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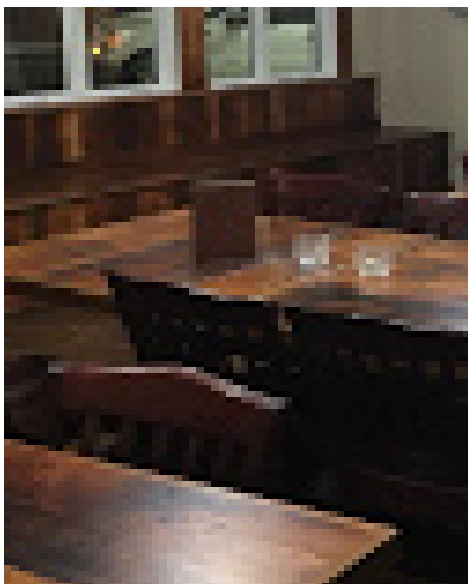
Tusconos, located in downtown Buckner, has added an extension to the restaurant!

Tusconos restaurant located in downtown Buckner has added another fantastic dining option for their customers.

The extension has a bar that is open for everyone. You can eat on this side and watch games, etc. or just sit at the bar if you choose to.

The restaurant and bar are both open Monday-Saturday from 11 am to 9 pm.

Please stop by and enjoy some delicious Italian food. Bring your family and friends!



Independence Fire Donates Truck to CTC Program

The Independence Fire Department has donated an Emergency-One fire truck to the Career & Technology Center at Fort Osage (CTC). Fire Chief John Greene and Deputy Fire Chief Doug Short, who will be assuming the role of Fire Chief when Greene retires on Christmas Day, visited the CTC to meet with current Fire Science students and see the truck in its new home.

Fire Science & EMT instructor Tim Krickle, a retired Assistant Fire Chief with Independence, is excited to put the truck to use. "It's such a great opportunity. We'll be able to conduct training with a vehicle that's similar to those used in the field today."

The Fire Science & EMT program at CTC offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn their Fire I and II, HAZMAT, CPR and EMT certifications as well as college credit through MCC-Blue River. Students gain experience with vehicle extrication, extinguishing fires and emergency medical response. They also complete rotations with local fire departments

and ambulance services.

"This program is important," Deputy Chief Short said. "It introduces students to this career field early and helps them become more career and civic-minded, even if

their path doesn't lead them to becoming a firefighter. It's amazing to see how many people are in the fire service who have come through CTC. We have everyone from volunteers to full-time firefighters to fire chiefs who have come through the program since its inception."

Chief Greene agrees that programs like these help contribute to a city's growth. "One of the city's goals was to create jobs. This program helps develop interest for careers in the fire department and public safety." Chief Greene also shared his personal connection to the CTC. "My kids went to Fort Osage. I worked alongside Chief Krickle at Independence Fire. It's like we've come full circle. An initiative like this is important to us, to be able to share a vehicle with students that's seen real action. We're really proud to be a part of this."

Graves Succeeds in Protecting Private Activity Bonds in Tax Bill

Washington, D.C. – Last week, House and Senate negotiators released the final tax reform package, which maintained the tax-exempt status of private activity bonds (PABs).

U.S Representative Sam Graves, (MO-06), Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Highways and Transit, authored a letter to House and Senate leadership emphasizing the importance of tax-exempt private activity bonds and requesting that they be included in the final tax reform package.

"Private activity bonds are important financing tools in a wide range of projects from hospitals and schools to airports and local water facilities. There are currently well over \$10 billion in PABs issued for a variety of projects across the country. The demand for them is there," Graves stated in his letter.

Graves said the letter stemmed both from his belief that PABs are critical to infrastructure projects as well as feedback received from across North Missouri.

"The tax exemption of private activity bonds is critical to making sure that the citizens of North Missouri don't see additional fee increases or tax hikes as a result of necessary upgrades to local facilities and infrastructure. I'm glad that they were included in the final tax reform package."

The letter was co-signed by 38 other U.S. Representatives from around the country. The final tax reform bill is expected to go before the House and Senate next week.

The Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) named Mrs. Carol Bolin, an instructor for the Career & Technology Center at Fort Osage (CTC), their Teacher of the Year

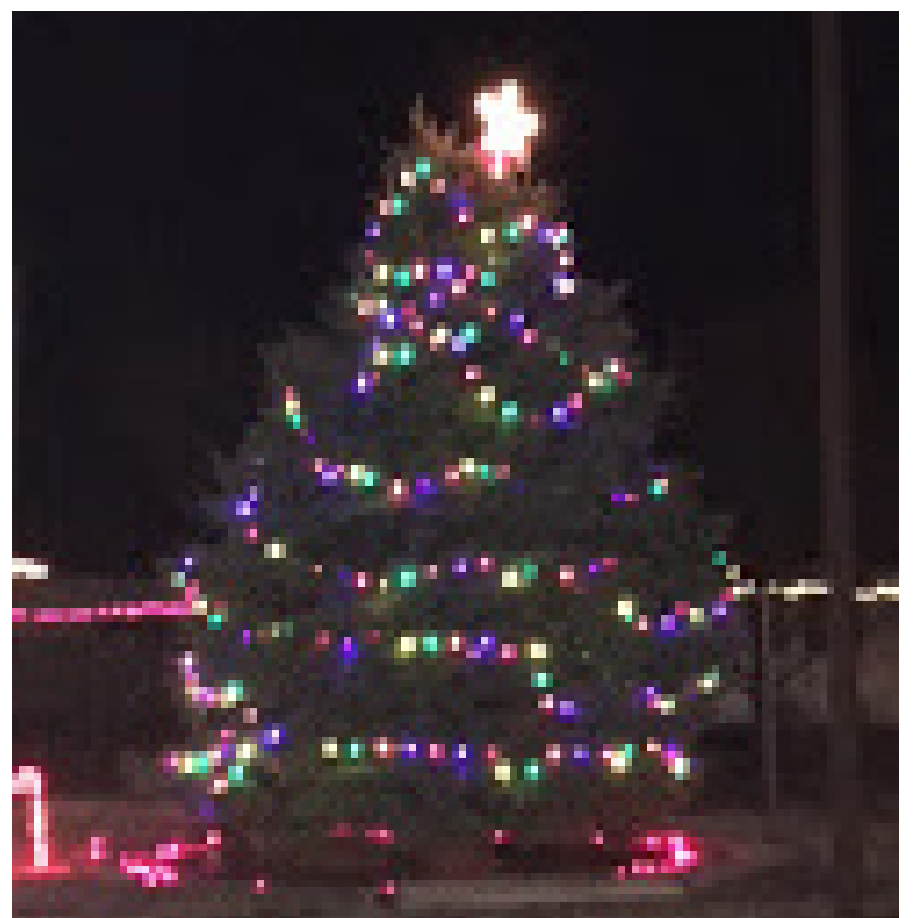
This national award honored Mrs. Bolin's hard work with her Entrepreneurial Studies program, a unique classroom for high school students housed at Independence Center.

The program is part of the SYF Academies, a partnership between the Foundation and local school districts. Students learn about organizing, creating and operating a business. Students run the seasonal gift wrapping booth at Independence Center, complete internships with local organizations like the Missouri Mavericks Hockey team and can earn college credit and scholarships. Last year's graduating class earned \$264,000 in scholarships from SYF. "When anyone in the district mentions Ms. Bolin or her Entrepreneurship Class the first thing they think of is high energy, innovation, and student success," says Mike Pantleo, Director of the CTC. "She does it with the

flair and dignity that encourages not only high expectations but student self-efficacy and self-discipline. If we could bottle the energy that she displays on a daily basis we could put Mountain Dew out of business."



Mayor's Christmas Tree December 2017



Pictured above is the Mayor's Christmas Tree all lit up for Christmas. You can enjoy viewing this and the other light displays in the area!



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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

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From the Editor

“Twas the night before Christmas and all through our house, creatures were stirring especially the kittens. With me in my nightie and Chuck in his sweats we had finally laid down for a short hours nap. Then out. of nowhere we heard deers outside. So we sprang from our bed, put on our coats and sent the deers back to their house,

Now the snow was falling on the grass and visions of hoot howl eyes were starring at our heads, with a blink of an eye we hurried to our house, all safe from night creatures and fast asleep we went.

We arose in the morning to a new fallen snow, with packages over flowing under our tree.

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Thank you for another fantastic dinner!



Napoleon United Methodist Church prepared a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner again this year. They have been doing this for over 30 years. The ladies and some men cook a mouth watering home-cooked meal consisting of turkey, vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing and a delicious variety of deserts. Thank you for another wonderful meal!

Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts...
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right.

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night. "
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers. "
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam ',
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.

I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

" So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right. "
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?

It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son. "

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us. "

PLEASE, would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U. S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.

LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN
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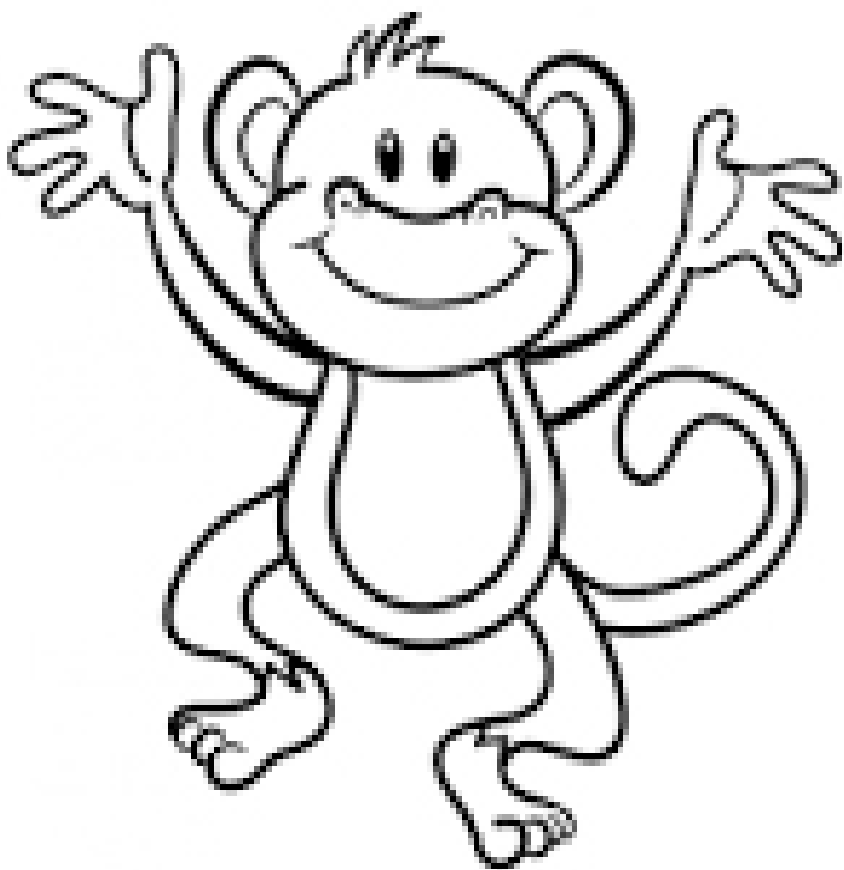
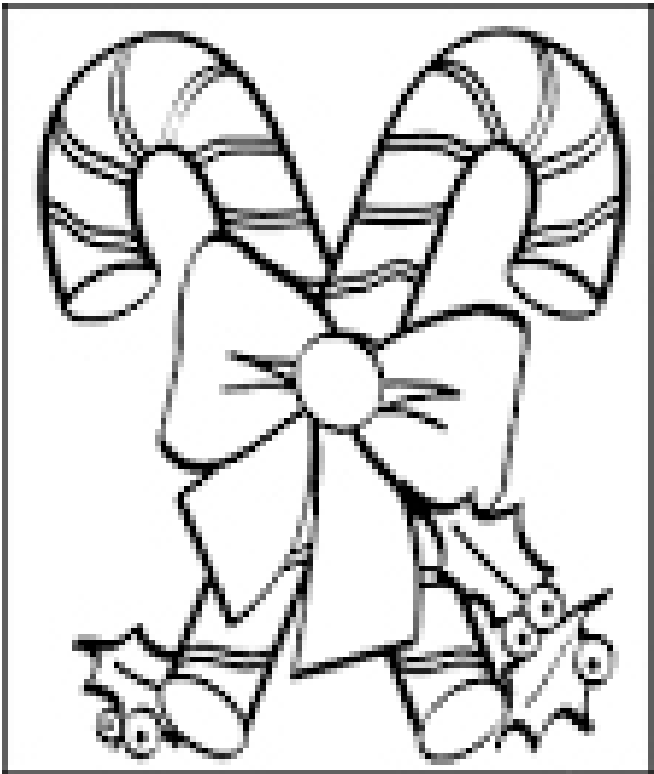
The Above Poem was sent to The Gazette by George Cox.


Thank you so much for sharing this with our readers.

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Holiday recipes

Apple Muffins with a touch of Cinnamon

Servings: 12

Ingredients

- 1-1/4 cup oat bran cereal; uncooked
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup apple, peeled, cored, diced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract

Directions

Preheat oven to 375.

Coat 12 medium-size cups with vegetables oil or line with paper baking cups.

In a medium bowl combine oat bran cereal, flour, cinnamon, baking powder, soda, and salt.

In large bowl combine applesauce, honey, oil, egg, and vanilla. Stir in dry ingredients; mix well. Stir in apple.

Fill prepared muffin cup almost full.
Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Apples with Raisins in baking cups

Servings: 2

Ingredients

- 2 apples
- 1 tbsp raisins
- Orange juice
- Pinch ground cinnamon

Directions

Peel and core the apples.

Coat with the orange juice on the outer **surface**.

Stuff with the raisins. Sprinkle on the cinnamon.
Place in Pyrex baking cups.

Bake in a 350 F oven for 25-30 minutes, or until fork pierces surface easily.
Serve warm or cold.

Coconut Bread with bananas

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cup whole wheat flour, divided
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup coconut, unsweetened, shredded
- 1 cup mashed banana
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp honey

Directions

Mix together 1-1/4 cups of flour, coconut, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl.

Combine banana, oil and honey. Stir into flour mixture quickly (gently) until combined. Add part of the remaining 1/4 cup flour if needed. Batter will be lumpy.

Spread batter evenly in a lightly greased (and/or waxed paper lined) 8x4-inch loaf pan.

Bake at 350F about 45 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 10 min in pan. Turn out of pan, cool completely on rack. Wrap in waxed paper and store overnight before slicing.

Easy to make Scones

Ingredients

- 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 tbsp whipped butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup golden raisins

Directions

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.

Coat a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, sift the dry ingredients together.
Add the butter and mix it into the flour with your fingers.
Add buttermilk and knead into a soft dough.
Knead in the raisins.

On a floured board, roll out the dough until 1/2" thick.

Cut dough into 16 rounds. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden in color.

Serve warm or let cool and store in an airtight container.



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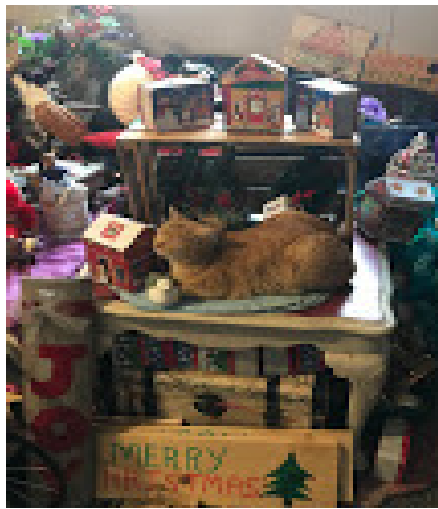
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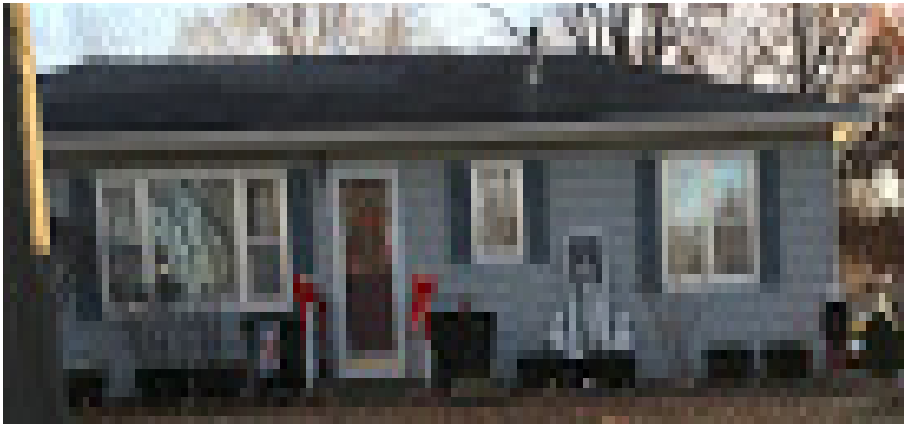
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