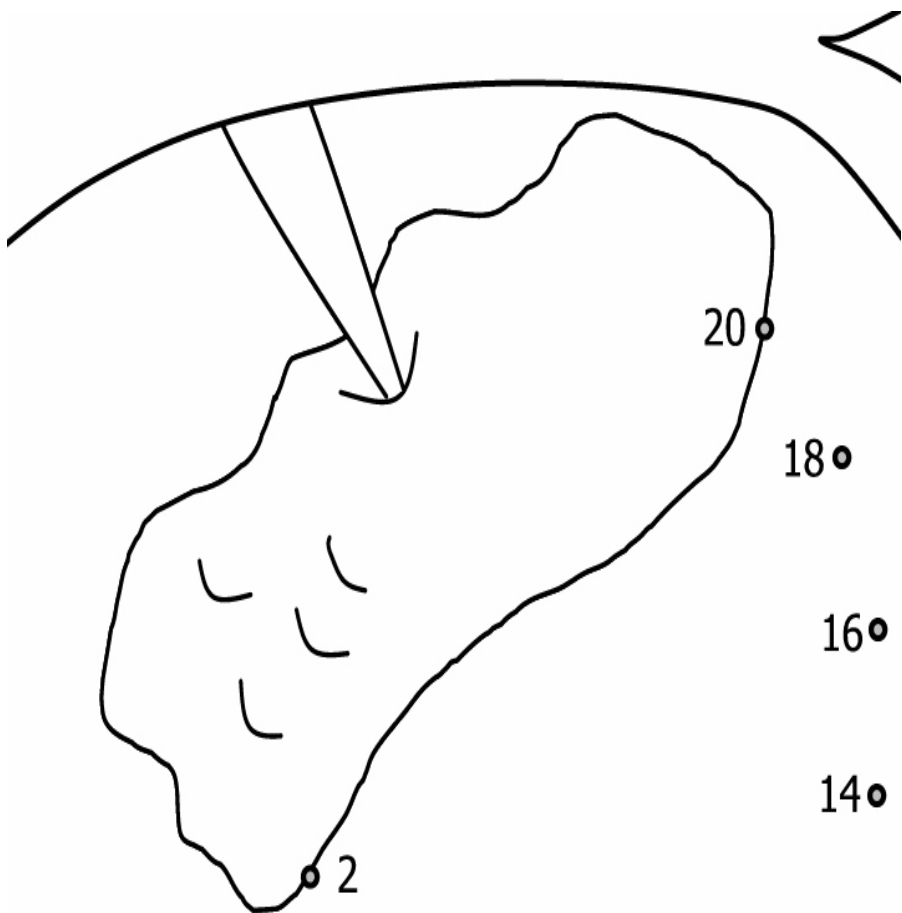
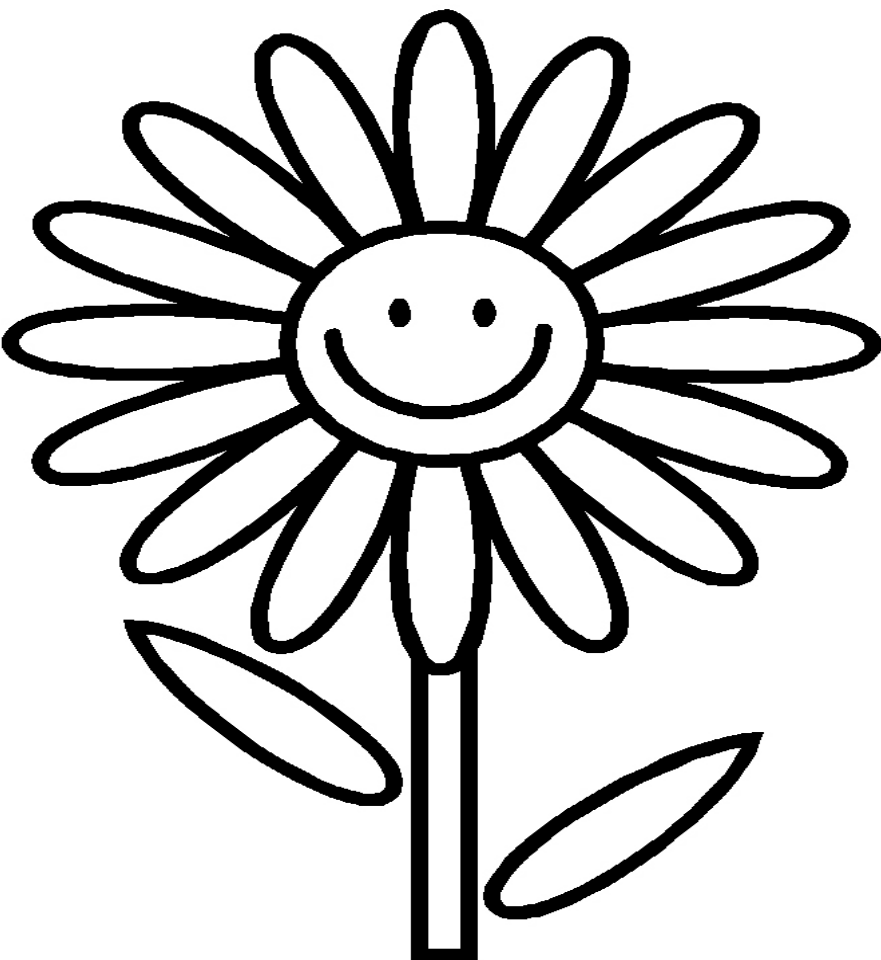
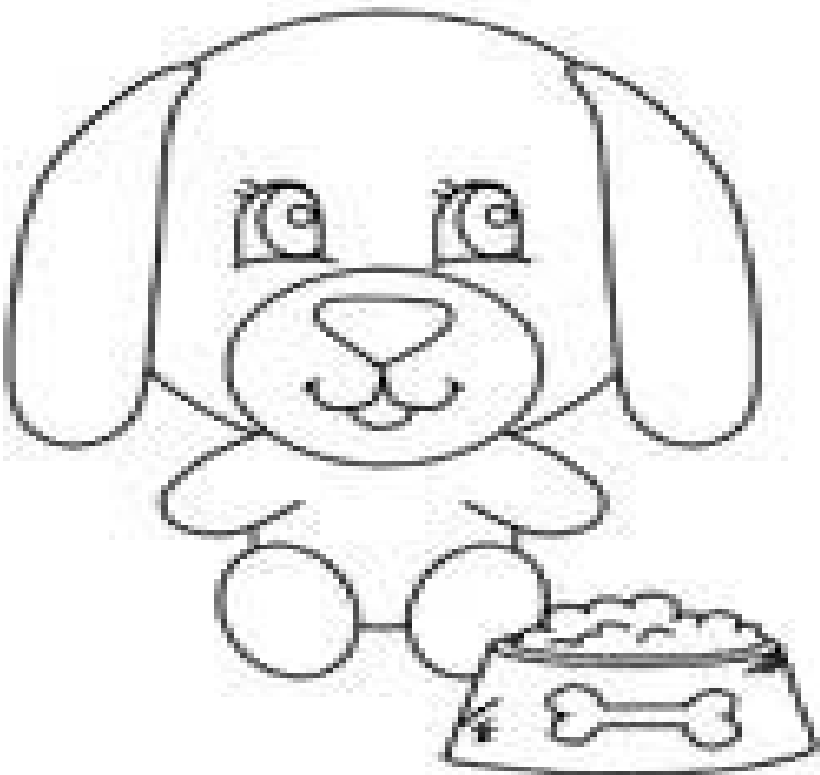
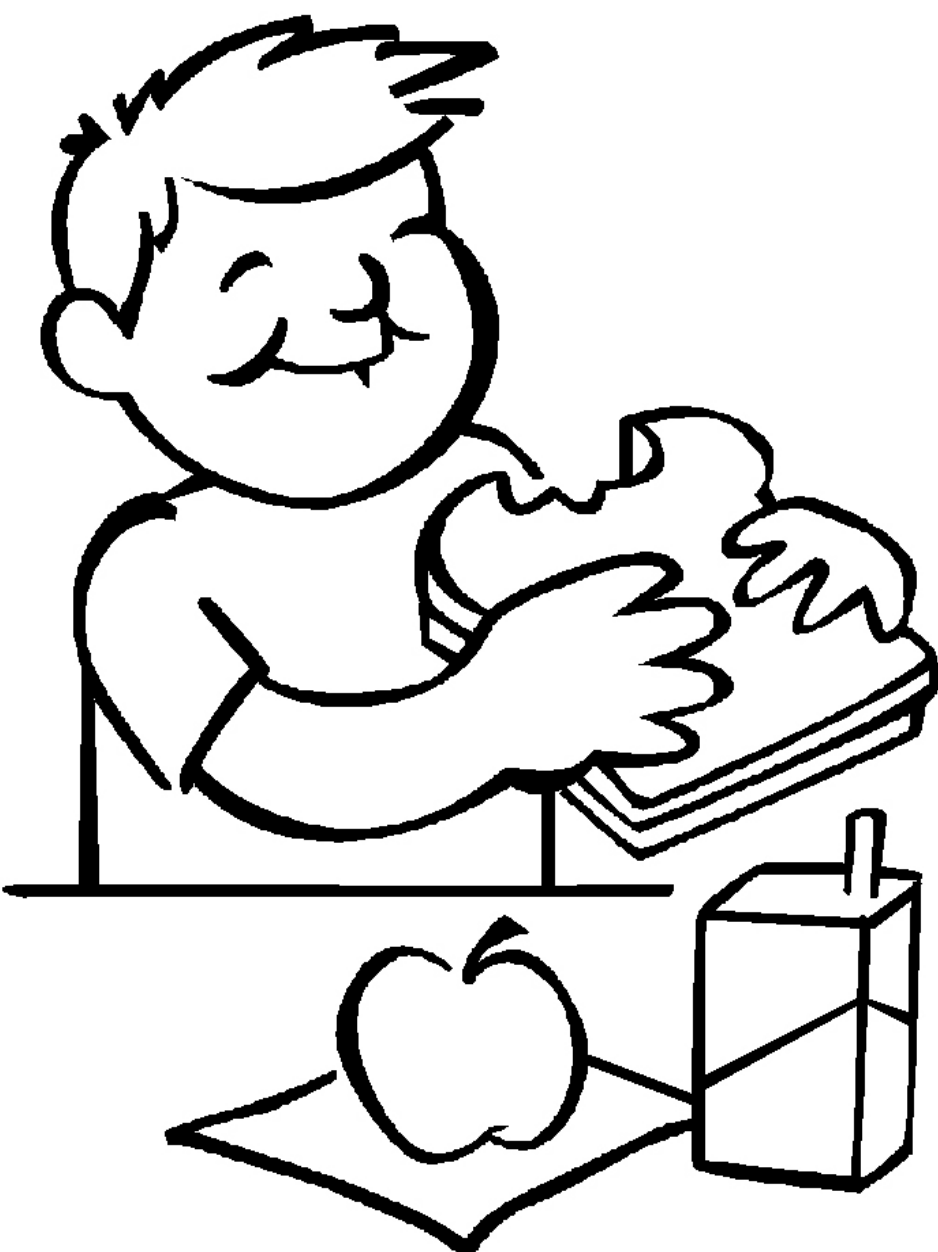
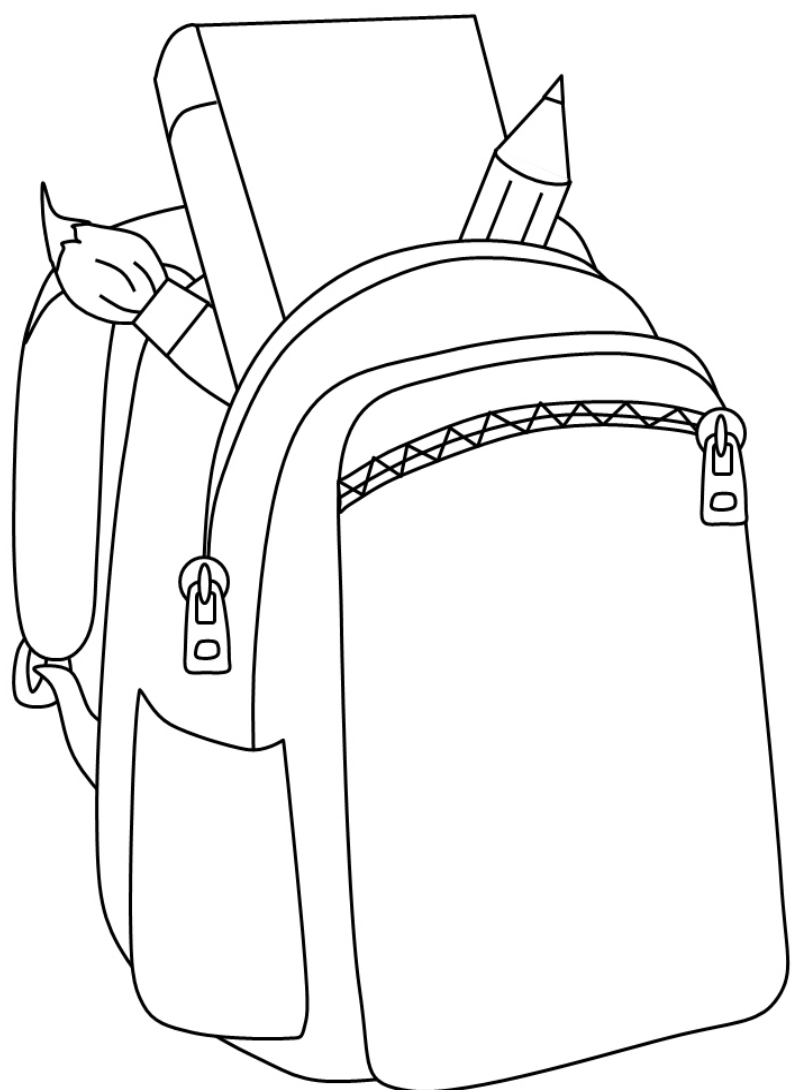
watching the Chiefs and Royals, but most of all spending time with his son and family. Survivors include; his son Jason Robinson; father Jerry Robinson, mother Toika Crain; brothers Austin, Ian, Dustin, Christopher, and Jerry; sisters Bailee, Sara, and Lisa; Jason’s mother Rachel Mullendore; close friends that he thought of as brothers Justin, Mike V., Tyler, Bobby; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a large extended family.

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**Free Clothes Closet at First Baptist Church,
Buckner, MO.**

Our clothes closet if very full and with the fall and winter months coming we would love to see some of these summer clothes go to some good homes. We do have fall and winter clothes as well. We have received several items that have tags on them still. These would be great for starting school. We have newborn to adults. Please call and make sure someone is there to go thru them, It is open to everyone no requirements. First Baptist Church - Buckner 816-650-5632

The Kids Page



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 2017 spring commencement exercises May 5-6 in the university’s Multipurpose Building. Students who completed their degree requirements by the end of the spring 2017 semester were honored at the event.

Special to THE GAZETTE WEEKLY

University of Central Missouri

Spring 2017 Graduation List

Buckner

Bailee M Kufner BSBA

James Thomas Carlson MBA

Kaitlyn M Vann BS

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

SPE-Education Specialist

Please remember

School will be

Starting in August

Please drive carefully!

Fire Prairie Upper Elementary School has earned Bronze Level Recognition

The Fort Osage School District is pleased to announce that Fire Prairie Upper Elementary School has earned the Bronze Level Recognition for their efforts in implementing Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports! These efforts make success possible for more students who attend Fire Prairie. Attached is a formal press release from Missouri Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports (SWPBS).

Supply Lists Buckner Elementary 2017 - 2018				
Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">24 yellow #2 wood pencils4 boxes crayons (24 count)6 bottles liquid glue (4oz) or glue sticksPlastic school box3 boxes facial tissue6 black dry erase markersGallon Ziploc bags (girls only)Sandwich Ziploc bags (boys only)Pkg. loose leaf construction paperPkg. playdoh (boys only)Pkg. napkins (girls only)Backpack (no wheels)2 plain, solid color folders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">36 yellow #2 sharpened pencils4 boxes of crayons (24 count)2 pkg. classic color washable markers1 bottle liquid glue4 large glue sticksPlastic school box2 boxes facial tissue6 black dry erase markers4 poly (plastic) two pocket folders with brads, plain colors2 plain color spiral notebooks - wide rule2 large erasersPkg. loose leaf construction paperScissorsEarbudsBackpack (no wheels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">36 yellow #2 wood pencilsCrayons (12 count)Classic color washable markers2 glue sticksPlastic school box2 boxes facial tissue2-4 black dry erase markers2 large erasersZiploc sandwich bags (girls only)Ziploc gallon bags (boys only)4 two pocket folders (no brads)2 spiral notebooks - wide rule (1 red/ 1 blue)Fiskar children's safety scissors2 pairs earbudsPencil SharpenerBackpack (no wheels)Post Its	<ul style="list-style-type: none">72 yellow #2 wood pencilsCrayons (24 count)2 glue sticksPlastic school box3 boxes facial tissue4 dry erase markers (black preferred)Folders - 1 each of red, green, yellow and blue2 composition notebooksEarbud earphonesSpiral notebook of graph paperTwo 1" solid color bindersBackpack (no wheels)Post ItsPencil pouch for 3 ring binder5 tab dividers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">72 yellow #2 wood pencilsBottle of liquid glue2 boxes facial tissue4 Wide rule composition notebook2 plastic two pocket foldersSpiral notebook of graph paper1 Three ring binders, 1 1/2"EarbudsBackpack (no wheels)Post Its1 pkg. wide rule notebook paperMarkers1 pkg. erasersCrayonsFolder-3 prong plastic

School's Out... let's eat FREE!

Locations

Gler-Mont Elementary
Elm Grove Elementary
Fire Prairie Upper Elementary
1st Baptist Church of Buckner
McGoy Park (lunch only)

June 28 through Aug 4 Mon - Fri
Breakfast • 8-9 am Lunch • 12-1 pm

Adults are \$2.05 for breakfast & \$2.80 for lunch.

Kids 18 and Younger Eat FREE!

FOSD Cheerleaders excel at NCA Camp!

The Fort Osage Cheerleaders traveled to Emporia State last week to attend the NCA Camp and truly came together as a team on and off the mat. The team received the following awards during the final ceremony: Superior evaluation, Technical Excellence in Tumbling, 1st place Champion Chant Competition, 1st place Performance Competition, Best Overall Performance, and reached all three of their camp goals!

Throughout camp, individual

team members had the opportunity to try out and compete in various competitions. As a result Fort Osage represented with seventeen All- American nominees (Paige Atagi, Lainey Camerlynck, Sydnei Flaig, Christina Freeman, Chyanne Freeman, Allee Herrman, Shannon Jeffries, Kylee Kelsey, Faith Lockard, Taylor Menne, Sam Mygatt, Rachel Rellihan, Kylie Reiss, Allye Roszell, Sophie Ruoff, Kyleigh Steenrod, Lexi Wily) four All-American team

members (Lainey Camerlynck, Christina Freeman, Faith Lockard, Sam Mygatt), the Top All-American (Sam Mygatt), Leadership winner (Christina Freeman), Top Gun Tumbling winner (Kylee Kelsey), Top Gun Stunting winners (Sam Mygatt, Christina Freeman, Lainey Camerlynck, Taylor Menne, and Kylee Kelsey) and one invitation to join the NCA Staff (Christina Freeman



Food For Thought

Bring Potato Chips

Take 60 seconds to read this story. It will give you time to settle your brain,
Gather your thoughts, calm down and finish your week off on a positive note.

Potato Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word...

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; But before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever...

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was Surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime!

The Gazette

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Tusconos-Buckner

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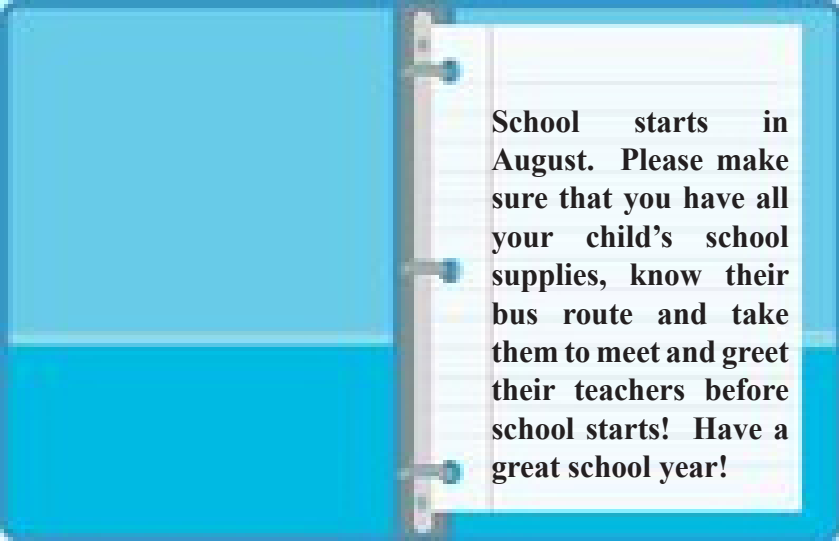
Obamacare wrecks havoc on Healthcare in Missouri

article submitted to newspaper via email

This morning, we received the below alarming release from the NRSC, and we wanted to share it with you immediately. While Senator Claire McCaskill and her extreme liberal cohorts have been hosting swanky fundraisers and holding “protest talkathons,” Missourians continue to suffer as a result of the Obamacare death-spiral. Based on new reports, it is evident that Obamacare continues to wreak absolute havoc on healthcare in Missouri, and we may not have seen the worst of it yet.

This report indicates that next year, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City will leave Missouri, in turn leaving 18,000 Missourians in western counties without coverage. What’s worse is that if no insurer steps up to cover these counties, which is an eerily real possibility, then these people may be left without any other coverage options. Suffice it to say, the healthcare situation in Missouri is dire. This is due in no small part to Senator McCaskill, who cast the deciding vote that locked the Obamacare nightmare into place. Meanwhile, to add insult to injury, Senator McCaskill has capitalized on her efforts to deride and obstruct Republicans who are working hard to fix the problem.

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PSA

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 announcements and church and community events.

School will be starting soon!

Please drive carefully!

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*Have a

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Pictures from fireworks in Heisler Park, 2017



These beautiful pictures were taken at the fireworks in the park on Saturday night, and sent to us via email from a friend. The pictures show that they were submitted by Katherine Brock, daughter of Wayne Brock of Buckner, Mo. Thank you for sharing your beautiful pictures with all the facebook communities and with The Gazette newspaper.

Joey Neidel making his First Place Pizza



Joey Neidel being interviewed as he makes his famous pizza, Joey after he won the competition

Community Service League sponsors much needed Food Pantry in Buckner

Have you ever heard the saying it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it also takes a village to help those who need assistance with food, clothing and other basic needs as helping with utility bills, etc.

We are very fortunate to have a group of very caring, giving individuals in our community who work tirelessly to make sure no one goes hungry, without proper clothing or shelter.

These individuals are: Judy Oetting, Ruth Farrand Cox, Marley Webb, Cecil Lee Hertzburg, Jeannie Young, Joyce Rose, Donna Battles, Lorraine Jeffries, Sharon Ackley, Fran Jeffries. If I have missed anyone I apologize.

The pantry is open Wednesday from 8 am to 11:30 am and is located in the basement of the .Buckner Community of Christ Church.

You may visit one time a month for government commodities.

The pantry also offers clothes for those in need and always welcomes donations of food and clothing. All sizes from babies to adults are needed in both male and female clothing. All clothing is sorted according to sizes and you may choose 5 items per family per month.

Sometimes people need help with their utility bills and when funds are available the pantry is able to help. You must qualify to receive assistance with your bills.

This group of dedicated men and women work tirelessly to make sure that no one goes hungry or without proper clothing.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with food, clothing or utility bills, please stop by the pantry on Wednesday mornings between 8 am-11:30 am. In case of an emergency you may call Ruth at 650-5813

