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Chili cook-off to be held Jan. 28

The Mound City First Christian Church in Mound City, MO, will be hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, January 28, at 6 p.m. All chili and soup will be judged and prizes will be awarded in each category. Chili or soup, relish, dessert and a drink will be served.

To enter, contact the church office at 442-3104; Linda Nauman at 442-6450; or John Miller at 442-5623. A free will donation or a donation of a gently used coat will be accepted. Proceeds go to the Pantry of Plenty.

"Secretariat" to be shown at the State Theater this weekend

The State Theater in Mound City, MO, will be featuring "Secretariat", a movie about the famous racehorse, on Sunday, January 22, at 1:30 p.m. It's a PG-rated, heartwarming, inspirational movie that drew rave reviews when it was released in 2010.

Admission is free, although freewill donations will be accepted. The concession stand, with popcorn, candy, pop and water, will be open. All children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Arts Council Board members wanted to provide this activity for the community as something fun and different - and like the old days - going to the State Theater for a movie.

Pancake and sausage breakfast to be held this Saturday

The Mound City Lions Club will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, January 21, at the Nutrition Site in Mound City, MO. All you can eat pancakes and sausage with coffee and orange juice will be served for a free will donation. Serving will begin at 7:30 a.m. The proceeds will go to the Nutrition Site and to the Lions Scholarship fund.

White Rose Family Restaurant and Gift to open soon

The late 1800's building at 515 State Street in Mound City, MO, that was in great disrepair, has undergone a complete metamorphosis, and White Rose Family Restaurant and Gift is about to emerge. In what appeared to be another decaying building in Mound City, owners Larry and Diann Knapp have pampered, prodded and coaxed the 'now' White Rose back to life.

During the last two centuries, the building has housed a seed store, variety store and insurance office among other things. Larry and Diann purchased the building in June, 2011. The couple, along with Larry's sons, Tyler and Tad, and other friends and family, began on July 7, 2011, stripping the entire building down to the bricks, rafters and floor joists.

After the demolition, the bricks were cleaned and poly coated to offer the place a quaint country feel. Canberra wood floors and booth seating have been installed. A fireplace stands at the center of the south wall. A balcony seating area and display area grace the upstairs. Behind the kitchen, a large cooler and freezer room was added. A total face-lift to the outside adds curbside appeal.

"We saw a need in town and decided to open up a restaurant and gift shop," stated Larry. "Diann has quite a bit of restaurant experience, and Mother was well known around town for her good cooking."

Larry and Diann ran White Rose Cottage in Mound City from 1998-1999, before the couple left for Colorado. Larry's mother, Loretta Knapp, ran Loretta's Soup and Salad in Mound City for many years. Her building used to sit in the once vacant lot north of White Rose, where the couple has added additional parking space.

By the first of February, the 1800's building will be welcoming patrons seven days a week into the family-style restaurant that will begin serving breakfast at 6:00 a.m.



White Rose Family Restaurant and Gift- Is taking beautiful shape at 515 State Street in Mound City, MO. The white rose, shown painted in the center of the floor entwined in barbed wire, was painted by co-owner, Larry Knapp. Both Larry and his wife, Diann, and assistant, Valerie Knapp, will run the restaurant and gift shop, which will be opening soon. The original brick of the 1800's building is exposed and beautifully preserved. Canberra wood floors and booths adorn the completely refurbished building. The balcony above adds additional seating space and gift area. A fireplace adds that extra cozy down home feeling.

and run through the lunch hour, closing the kitchen at 2:00 p.m. A hot breakfast menu will include pancakes, waffles, 'huevos', burritos, bakery items and more. The lunch menu will offer a line of regular menu and specialty items Monday through Friday. A Tuesday lunch buffet offering Mexican fare will be offered, as well as a full country buffet on Sundays.

Broadened chicken will be among the many soon to be favorites at the restaurant. Despite the kitchen closing at 2:00 p.m., take out chicken

orders can be made up until the gift shop closes at 5:00 p.m. The business will also be available for small parties and events, with seating for around 60.

The White Rose will be offering many gift items for sale. Gifts ranging from candles to animal skins, and ranging in price from \$5 to \$500, will be displayed for sale in the business.

Once the doors open, the beautifully restored 100 plus year-old building should see a steady line of customers.

Craig teen dies in truck-train collision

Thauan Andrade, 18, of Craig, MO, was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident that occurred when Andrade's 2000 Chevy Silverado pickup was struck on the driver's side door by a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) train on Saturday, January 14.

According to BNSF train reports, the collision happened at 11:35 p.m. when the vehicle being driven by Andrade was headed south on Beagle Road, north of County Road 135 in Holt County, west of Craig. The pickup was struck by a 118 car empty coal train that was headed west, travelling at approximately 40 m.p.h. After the train came to a complete stop, emergency personnel were called to the scene. The Holt County coroner pronounced the victim deceased at 2:25 a.m. on Sun-

day, January 15. Investigating the collision was the Missouri State Highway Patrol. All railroad warning signs and crossing safety equipment were in working order. Conductor and engineer statements have been taken and the open death investigation is expected to be complete by the end of this week.

A funeral was planned for the Craig High School senior at the Craig R-3 School Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 18, at 2:00 p.m. A complete obituary can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Trained counselors and pastors were available at both the Craig R-3 and Fairfax R-3 schools on Tuesday, January 17. The victim's activities encompassed sporting events and many other organizations in both communities.

Search for Trooper Guthrie comes to a close

The persistent efforts of the Missouri State Highway Patrol were rewarded on Thursday, January 12, when the remains of Trooper Frederick "Fred" F. Guthrie, Jr., 46, of Platte City, MO, were unearthed in a brush pile by crews working to rebuild Highway 111 near Big Lake, MO.

The body of the missing trooper was recovered at approximately 2:00 p.m. just south of where he and his K-9 partner, Reed, disappeared just over five months ago. Trooper Guthrie and his partner had been working flood duty in the area when officers found his abandoned truck still running near the swift moving floodwater on August 1. A judge legally declared Guthrie dead in September.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, local law enforcement officers, and many other volunteers, including friends and family, participated in exhaustive searches that included boat searches, scuba and sonar searches, cadaver dogs, excavation by heavy machin-

ery and most recently, a several square mile foot search on December 28.

Hill Brothers Construction, the company hired by the Missouri Department of Transportation to fix the cavernous 4 acre hole, was removing silt from the area for use in filling the hole when the body was discovered. The body was found buried nearly 5 feet deep.

Sgt. Lyons expressed the sense of 'excitement' that was felt at the site because of the closure the discovery will bring for the family and the troop. "It's very difficult to describe, because while there was joy in finding him with the mission accomplished, it was difficult then because of the impact it has had on his family with his drowning."

A memorial service burying a casket with memorabilia of the trooper, as well as the cremated remains of canine partner, Reed, was held on December 14. Final arrangements for the burial of the remains of Trooper Guthrie have not yet been disclosed.

Election filings

The deadline for election filings was Tuesday, January 17, at 5:00 p.m. At the time of printing, the *Mound City News* had obtained the following information in regard to local filings:

School Board Filings
Mound City R-2 School: Alan Yocum-incumbent; Karma Metzgar-incumbent.

Craig R-3 School: Rebecca Monroe-incumbent; Ronnie Haer-incumbent.

South Holt R-1 School: Jim Kelly-incumbent; Bill Killin-incumbent.

Nodaway-Holt R-VII School: Bob Saxton-incumbent; Carla Wetzal-incumbent; Gayle Saxton.

City Filings
Mound City: Mayor-Chris Krueger; North Ward Alderman (2 year)- Bob Heck-incumbent; South Ward Alderman (2 year)- Jim Krueger-incumbent.

Craig: North Ward Alderman (2 year)- Paula Stone-

incumbent; South Ward Alderman (2 year)- David Nowling-incumbent; Unexpired 2 year term of South Ward by Ken Koltoff- Rhonda Hunziger.

Village of Big Lake: 3 Trustee positions- Mark Brandon-incumbent; Vince Caputo-incumbent; Tim

Fenton.
Fortescue: 3 Trustee positions- Michael Selleck, Sr.; Kimberly Selleck; Travis Panning.

Maitland: North Ward Alderman- Richie Vogel; South Ward Alderman- Brian Rueckert.

Meetings scheduled for farmers who will return to farming after the flood

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Mound City Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction scheduled for February

The Mound City Elementary and Middle School's annual Chili Cook-Off is set for Thursday, February 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Mound City R-2 gymnasium. The annual event has an added "twist" this year.

One can purchase bowls and spoons for the chili tasting for \$5. The price gives the purchaser a voting ballot to cast for the best tasting chili among the preschool through 8th grade chilis. Desserts and drinks will be offered in the cafeteria.

In conjunction with the competitive chili fun, each classroom, PK-8, will be sponsoring a "theme basket" to be auctioned off. Students have written letters to various businesses to ask for donations of items or services to be included in the baskets.

The theme baskets will be showcased in the center of the gym on the night of the Chili Cook-Off. Each basket will be brimming with items and con-

tain a detailed listing of basket contents. The baskets will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder beginning at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Proceeds of the fund raising event will be used to increase the school's technology, specifically to be put toward the purchase of at least 24 iPad 2 notepads. The intent is to increase the portable lab. With increased testing and formal keyboard training starting at 3rd grade, the need for the technology exceeds the current accessibility of the computer lab that exists in the elementary.

The Education Fund Raiser cards sold earlier and a minimal amount of instruction funding at the school will also be used for the future purchase.

One won't want to miss the delicious, "secret" chili recipes and the amazing baskets that will be auctioned off, just in time to make GREAT Valentine gifts!



Eugene Poynter- Stands beside "Der Traum" (The Dream in High German), the plane he designed and built, following a dream he embraced at the age of 5. Eugene started building this VP-1 plane in 1970, when he was 46, and obtained his pilot's license in 1973 at the age of 49.

Remembering

by Eugene Poynter

"Flying Solo", the article about Kelton Kurtz soloing in several different planes sure brought back a lot of fond memories for me. That is quite a feat at his age or any age for that matter. Following in the footsteps of someone like his dad, Garold, who, in my opinion, is one of the best pilots around and an outstanding fellow also, makes him a lucky young man.

I first got interested in flying when I was 5 years old. We were living in the bottom (Arkansas, land between the lake and river) when a couple Army flyers had to make a forced landing in a biplane on our farm. Their flight was cut short due to a heavy fog that held on for almost a week that fall. The flyers stayed with us and one of them entertained us kids with his slight of hand tricks. He could pull money out of our ears and make things disappear and reappear somewhere else. He would let us keep the money, which may have been the big attraction of all his tricks. I decided I was going to be a pilot and a magician and that was all I could think about for several years. The last day they were with us, they took people up for rides. I got to go with Dad and sit in the front open cockpit and wear this 'flying magician's helmet'.

All through school years and even after I got married, I made airplane models and some flying ones that hit, during their tenure, all the clotheslines and obstructions around our home. I never made a magician, but I tried and later on in life did become a pilot. I'll never forget my first solo flight.

Living in Louisiana during most of the 60's, I really got interested in flying again. I

knew this young 16 year-old man, who owned a half interest in a Piper Cub airplane, and he would stop by and say, "Poynter, bring a 5 gallon can of auto gas out to the pasture and we'll go flying around." (Yes, it flew good on auto gas, I guess.) I soon found out this 16 year-old didn't have a license, but he could sure handle the plane. No one could get much lower flying over the swamps, the Mississippi River, and the fields where the farmers were working or get as close to the top of his girlfriend's house when he dived at it, than him. He had asked me if it bothered me to do something like that and as it didn't, I enjoyed it also. They were wanting to sell the plane and I offered them \$1,000. They sold it later for \$1,200. I never told Betty I had done that, just as well, I didn't get the plane.

When Betty and I moved with the company to Lyons, KS, in 1969, I renewed my interest in flying because Lyons not only had a really good airport, but I was also close to Wichita, KS, where there was a high interest. As I was in communications with the company and was on call most of the time, I decided to start building a plane of my own to keep busy and to keep my mind from thinking about always being called out on troubles. I bought some plans that came out in the "Mechanics Illustrated" and started out in 1970 to build a VP-1. After a few years, I decided I'd better learn to fly, as it looked like the VP-1 was going to get finished. I started school and obtained by pilot's license in June, 1973, after soloing in less than a year, at the age of 49. I had a young flight instructor, that I don't

think cared for me much because he had a class of young ones. While they were all going to ground school, I bought a book, studied it and passed my exam, after being told I couldn't do it on my own. After being grounded for two months, due to an operation, I took my check ride and was the first of my instructor's class to do it. He was so proud of the fact that this old guy made it through everything and was the first student he had instructed all the way. He was puzzled as to why I was able to get through it all before his younger students, but he didn't think about all the years that I had spent dreaming about flying some day; so, I had a lot more hours of dreaming than all of them put together.

After we (Betty, the kids and some grandkids) got our plane built, I flew all the tests necessary myself to make it pass the final inspection by the FAA. An airplane is subject to regular restrictions governed by the plane's capabilities and the pilot flying it. I flew my plane for 2 years, and other types for 10 years, accomplishing half of my 5 year-old decision. By the way, I was 56 years of age when I first flew the VP-1 named the "Der Traum" (The Dream in High German).

Being involved in two wars, having to start and quit farming twice, raising a family, and striving for higher education and security put me off of flying all those years. Getting to raise a family was the most important matter, and waiting to fly was worth it all. If you go flying, don't forget to lower the landing gear before you touch down! Good luck! If you want to fly, don't wait as long as I did.

Informal News Beat

Life is too short

Life sometimes seems too short. People throughout the entire area have the family and friends of Thauan Andrade in their thoughts and prayers during this time of his tragic loss. Many have watched him grow up in school sports and other activities throughout his career at Craig R-3. Sincere thoughts of condolence are extended to not only his family and friends, but also to the students, teachers, administrators and other staff members at Craig R-3 and Fairfax R-3. We will miss covering his activities for the *Mound City News*.

- Adam

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
Enclosed is my check for another year of your paper. I do so much enjoy it - Eugene Poynter's articles take me back to some fine memories of his family and mine.

Maxine (Moser) Pence
Liberty, MO

Mound City Kiwanis Club news

The Kiwanis Club met at the United Methodist Church in Mound City, MO, on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, with 14 members and 5 guests present - Willis Wilson (Roy Wilson's son), Brian Messer, Trevor Boyd, Zach Kahle and Lucas Schwang.

The Kiwanis invited the senior football members. Coach Messer talked about the football season and each senior introduced themselves and talked about one of the highlights during the season.

Kiwanis members will continue to deliver Meals on Wheels during the month. A thank you note was received from Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge concerning the Kiwanis contribution toward the 25 feet tall inflatable eagle at the refuge during Eagle Days. Flags were to be put up on Monday, January 16, for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.

The Kiwanis will be having a pancake supper at the Mound City School on Friday night, February 24, beginning at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Senior Night basketball game. The pancake fund raiser will be at the Nutrition Site in Mound City on Saturday, March 3.

Ta Ya Tu Club holds meeting

The Ta Ya Tu Club met Thursday, January 12, 2012, at the Tiffany Care Center Corporate office in Mound City, MO. Tiffany Roup was the hostess.

The meeting was called to order by president, Carly Edwards. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. It was reported that the scholarship had been paid to recipient, Jessica Gillenwater. The queen contest was discussed and preliminary plans were made. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed. Members present were Carly Loucks, Melinda Holstine, Tiffany Lewis, Paula Miller, Kim Rosier, Janet Staples, Amy Tally, Lynnette Travis and Dana Zembles. Paula Miller will be the February hostess.

Tuesday Club news

Tuesday Club met at the home of Debbie Loucks in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, January 10. Roll call was, "What old videotaped movie will you keep forever?"

President Sandra Fuhrman conducted the business meeting, during which the club voted to make a donation to the Mound City After Prom party.

Sheri Meadows drew the club's State Theater season tickets to attend the February 11 Valentine's Show.

Debbie gave the program: "Destination - Hawaii", telling of many interesting facts about the 50th state, including the several islands that make up the state. She and her husband, Steve, visited there several years ago when he won a trip. Among places they toured was the Parker Ranch, the largest contiguous ranch in the U.S.

Debbie served delicious refreshments, and members enjoyed a social hour. Attending were Leisa Biermann, Linda Boultinghouse, Linda Creed, Patty Davis, Maria Espejo, Sandra Fuhrman, Barb Heitman, Susan Laukemper, Judi Long, Debbie Loucks, Jane Meadows, Sheri Meadows, Judy McIntire, Kasey Miles, Jeanne Moore, Phyllis Parker, Brenda Ryan and Kay Sitherwood.

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News from Tiffany Heights

Residents spent the day on Monday, January 9, with a couple of card games, while the Christmas decorations were taken down at Tiffany Heights in Mound City.

The number one was the theme of the day on Tuesday. The residents discussed the history of New Year's Day and were surprised to find that the earliest recorded festival was 2,000 B.C., and that many times the New Year happened in the month of March. Residents enjoyed learning about the traditions of other countries. They then played a word game and residents were asked to give a word to the clue with the letters "one" in the word. Example: Food bees make. Answer: Honey. Some were easy and others were difficult, but the residents got them all. They also reviewed some similes and cliches and thought of a few not mentioned in their readings. Residents who have achieved walking certificates

are Ruth Swymeler and Dorothy Gilland, 2 miles; Irma Heits, 1 mile; and Inez VanOrman, 3 miles.

The staff held its monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Julie Phillips, R.D., reviewed meal choices and new dining styles. Becky Wilson reviewed the C.P.R. procedure and equipment locations. C.N.A. pins were presented through the Missouri Health Care Association. Those receiving pins were Heather Crider and Elyssa Tobin-Boyd, 2 years; Makala Bradbury and Kami Freeman, 3 years; Rhonda Krueger, 5 years; Jamie Johnson, 10 years; and Patty Judy, 30 years. Service recognition awards were given to Vicky Yates, 1 year; Sherri Meers, 13 years; and Jamie Heming, 14 years.

Bingo volunteers on Thursday were Shirley Jackson, Jean McCall, Barbara Hanlon, Lucille Stull and Pat Johns.

On Friday morning, resi-

dents enjoyed a social time. They read several stories from the *Good Old Days* book about winter and enjoyed cookies and juice together. During the afternoon, residents enjoyed a round of "Did You Know?" Some of the more interesting facts about January are that there is a National Whipped Cream Day, a national day for shortbread, or maybe one would enjoy the National Bubble Bath Day. There are many more days with a special or national theme.

Games of choice were held during the afternoon on Saturday.

The Mound City Baptist Church conducted Sunday morning worship. Afternoon services were conducted by the New Life Apostolic Church.

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Thauan Andrade

Thauan de Jesus Andrade of Craig, MO, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at the age of 18 years, 11 months, and 13 days. He was born February 2, 1993, in Gama, Brazil, to Teonilia Rosa de Jesus and Paulo Andrade. During his childhood, Thauan lived in Brasilia, Brazil, and attended school there. He moved with his mother to Craig in April, 2005, when Teo married Larry Flanagan.

Thauan was a senior at Craig R-III School, where he was in football, basketball, track, and band. He was active in FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, student council, and the math and science club. During the summer, he worked for Larry at his fireworks stores. Thauan was also a member of Craig's Volunteer Fire Department.

Thauan was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his parents, Larry and Teo Flanagan of Craig; two half brothers, Whisses and Leonardo, and two half sisters, Leticia and Ana Paula, all of Brazil; his sister, Juli Dawn, of the home in Craig; and honorary grandmother, Diana Vernon of Craig. Survivors also include a niece and a nephew, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in Brazil; and countless friends in both countries. Thauan loved football; track; his little sister, Juli; and spending time with his girlfriend, Emily Van-Gundy.

Known as the Brazilian Nightmare because of his ability to flummox opponents on the athletic field, Thauan had a contagious million-dollar smile that could make anyone's day. He was always there for his friends, and would help anyone no matter what. He loved to pull pranks, but no one could stay

mad at him. He was reliable, loved by everyone, and truly amazing.

On the field, court, or track, Thauan gave 100%, sometimes playing hurt, refusing to give up or give in. Often he didn't even know the score until the game was over - he played for the love of the game. He brought fun-loving energy to everything he did, was always in a good mood, and was friends with everyone.

Thauan always looked forward to family trips to Brazil to visit his family and friends there. He will be remembered as a beloved son, brother, and friend, and his absence will leave a huge void in many lives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Craig School auditorium in Craig, conducted by Rev. Keith Knaak. Interment was held at English Grove Cemetery, Fairfax, MO. Services were under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home, Fairfax.

Eugene Lewis

Eugene Lewis, of Craig, MO, was born in Shubert, NE, on September 25, 1926, the son of Daniel and Inez (James) Lewis. He passed away in St. Joseph, MO, on January 10, 2012, at the age of 85. He was formerly of the Nemaha, NE, area.

Eugene Lewis was raised in Shubert, NE, where he graduated from high school in 1945. Following graduation, he worked at the Nebraska State Fair and the railroad before entering the U. S. Army. Following service in the army from November 21, 1950, to January 13, 1951, Eugene started farming with his father and later farmed on his own.

Eugene married Darlene Parkhurst on April 29, 1955, in Nebraska City, NE. She passed away on July 29, 1988. Eugene retired from farming in 1990. After retirement, Eugene traveled to Alaska, the east coast, Texas and Mexico. He married Verlene Byrd Whetsel on February 27, 2003, in Nebraska City, NE. The couple established their home in Craig, MO.

Eugene was a member of the Church of God at Craig and the BPO Elks Lodge #963 of Falls City, NE.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Darlene; and a brother, Darrell Lewis.

Survivors include Eugene's wife, Verlene, of Craig; sons, Darrell G. (Diane) Lewis of Nemaha, NE, Kent W. (Pamela) Lewis of Bergheim, TX, and Mark A. (Caleta Ann) Lewis of Ashby, NE; sisters, Marjorie Boatman of Nemaha, and Norma Kennedy of Nemaha; 8 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday, January 13, at the Dorr & Clark Funeral Home in Falls City, NE. Pastor Stephen Floyd officiated. Interment was at Prairie Union Cemetery, in Shubert, with military graveside honors by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

Presidential Preference Primary, February 7, 2012

By Kathy J. Kunkel, Holt County Clerk and Election Authority

The Presidential Preference Primary scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012, is coming up quickly. In 20 days, Missouri voters have the opportunity to go to the polls to cast their vote in favor of candidates who have filed for the race in Missouri. Sample ballots will be printed in the coming 2 weeks in this paper for voters to review.

Voters should be aware of a few items when going to the polls this election year. First, Missouri does not require a voter to register by party. Each properly registered Missouri voter is free to select any party ballot of their choosing at any primary election. There are four parties represented in this Presidential Preference Primary: Democrat, Republican, Libertarian and Constitution. Voters may select a Libertarian Party ballot in February and then a Constitution Party ballot in August. Voters are free to choose. The election authority does not track a voter's choice - only that they showed up to vote.

"Show up and vote" has always been the call from all parties when drawing near election time. That, coupled with television, radio and

print ads bombarding society daily, signals Election Day is coming. Interestingly this year, voters have hardly seen any of it. There has been some media interest in the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary, but most of it centering on its irrelevance. This is because the Democratic Party nomination of current President Barack Obama is clear. The Constitution Party has not yet fielded a candidate and the Libertarian Party has only one candidate. That leaves the only real race on the Republican Party ballot.

Missouri's filing deadline for presidential candidates was back in November. At that time, candidate Herman Cain filed, but Newt Gingrich did not. Cain has since dropped from the race, but his name remains printed on the ballots. Gingrich cannot get his name on the ballot now, and there are no "write-in" provisions. There are 10 names on the Republican ballot, as well as the option for "uncommitted". Gingrich supporters may choose "uncommitted" as their best option. It is very important that voters do not write on the face of the ballot,

but rather fill in the oval next to their choice. Gingrich says he opted out of the Missouri primary because it is nothing more than a "beauty contest". This idea is an outgrowth of state political gridlock that rendered the Republican primary moot after the Missouri Republican Party opted to use the caucus method to select delegates for convention. Caucuses will take place across the state on Saturday, March 17th. No delegates will be selected by the primary election, as has been the practice in the past. However, delegates selected in the caucus process will likely be influenced by the outcome of the primary election.

Unfortunately, the Presidential Preference Primary will cost the state of Missouri between \$4 and \$8 million dollars, reimbursed to the local jurisdictions that hold the elections. Solutions were put forward by the state legislature to move the primary to March, when delegates could have been selected using the primary, but Governor Jay Nixon vetoed that provision for unrelated issues. The legislature had another try at moving the primary to March or suspending it for 2012, backed strongly by the Election Authorities of this state, but that movement died when the Senate deadlocked at 16-16 in Special Session late this fall, leaving Missouri citizens with a primary election, whose outcome hasn't any weight and very little voice in the selection of a Republican Presidential candidate. Political watchdog groups around the nation echo concerns that this primary is meaningless. "Because of the conflict with the caucus in March, the choices for voters in Missouri in early February mean nothing. The tricky dance between the national party and Missouri's lawmakers turned out

to make Missouri seem like it is a less-than-desirable state for candidates," according to William Browning, a contributor to Yahoo News.

There is plenty of finger pointing and blame to go around, but the fact remains that Missouri finds itself in a unique place at the onset of this Presidential Preference Primary Election. Though the Republican ticket winner will not earn delegates, this "straw poll" should hope to offer the temperature of Midwestern voters - in a bellwether state - who take the time to participate, without a doubt influencing the campaigns as they move to Super Tuesday Election Days in March.

All registered Missouri voters are encouraged to cast a ballot. As always, exercising the right to vote is an essential part of our American heritage. I encourage the voters of Holt County to be informed about the candidates in the primary and to get involved in the upcoming caucuses. If voters are unable to vote on Election Day, absentee voting is available now for convenience at the County Clerk's Office, 102 W. Nodaway St., Oregon, MO, M-F, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., or by calling 660-446-3303.

Nutrition site news

Volunteers at the Nutrition Site in Mound City during the week of January 9, 2012, were: Charlie Clodfelter, Tami Paulson, Brian and Kodi Tubbs, Robert Ottman, Paul and Yvonne Markt, Keith Knaak, Jim Kelly, Herb Turnbull, Marla Riley, Sandra Cowherd, Jacob Andes, Pat Groves, Art Davis and Marta and Mal-lory Burton.

Delivering meals the week of January 23, 2012, will be: **Craig** - Monday - Pat Groves and Sue Schmidt.

Mound City - Monday through Friday - Mound City Kiwanis Club.

Oregon and Forest City - Monday through Friday - Faith Fellowship Church.

The Mound City Nutrition Site has a dumpster in the parking lot to recycle bagged paper, cardboard (broken down) and bagged plastic.

The January product of the month is peaches in light syrup. The drawing for the month will be held Tuesday, January 31.

Upcoming activities at the Mound City Nutrition Site are:

January 23 - Exercises from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

January 25 - Exercises from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

January 27 - Cinnamon rolls and donuts, 8:00 a.m. until gone.

If anyone can volunteer with preparing or serving cinnamon rolls and/or donuts, please call Addie Trimmer at 660-442-5889.

The upcoming menu at the site is:

Monday, January 23 - Goulash, lettuce salad, garlic bread, plums and oatmeal

raisin cookies.

Tuesday, January 24 - Smothered steak, corn casserole, spinach or green beans and tropical fruit salad.

Wednesday, January 25 - Pork roast, sweet potatoes, cooked cabbage, baked apples and bread pudding.

Thursday, January 26 - Ham and beans, coleslaw, juice, corn bread and apple crisp.

Friday, January 27 - Chicken strips, baked potatoes, green beans, fruit gelatin and peanut butter cookies.

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Area Church Information

CORNING

St. John's Lutheran Church
112 Walters Street

Worship Service will be held at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Mound City

CRAIG

Craig Presbyterian Church

Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sharp's Grove United Methodist Church
4.5 mi. north of Craig on Hwy. 59 • Rev. Crystal Karr
Worship Service, 8:45 a.m.

Craig Community Church of the Nazarene
105 S. Ensworth Street • Keith Knaak, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., Wed. Kingdom Kids, 3:30-5:00 p.m.,
Wed. Night Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Church of God

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Closed- Worship at Concordia Lutheran Church in Mound City

FILLMORE

The Lighthouse

Exit 65 on I-29 • Pastors Tim and Faith Uzzle
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., Thurs. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
www.fillmorelighthousechurch.org

GRAHAM

Graham Union Church

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday night, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Connie Ury, Pastor
Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10:15 a.m.

MAITLAND

First Christian Church

4th and Ash • Bill Gazaaway, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship, 7 p.m., Wed., Youth Rallies, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church

217 S. Maple Avenue • Connie Ury, Pastor
Worship Service, 9 a.m.

MOUND CITY

Community of Christ

1410 Nebraska Street • Theresa Mackey, Pastor 660-446-2048
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Christian Fellowship

18080 Hwy. 59 • Jim Brown, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Senior High Youth, 7:00 p.m. • www.christian-fellowship.net

Concordia Lutheran Church

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class or Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.,

First Christian Church

402 E. 5th Street • Paul Grant, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Mound City Baptist Church

1308 Savannah Street • Pastor Nathan Lowe
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Worship Service, 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study, Larry Brickey, 6:30 p.m.;
Sl@m City Youth Group, 6:30 p.m. - 816-616-0347

Mound City United Methodist Church

312 E. 7th St. • Pastor Crystal Karr
Sunday School, 9 a.m., Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

New Liberty and Big Lake Baptist Churches

County Road 140 • Richard Lionberger, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Churches have now combined.

New Life Apostolic Assembly

U.P.C.I. - 307 E. 6th, Mound City • Pastor Scott Jordan
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Life Night Bible Study & Revolution Youth Group
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
www.newlifeapostolicassembly.org - 660-442-3441

OREGON

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

303 Grand, Forest City • Father Peter Ullrich, OSB
Pastor and Parish Administrator

Oregon Church of the Nazarene

207 W. George • Keith Knaak, Pastor
Sunday School, 8 a.m., Worship Service, 9 a.m.

New Point Christian Church

24135 Stone Hill Rd. • Brian Buck, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner, 4th Sunday of month following church

REGIONAL

River of Hope Fellowship

Presently meeting at: 304 East 4th St., Mound City
442-0197 or 442-6305 • Pastor David Showalter
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

SKIDMORE

St. Oswald's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

30996 X Avenue, Skidmore, MO
2nd Sundays - 11 a.m., Morning Prayer service by Lay Reader
4th Sundays - 11 a.m., Eucharist Service



Charlotte Rose Plummer

John Plummer and Rachel Crider of Oregon, MO, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Rose Plummer. Charlotte was born at 4:18 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Heartland Hospital in St. Joseph, MO. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Cindy Cox of Oregon. The paternal grandparents are Mark and Joyce Plummer of Oregon.

Charlotte's great-grandparents include Tommy and Joyce Cox of Commerce, MO; Jerry Byford of Ardmore, OK; Harry Crider of Oregon, MO; John Klaasmeyer of Forest City, MO; Rosalie Klaasmeyer of Oregon, MO; and Curtis and the late Madonna Thurnau of Craig, MO.

John Klaasmeyer of Tecumseh, NE, is the great-great-grandfather.

Graham news

By Michelle Brown

Velma (Brown) Drydale, formerly of Barnard, MO, and Graham, MO, now living in Savannah, MO, celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, January 8. A party was held at the Clasbey Community Center in Savannah. Hosts were her sons, Jerry (Anna) Drydale of Kansas City, MO, and Leon (Dixie) Drydale of Barnard; grandchildren, Lynatte (Rodney) Boston of Savannah, Kim (Eric) Billings of Barnard, and Mark and Greg Drydale of Maryville, MO; great-grandchildren, Dane and KayLee Boston, Sydney, Kaci, Tate and Sienna Billings, and Tylan and Keian Drydale. Nieces Velinda and Michelle Brown also helped. Cake and punch were served to other family members and friends. She has spent her life as a farm wife and mother, which also included the dairy business.

Harold and Teresa Lyle of Maryville hosted a Christmas Day Dinner for Lewis, Karrissa and Garrett Lyle

and Trevor Weir of Barnard; Ashley Lyle of Savannah; Dusty Livengood of Mound City, MO; and Rodney, Brenda, Curtis and Patrick Lewis, and Curt and Doris Lewis of Graham.

Betty Hankins hosted a Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 31, for Randy, Rhonda, Mikala and Colton Hankins of Graham; Ronnie and Linda Hankins of Savannah; and Debbie Vincent and Heather Tooley of Maryville.

Jon and Nancy Holmes hosted a Christmas Eve Supper for Curtis Holmes and Katie Gillin of Barnard; Curtis, Amy and Lexi Hargis of Olathe, KS; Clay, Lisa, Jaida and Jenna Cox of St. Joseph, MO; and Nancy's parents, David and Virginia Cruth of Clearmont, MO.

There will be a Community Betterment meeting on Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the building. It will be cancelled if the weather is bad.

Davis makes Fall Dean's List at UCM

The following student has earned a spot on the University of Central Missouri (UCM) Fall Dean's List in Warrensburg. Jackie L. Davis of Forest City, MO, achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the fall 2011 semester at UCM.

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Linda Nauman at 442-6450 or John Miller at 442-5623.

Chili, Soup, Relish, Dessert, and Drink will be served.

A free will donation or a donation of a gently used coat will be accepted. Proceeds go to the Pantry of Plenty.

Aluminum can collection rings add over \$2,800 to HCCF

Because a lot of people believe in what the Holt County Cancer Fund, Inc. (HCCF) is doing, it has become successful since May, 2011. There is money available for anyone traveling outside of the county for cancer treatments. Contact an officer for an application form for \$200. Officers are Phyllis Dannar (660-446-3479), Betty Ann McComb (660-446-3306), Karra Smith (660-853-9861), or Connie Gordon (660-446-3420).

The officers and committee members appreciate the donations and memorials; those who purchase cookbooks, cookies, or crafts; and those who drop off cans. The aluminum can collection alone recently added \$2,802.05 to the fund and kept 4,731 pounds of cans out of the landfill. There are "Halo" can collection rings in Craig, Maitland, and Mound City. A large collection tank sits along Highway 111 between Forest City and Or-

egon.

There continues to be a little misunderstanding about the can collection, however. It is a little confusing, since the HCCF is not a complete recycling drop-off. Only aluminum beverage cans are wanted. Tin cans like the vegetable cans on one's pantry shelf are not wanted. Aluminum foil, aluminum pie pans, or aluminum cake pans cannot be mixed in with the cans. Glass is not wanted. Anything but aluminum beverage cans has to be sorted out before the cans are taken to the recycling site. The HCCF organization gets paid a little extra because can loads are sorted and "clean" (nothing but aluminum cans). Please help in keeping each load "aluminum cans only".

The HCCF is a new organization and is open to suggestions and new ideas. If anyone would like to help, give an officer a call.

Nancy Daugherty retiring - open house planned

A little over 25 1/2 years ago, Nancy Daugherty of Tarkio, MO, embarked on her new career with the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Over those years, Nancy has seen many changes in how the agency serves America's producers. She has dedicated herself to learning the ins and outs of the different farm programs and assisting producers with understanding how these programs could best be put to use. She has become a valuable asset not

only to her co-workers, but to this area's farm producers as well.

Nancy's career with FSA will come to an end with her retirement this month. Her co-workers are hosting an open house in Nancy's honor on Thursday, January 26, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the FSA Office in Rock Port, MO. The public is invited to stop by and share memories and stories with Nancy. Please come and help wish her well in her retirement.

Shiloh 4-H Club holds meetings

The Shiloh 4-H Club met Sunday, December 4, for its Christmas meeting at the Methodist Church in Mound City, MO. The meeting was held prior to a pasta supper consisting of spaghetti, lasagna, salad and bread, followed by dipping fruit, cookies and other goodies in the chocolate fountain for dessert. After the meal, a gift card exchange was held.

Those who attended were Gabrielle, William and Jennifer Heck; Leigh, Rod and Emma Helpers; Montana Kunkel; Bill, Karma and Carina Metzgar; Mike, Tommy, Paige and Taylor Quilty; and Wendy, Brendan, Trevor, Conner and Emily Tubbs.

The Shiloh 4-H Club held its Sunday, January 8, meeting at the Methodist Church in Mound City. The club has decided to order some trees from the Conservation Department for its 75th anniversary. The club voted to donate to the Ron Walker Memorial for 4-H camp.

A program was given by Lauren Geiger, a former 4-H member, on her trip this last

Vegetable gardening class to be held Friday

University of Missouri (MU) Extension will be holding a class on Basic Vegetable Gardening at The Klub in Mound City, MO. The course will be held Friday, January 20, starting at 10 a.m. The class will be taught by Tom Fowler, Regional Extension Horticulture Specialist.

There is a small fee to attend the class which will cover handout expenses. Please pre-register at the Holt County Extension Office at 660-446-3724 to prepare handouts. For more information, contact Wayne Flanary, Holt County Program Director.

summer to the Panama Canal and Colombia. She informed the group of the different types of farming operations to include coffee beans, fruit and cattle. She noted to the group that being in 4-H and FFA had really helped her to make this trip.

Carina Metzgar gave a demonstration on how to make cake pops. Carina then served the cake pops for refreshments.

Those who attended were Gabrielle and William Heck, Montana Kunkel, Abby Drew, Carina Metzgar, Paige and Taylor Quilty, Jathan Ungles, Sidney and Sienna Meadows and Conner Derr. The next meeting will be held Sunday, February 12.

Soup supper to be held Feb. 3 in Craig

The Craig Community Teachers' Association (CTA) will be hosting a soup supper on Friday, February 3, prior to the CFX and Tarkio basketball games. The supper will be held in the Craig R-3 school cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The menu consists of chili, vegetable beef soup, relishes, dessert and tea and coffee. A free will donation will be accepted. All proceeds will be applied to the CTA Scholarship Fund.

Mound City Lions Club
to host
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Sat., Jan. 21
at the Mound City Nutrition Site
7:30 a.m.-??
FREE WILL DONATION

Merkin Karr wins American Legion oratorical contest

"The Rights and Responsibilities of a U.S. Citizen Defined by the Constitution" was the title of Merkin Karr's first place oratorical that she presented before District American Legion judges in St. Joseph, MO, on Sunday, January 15. Merkin is a junior at Mound City High School, and the daughter of Joel and Crystal Karr.

The American Legion is host to its 78th Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, a constitutional speech contest. The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution, the ability to think and speak clearly and critically, and the acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The contest meets guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities' Association.

Merkin had to prepare her oration on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government.

"Mrs. Eaton told me about the program, and I like public speaking so I thought I'd try it," remarked Merkin about her participation in the contest, citing that her ability to talk sometimes gets her in

trouble. "I also saw how awesome the scholarship money was and that's always a good thing."

Merkin prepared her oration and delivered it to the Mound City Kiwanis on January 4, and the Mound City American Legion Post #121 on January 9. Both groups were valuable in critiquing Merkin's oration, before she competed at the district level.

In addition to the oration, orators had to give an impromptu speech on either Article I, Section 9, Clause 2; Article IV, Section 2, Clause 1; Amendment 14, Section 2, First Sentence; or Amendment 15, Section 1. The judges randomly drew one of the assigned topics which gave the contestants just a few minutes to prepare before delivering a 3-5 minute impromptu speech.

Merkin competed against two other orators at the district level. She placed first, which advances her to one of four zone levels. She must lengthen her original oration and present it in St. Joseph again on Sunday, January 29. The winning orators will advance to state level competition. State winners advance to nationals, where the first place prize scholarship is \$16,000. Last year a Missouri orator won.

Meetings scheduled for farmers who will return to farming after the flood

The Flood of 2011 on the Missouri River affected numerous landowners and vital fertile crop ground in Holt and Atchison counties. The damages done to the ground may have long-term effects on production. Meetings are being held for landowners affected by the flood to have an opportunity to learn about government programs, what to consider when planning for the 2012 crop season, and how to remain in compliance with all farm bill programs while bringing flooded acres back into productivity.

The meetings, which include many speakers, are co-sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension and the Missouri Farm Bureau. The meetings will be held on Friday, January 20, in two locations. The first meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Velma Houts Fair Building in Rock Port, MO. The second meeting will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Klub in Mound City, MO.

Speakers at the meeting

CH-F to hold "Have A Heart, Wear Red Challenge" in Feb.

It's time to "Have A Heart, Wear Red!". February is National Heart Health month and Community Hospital-Fairfax (CH-F), MO, wants to turn northwest Missouri red to raise awareness of heart disease and its risk factors. CH-F will be kicking off this challenge on National Wear Red Day, Friday, February 3, and will challenge each business to join in and host a "Wear Red" Day in February.

Participating businesses can choose a day in February for their employees to wear red for heart health awareness. They will receive a packet from CH-F with posters, handouts for employees and information about CH-F's cardiopulmonary services. Businesses will also receive recognition for their participation in Community Hospital-Fairfax advertisements in area newspapers and Facebook.

Every business that takes part in the "Have A Heart, Wear Red Challenge" will be entered in a raffle to win t-shirts for their employees, compliments of Community Hospital-Fairfax.

To sign your organization up to wear red in February for Heart Health Awareness, contact the Development Office at 660-686-2330 or email jenniferh@FairfaxMed.com.

will include:

- University of Missouri Extension
- Missouri Farm Bureau
- Missouri Levee & Drainage District Association
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Risk Management Agency (RMA)
- Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)
- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

There is no cost to attend the meetings.

Holt County Extension ag update scheduled for January 25

The Holt County Ag Update will be held Wednesday, January 25, at the Holt County Extension office at the Courthouse Annex in Oregon, MO. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. with growers needing private applicator pesticide training and will follow with updates from Extension Ag business, horticulture, engineering and livestock specialists.

The first two hours of the meeting will be a pest management update including the private applicator pesticide training. This portion of the meeting will handle the requirements for growers who need to recertify their private pesticide applicator licenses and those who need a license. The pest management update will also provide important information for growers for the 2012 growing season such as the corn fungicide results at Graves Chapple and will be handled by Wayne Flanary, Agronomist.

Following the pest management update will be presentations from regional staff important to area farmers. Jim Crawford, Ag Engineer, will present the information about planter adjustment for uniform emergence in no-till

and other tillage systems.

Bob Kelly, Ag Business Specialist, will answer questions about crop rental agreements and cash rent. He will also discuss the increasing crop input costs.

Amie Schleicher, Livestock Specialist, will present current issues in animal agriculture and how they impact all of agriculture.

Whether you are a grower or have woodlands, a new type of stinkbug is moving towards Missouri that will impact horticulture plants and also field crops. Emerald Ash Borer and Walnut Canker are new pests to watch for. Tom Fowler, Horticulture Specialist, will visit about these topics and will answer other horticulture questions.

To attend the meeting, please RSVP to help directors plan for materials by calling the Holt County Extension office at 660-446-3724. Also, mark your calendar as the Atchison County Ag Update is Tuesday, January 31, and the Nodaway County Ag Update is Wednesday, February 1. For more information, contact Wayne Flanary at 660-446-3724, Regional Agronomist, University of Missouri Extension.

Holt County arrest reports

Taylor N. Clark, age 22, of Amazonia, MO, was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012, for a Ferrelview, MO, Warrant for Failure to Appear Original Charge Fail to Pay Stays Dues; Driving While Suspended; No Seat Belt; No Insurance; and Fail to Drive on Right Half of Roadway is of Sufficient Width Resulting in An Accident. He was taken to the Holt County

Jail in Oregon, MO.

Shannon L. Mitchell, age 27, of Overland Park, KS, was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 7:36 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012, for Following Another Vehicle too Close; Failure to Drive in Right Lane When Two or More Lanes in the Same Direction; and DWI - Class B Misdemeanor. She was taken to the Holt County Jail in Oregon, MO.

This Week's History

From the *Mound City News* archives

50 Years Ago - 1962

- The honor roll system at Mound City High School was changed to include two honor roll lists. Students averaging "S" plus or better were placed on the High Honor Roll. Students averaging "S" minus or better were placed on the Regular Honor Roll.

- The total receipts for the sale of hunting and fishing licenses issued in Holt County in 1961 amounted to \$15,366.

- Pastor Douglas A. Robbins was installed as pastor for St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Craig, MO, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Corning, MO. Pastor J. B. Brown of Concordia Lutheran Church of Mound City, MO, delivered the installation sermon.

- Approximately 6,000,000 candle power in colorful lighting was set to put in the aisles and corridors of the Municipal Auditorium when the Kansas City Boat, Sports and Travel Show was slated to present its 18th annual outdoor extravaganza. It was a \$2 million display.

- March of Dimes solicitors were heading out as part of the campaign against polio with the slogan, "You did it before, you can do it again".

25 Years Ago - 1987

- Evans Circle in Mound City was awarded a grant of \$137,000 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of renovation and modernization. Executive director, Judi Scarbrough, announced the two-phase grant would be awarded with \$71,350 coming in 1987-1988 and the rest in 1988-1989.

- In February, 1987, the Holt County Sheriff's Office was moved from its location at the Holt County Courthouse to the Holt County Jail, a move that had been needed for quite some time.

- The Paul P. Shutts American Legion Post #121 announced its candidates for Girls' State. They included Amy Porter, Lori Smith and Kris Duncan. Kena Owens was the alternate.

- Holt County Clerk Darla Beesley announced the total receipts for the 1986 year at \$245,306.93.

- The Track and Field Records at the Mound City School were transferred into new display cases, which contain both junior and senior high records.

10 Years Ago - 2002

- More than 20 people wanted the new drivers' license and registration contract fee agent job for Holt County. The vacancy came after a four-year stint by Linda Allen. Councilmen and businessmen alike wanted to keep the business in Mound City, but continuing to use space at City Hall was not an option.

- Mound City R-2's second annual Chili Cook-Off and Theme Basket Auction was highly successful. The event drew nearly 425 people and raised around \$7,000. Chili bowl sales accounted for \$1,000, the basket auction \$4,000, and donations from two Walmarts \$2,000.

- A new "Challenged Materials Policy" was put into effect in the South Holt School District following a rather lengthy and controversial pulling of literature from the library shelves.

- A group of agency and community organization representatives and other individuals were looking at the possibility of bringing the Heartland SHARE food program to Holt County.

- The Messengers, a southern gospel group from Topeka, KS, along with Holt County's own WJMM Radio Gospel Quartet, performed at the State Theater for a crowd of around 140 people.

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Conservation comments - 2011 unusual wildlife sightings

During the 2011 calendar year, a number of noteworthy wildlife sightings have occurred across the state. In November, a pair of whooping cranes turned up near Neosho, MO, giving birdwatchers there a rare glimpse of this federally endangered species. In December, hunters at Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area reported taking black-bellied whistling ducks, a species normally not seen farther north than the extreme southern United States. Also, hunters and bird lovers in several parts of Missouri reported trumpeter-swan sightings.

Also in December, Missouri experienced the largest number of snowy owl sightings on record. Snowy owls normally inhabit the high arctic region of Canada and Alaska, however, in years when populations of their prey - mainly lemmings - crash, the birds are forced to travel south. Missouri experienced such mass migrations, known as irruptions, in the 1970s and 1980s, but the current phenomenon far exceeds previous ones. At least one snowy owl was reported here the week before Squaw Creek hosted its annual Eagle Days event.

Snowy owls are similar in size to great horned owls, which are common in Missouri. However, snowy owls are much lighter colored and have rounded heads. Most of the snowy owls in Missouri now are juveniles, and many may be near starvation. They are not accustomed to automobiles, and often land on highways and fail to flee at the approach of cars.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) confirmed 14 mountain lion sightings in 2011. That is more than all previous confirmed sightings combined. Three of the cougars were killed by hunters or landowners. All three were juvenile males, which supports the theory that cougars seen in Missouri are mostly young males dispersing from established populations to the west. Since 1994, MDC has documented mountain lion sightings in 17 counties. Missourians are encouraged to call the nearest MDC office and report mountain lion sightings with

physical evidence, such as photos, tracks, hair, scat or prey showing signs typical of a mountain lion attack. For more information, visit mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/wildlife-sightings/mountain-lions.

This year the region supported a high concentration of American White Pelicans for a longer than usual time period. Receding floodwaters timed perfectly with their fall migration when high volumes of bait fish were trapped in low spots and ditches. 2011 has wrapped as an atypical year allowing ducks to continue feeding in thawed water through the close of the waterfowl season. Hunters and birdwatchers have both benefited from the prolonged fall migration.

During the 2011 fall season, an elk was captured on a trail camera in Worth County. Just

a few months ago, District Supervisor Russ Shifflett reported finding portions of elk sheds at the Fred Guthrie site. The sheds are believed to be from the 1800s, around the time of the last known population of elk in Missouri.

Finally, this past firearms deer season, five antlered doe were taken. This phenomenon is not as rare as one might think. It could be as common as one in every 65 doe are antlered or as few as one in 4,437. In most cases, the antlers are underdeveloped and remain in velvet. In the case of a 9-point and 10-point doe this season, both were fully symmetrical and polished with no velvet.

If anyone has questions, comments or reports of wildlife sightings, contact one of the local Missouri Department of Conservation offices or a Conservation Agent.

Squaw Creek Refuge completes deer hunts

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, MO, completed two annual white-tailed deer muzzle loader hunts for this winter. Hunts were held on December 17 and 18, 2011, and again on January 7 and 8, 2012. The 2-day hunts are a part of the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) managed deer hunt program. A managed deer hunt was first held in December for persons with disabilities confined to wheelchairs. The January hunt program required each hunter to submit an application to enter the selection drawing done last August. The Squaw Creek Refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and hosts the two managed hunts. Refuge staff members organize and manage the hunt assisted by volunteers, federal, and state officials. Hunters participating in the December totaled six hunters who were permitted to harvest two deer, but only one antlered. Hunters harvested a total of seven deer including four bucks and three antlerless. A 14 point buck field dressed at 140 pounds

was the largest taken by Patrick Henry from Huntsville, MO.

A total of 389 hunters applied for the 100 permits that were issued for the refuge January hunt that permitted the selected deer hunters to use muzzle loading firearms. A total of 87 hunters participated in the hunt with each hunter allowed to harvest a maximum of two antlerless deer. A total of 48 deer were harvested during the two-day hunt. Hunter success was the lowest on record again this season since the hunt season was initiated in January, 1988.

This year's summer flood, compounded with above normal warm winter weather, may be factors related to the low deer harvest. In an effort to better manage deer on the refuge annually, all harvested animals are weighed, aged, sexed and checked for physical condition. Additional, assistance was provided by the Missouri Western Biology Department faculty and the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, who collected front incisors and fetus information from harvested deer. The front incisor teeth help biologists get more information on deer age and growth rates. The fetus length will be used to precisely identify the peak of the rut each fall.

The Squaw Creek Refuge deer hunt program was initiated in January, 1988, to reduce an expanding deer herd that was causing considerable damage to refuge habitats and private croplands adjoining to the refuge. The deer hunt harvest also helps to decrease deer vehicle collisions that can result in personal injuries along Highways 118, 159, and Interstate 29. The hunt is a continuing effort by Squaw Creek Refuge and the Missouri Department of Conservation to provide quality public hunting opportunities and sound wildlife management. For further information regarding the white-tailed deer hunts held or other refuge information, call (660) 442-3187 or check the refuge website.



Lady Knights take second in Fairfax Tournament

The South Holt Lady Knights finished second in the Fairfax Basketball Tournament on Friday, January 13, in Fairfax, MO, after falling to the St. Joe Christian Lady Lions, 44-34, in the championship game. The Lady Knights had defeated the Tarkio Lady Indians, 56-51, in first round action, and the Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans, 66-57, in semifinal action. Team members include, left to right, back row: Coach Steve Waigand, Chelsea Acton, Sarah Costello, Rachel Binder, Darian Kurtz, Emily Cox, Shelby Eaton, and assistants, Kelly Darrington and Sammi Jackson. Front row: McKenzie Prussman, Cami Scroggins, Blair Million and Taryn Weber.

Lady Knights take second in Fairfax Tournament

The South Holt Knights played the Rock Port Blue Jays on Friday, January 13, for third place in the Fairfax Tournament. The Knights fell behind 11-6 in the first quarter, and Rock Port extended the lead to 27-13 by the break. Rock Port went on to win 52-21.

Kylynn Sisk and Mitch Muller added 7 points each to lead the Knights. Mac Kelly had 3 points. Jeremiah Bragg and James Fuller added 2 points each.

The South Holt Lady Knights, after wins over Tarkio and Nodaway-Holt, competed in the championship game of the Fairfax Tournament on Friday, January 13, against the St. Joe Christian Lady Lions.

In a high intensity game, the St. Joe Christian Lady Lions took an 18-9 first quarter lead over the Lady Knights. The Lady Knights continued to battle, but trailed 25-17 at the break. The Lady Knights played the Lady Lions to within two points in the second half, but were unable to recover from the first quarter,

Nodaway-Holt takes second

and fell 44-34.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Knights was Emily Cox with 12 points, and she had 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Sarah Costello had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Blair Million scored 5 points and had 3 rebounds. Darian Kurtz had 4 points and a rebound. McKenzie Prussman added 3 points and 2 rebounds. Cami Scroggins and Chelsea Acton had 2 points each. Cami added 2 rebounds and an assist, and Chelsea added 2 rebounds and 3 assists.

The Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans played the North Nodaway Lady Mustangs on Saturday, January 14, in the third place game of the Fairfax Tournament. The Lady Trojans scored an impressive 25 points in the first quarter, to take a 25-7 first quarter lead. The Lady Mustangs, however, closed the gap to 32-23 by the half. North Nodaway continued to mount a comeback and finished with a 55-50 win.

Megan Rosenbohm led the

Lady Trojans with 34 points, 15 rebounds and 5 assists. Amanda O'Riley scored 8 points. Krysta Beattie scored 6 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Darcie Gallagher scored 2 points.

The Nodaway-Holt Trojans played St. Joe Christian in the championship game of the tournament on Saturday, January 14. Nodaway-Holt suffered a 69-56 defeat. The Trojans held a 12-11 lead after the first quarter, but the Lions put in a 15-7 second quarter to take a 26-19 lead at the break. Christian continued to control the scoreboard and finished the third quarter with a 44-33 lead and went on to claim the championship by a score of 69-56.

Nick Patterson led the Trojans with 15 points. Derek Lemon added 12 points and Brandon Saxton 11 points. Zach Lemar and Jackson Beattie had 6 points each. Stephen Schniedermeyer had 4 points and Cody Schniedermeyer 2 points.

Nodaway-Holt R-7 honor rolls

Honor roll students at Nodaway-Holt R-7, for the second quarter and first semester follow:

2nd Quarter High Honor Roll

5th Grade: Michael Abrams, Tarik Barnard, Sydney Billings, Amanda Bohannon, Breanna Day, Makayla George, Jadin Messner, Ashley Owens, Samantha Robison, Ian Sloniker, Tillie Stanton, Zane Weston and Kailey Wilmes.

6th Grade: Cole Alloway, Phoebe Gard, Kaitlynn Grasty, Hanna Lane, Cody Shewey and Tad Smock.

7th Grade: Macie Bohannon, Maddie Clement, Rachel Farmer, Maggie Fuhrman, Randy Harrison, Dakota Leeper and Alex Shewey.

8th Grade: Ashley Brashears, Tabitha Ebrecht, Jaylee Holmes, Kristen Keith, Kevin Lance, Frankie Lemar, Brandon Newton, Skyler Peter, Cassidy Saxton, Samantha Shippy, Kennedy Sportsman and Bobby Thacker.

9th Grade: Gus Coffelt and Cody Schniedermeyer.

10th Grade: Devin Albertson, Zach Callow, Darcie Gallagher, Ryan Ginther, Bailee Lance, Brian Lance, Buffie Lance, Nicholas Patterson, Megan Rosenbohm, Brice Shamberger and Brandi Walker.

11th Grade: Krysta Beattie,

Derek Lemon, Amanda O'Riley, Brittany Shippy and Duston Wetzel.

12th Grade: Darcy Brown, Brett Henjes, Leta Kelley, Zach Lemar, Brandon Saxton, Josh Schafer, Kurt Shepard and Courtney Walker.

2nd Quarter Regular Honor Roll

5th Grade: Corbin Doolin, and Cheyenne Underwood.

6th Grade: Bryson Evans, Kaylynn George, Mikala Hankins, Angelique Patton and Shandy Rauch.

7th Grade: Nicole Albertson, Brody Day, Samantha Keith, Maddie Lance and Kaiden Vance.

8th Grade: Jordan Long and D.J. Walker.

9th Grade: Jackson Beattie, Klay DeVault, Bailea Plummer, Keirnan Rich and Wade Saxton.

10th Grade: Stephanie Hardy, Tristlynn Roberts and Aaron Saxton.

11th Grade: Justin Dearmont, Logan Kenny, Michella Lininger, Stephen Schniedermeyer and Dason Wilmes.

12th Grade: Kirstie Long, Joshua Nielson and Ashley Swope.

1st Semester High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Nicole Albertson, Macie Bohannon, Maddie Clement, Rachel Farmer, Maggie Fuhrman, Randy Harrison, Maddie Lance, Dakota Leeper and Alex Shewey.

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Council members discuss purchasing equipment to maintain streets

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the city of Mound City was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Mound City City Hall in Mound City, MO. Mayor Larry Russell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Larry Russell, Robert Heck, Jim Krueger, Kristine Gibson, Jason Biermann, City Clerk Patsy Smith, City Collector Kelly Miller, Sewer Superintendent Kelly Graves, Police Chief John Panning, Officer Craig Buckles, City Attorney Brian Tubbs, J.R. Rother, Jason Hall, Chip Lehmer, Renick Stuart, Phil Blazer, Tyson Markham, Joe Laukemper and Annette Weeks.

Minutes
There being no additions, deletions or corrections, Alderman Gibson moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the December 8, 2011, regular meeting and approve them as presented, Biermann seconded. Approved unanimously.

Presentations/Guests

• M.C. Rural Fire District: Annual Meeting – Rural Fire District Board member, Jason Hall, and Fire Chief, J.R. Rother, were present for the annual meeting with the city. Mayor Russell thanked the fire department for helping with demolition of several structures that were deemed dangerous buildings by the city. Neither the city nor the fire district reported any issues or problems this past year. It was noted that some of the firemen will be attending annual spring training in Columbia, MO. Per the contract, the yearly fee to the fire district was calculated to be \$24,206.22 with payment presented to Mr. Hall.

• Annette Weeks, NW MO Enterprise Facilitation: Fund-raising – Annette Weeks, Facilitator, and Joe Laukemper, co-chairman, were present representing NW MO Enterprise Facilitation (NWMEF), which is an organization encompassing six counties that was established over 7 years ago to help businesses and entrepreneurs realize their dreams. Jim Jacoby is the board chairman and the members include bankers, professors and attorneys. Ms. Weeks, as a facilitator, works with individuals by helping with their business plans, mentoring and finding funding in the private sector. Information presented indicates that NWMEF has assisted 37 clients in Holt County, with 17 of those being in Mound City, and estimates around \$349,000 in revenue has been generated. Names of businesses that it helps are strictly confidential unless a grand opening is held and then it becomes common knowledge. Mayor Russell noted that he benefited from the organization when he bought Williams Recycling in Maryville, MO.

The organization is mainly privately funded but asks communities in each county to donate \$1/per citizen to help with operating expenses. Laukemper reported the Mound City Development Corporation has been a long-term contributor. Council members felt this would be a good investment in economic development. Alderman Gibson moved to contribute \$1,159 to NW MO Enterprise Facilitation, Krueger seconded. Approved unanimously.

• Tyson Markham, McLinney & Company: Street Project Financing – Tyson Markham, McLinney & Company, discussed financing for the street project. Refinancing the 2008 street lease has been looked into, but the maturity is too short to realize any savings. Markham reviewed two options. One option would be to dove-tail the

new lease in with the 2008 lease with payments made from revenues generated by the ½% transportation sales tax (around \$70,000/per year) plus \$50,000/per year from the ½% CIP sales tax. During the first six years, only around \$30,000/per year would go towards the principal on the new lease. No additional debt could be undertaken for ten years. This option nets around \$525,000 in funds available for construction after deducting the cost of issuance and the required 10% lease reserve. Markham noted that McLinney recommended a second option, which results in \$100,000 less for construction, but allows for a new project in 2019 and then about every five years.

The council discussed financing with general obligation (G/O) bonds instead of a lease, but bonds have to go before a vote of the people. Markham reported G/O bonds are cheaper to finance and do not require a 10% reserve, which would mean more funds for construction. The bonds could be paid from the same existing sales taxes without increasing property taxes, but council members felt, given the current economic conditions, voters would not be willing to approve the bonds. It would also mean a longer time before funds are available. Markham will confer with Joey McLinney and report back to the clerk with a comparison of G/O bond and lease options. If going for a bond election, the county clerk has to be notified by January 24. Markham will also check into transferring the existing \$53,000 lease reserve account at the Bank of New York, which is drawing no interest, to another investment.

Council members discussed the meeting with engineer, Bob Burnett, Snyder & Associates, about whether to just put a 1" asphalt overlay on some of the less traveled streets. Renick Stuart and Chip Lehmer stated the 1" wouldn't hold up mainly because of the current condition of most of the streets.

• Street Conditions: Chip Lehmer, Renick Stuart and Phil Blazer were present to discuss the condition of city streets. Lehmer asked what it will take to fix the potholes in town and if the street fund is broke. Aldermen replied that yes, the street fund is currently in the red. Lehmer said that being a professional contractor, he knows how to build streets and questions if the city even has the equipment needed or the personnel to run it. Lehmer said Mound City has a good street crew, but it needs to work at maintaining the streets and needs the equipment to work with such as a street packer (roller), oil distributor, cinder truck and motor grader. He said the city had the equipment, but sold it. Stuart said that a smaller motor grader would be sufficient and it would probably take the street crew less than a week to learn how to operate it. Stuart and Lehmer said that a 1-ton oiler would be sufficient for patching and maintenance. Lehmer discussed the proper way to fill potholes, cut out bumps, blade ditches, etc. Stuart said if the city is going to the expense to asphalt streets, then regular work needs to be done to maintain them. They also suggested that the city should check into military surplus equipment at State Surplus Property and get put on the list for what equipment is needed. Aldermen agreed that the city does need to get a plan together for maintaining the new streets that are being planned.

Old Business

• Bids-Sale of Walnut Trees: Two bids were received as follows: Affordable Tree Trimming bid \$450 for eight (8) walnut trees and Mark Stoner bid \$3,150 for ten (10) walnut trees. Alderman Heck moved to accept Stoner's bid of \$3,150 for ten (10) walnut trees. Biermann seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

• Misc. - Jonathan Miller reported to Clerk Smith that a survey is being done at the Community Center and there should be a legal description of the property to be sold by the next council meeting.

Department Reports

• Police – The monthly report was reviewed and discussed. Panning reported that the new police car is at Adamson Industries waiting for the radio and in-car camera, which has been shipped, to install them. The car should be done by February. When Panning learns that the new car is en route, he will remove all equipment from the old cars so they will be ready for trade-in. The white Ford is still currently being used.

• Sewer Department – Lagoon Farm-2011 Crop Proceeds & 2012 Custom Farming: Clerk Smith reported receipt of \$6,806 for the corn crop on the seven acres adjacent to the lagoon, which is custom farmed by Bob Heck. Heck was paid \$350 for planting and combining last year. The council agreed to have Heck do the custom farming again in 2012.

It was also reported that two deer have drowned in the lagoon in the past six months and had to be dragged out. Council members considered putting up a fence, but Kelly Graves said he has not had any other such incidents in the previous 10 years that the lagoon cells have been there. A fence would also cause weed/mowing problems.

• Water Department – MTBE Settlement: At the end of December, the city received disbursement of \$521,601 as a plaintiff in a Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) products liability class action lawsuit. There were over twenty plaintiffs in the case. MTBE is a gasoline additive that has been banned from use because it leaches into water supplies and doesn't deteriorate. Levels in city wells range from <1-5.5 ppb with an average of 2.7 ppb depending on which well is in use during the testing. City Attorney Brian Tubbs reported that EPA has not issued formal maximum contaminant levels (MCL), but does have preliminary advisory levels starting at 20.0 ppb over a lifetime of exposure, but without stating that any action needs to be taken to remove the MTBE. There are other EPA advisory levels which do recommend action be taken to remove the MTBE, but city wells are not even close to the starting advisory level. It was noted that there have been some instances where the MTBE levels have dissipated over time. Although there are no restrictions on what the funds can be used for, council members felt it is important to gather more information and research ways to remove the contaminate, such as by use of carbon filters, or maybe drilling new supply wells. Alderman Biermann recommended leaving the funds invested in an account at Nodaway Valley Bank until he meets again with Water Superintendent, Randy Crowley, to develop a plan of action. Biermann hopes to have more information to present at the February meeting. The council agreed to leave the funds in the Nodaway Valley Bank

Leave MTBE settlement money in Nodaway Valley Bank

RateMax account for now, earning around 4% interest.

• Alderman Biermann left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

• Street Department – Aldermen discussed construction of a parking lot at the southwest corner of 6th & State streets. An entrance has been graveled from the north side of the property on 6th Street where previously there was a curb and sidewalk. There was no request made to the city to cross the right-of-way or make an entrance to the property. The council felt the concrete sidewalk should be replaced and expressed concerns of losing parking spaces along 6th Street. The clerk is to contact the property owner and request his attendance at the February council meeting for further discussion of the driveway. Alderman Gibson would like to see a review of city ordinances for building permits, sidewalks, etc.

Street Overlay Project/Approve Engineering & Design Costs: Council members reviewed the quote of \$4,404 from Snyder & Associates for design and engineering costs for the asphalt overlay project. Alderman Krueger moved to accept the proposal from Snyder and Associates for design and specification services for the street overlay project, Heck seconded. Motion approved. Aldermen Krueger and Heck will meet with Mr. Burnett again to discuss cost estimates to prep the roadways, including

cutting out or milling bumps and filling potholes prior to the overlay.

• 1995 Dodge 1-Ton: Kelly Graves reported M.C. Auto replaced the transmission in the Dodge 1-T and it seems to be working okay.

• Park/Pool Department – Request Bids: Electrical Improvements – The clerk reviewed the bid specifications for the project. Bid opening will be Wednesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m. with council review and approval at the meeting the next day. As this is a design/build project, a pre-bid conference will not be held.

• M.C. Housing Authority Board: Expired Term of Ed Staples. Alderman Heck moved to reappoint Ed Staples to the M.C. Housing Authority Board for another four-year term, Gibson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Administration

• Approve Release of Utility Lien @ 212 Spring Street: Alderman Heck moved to approve a Release of the Special Lien for Utilities at 212 Spring Street, Krueger seconded. Approved unanimously.

• Approve Special Tax Bill for Nuisance Abatement (Dangerous Building): Alderman Gibson moved to approve a special tax bill for nuisance abatement at 1012 Mill Street, Heck seconded. Approved unanimously.

• City Property & Liability Insurance-Renew or Bid:

Council members agreed to seek bids for city property, liability and workers' compensation insurance. Coverage with MIRMA is effective until June 30.

• Monthly Financial Reports, Six-Month Financial Report & Quarterly TIF Report: The reports were reviewed and discussed.

• Investment of Funds: Certificate of Deposit quotes were reviewed and discussed. Alderman Gibson moved to accept Citizens Bank and Trust's bid of .66% for re-investment of \$200,000 in a 12-month CD, Heck seconded. Approved unanimously.

• Meeting Date: Council members set the next regular meeting for Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

• Executive Safety Committee Meeting Minutes/Employee Safety Awards: In recognition of the safety incentive program, all full-time city employees will be given one-half day of personal leave. Kelly Graves won the drawing for the annual safety award.

Accounts Payable

Alderman Krueger moved to approve the bills paid subsequent to the December 8, 2011, meeting and to approve and pay the current month's bills as presented, Heck seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Alderman Heck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., Krueger seconded. Motion approved.

HOUSEHOLD/SPORTSMAN AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, AT 10 A.M.

TJ HALL BUILDING, OREGON, MO

Location: The TJ Hall Building in Oregon, MO. The TJ Hall Building is on the east side of the courthouse square in Oregon.

Featuring: A very clean 1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, 26,000 miles, (doesn't run); a HUGE collection of jewelry (costume and otherwise); nice household furniture and clean appliances; PLUS EXTRA CLEAN consigned Kawasaki 4-wheeler.

ORDER OF SALE: 10 a.m.: Household items; 12 NOON: Automobile, 4-wheeler, lawn mowers, guns, jewelry, watch fob collection, then clean-up of household items and furniture.

Automobile:
1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, 26,000 actual miles, loaded with accessories, purchased new. This car has been sitting in the garage for years. Does not run, sells as is. NEW OWNER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAME DAY REMOVAL FROM SALE SITE!
CONSIGNER: 2003 Kawasaki Bayou, 250 cc. 2x4 Four Wheeler, 5 spd., forward w/reverse, title, new battery, carburetor overhauled, runs great. Information: Ron Smith, Mound City, MO, 660-442-5929

Guns:
Remington Mod. 700 .243 Rifle w/Weaver K6X Scope (bad medicine for deer and coyotes)
Savage 30 Series C. 410 Gauge Pump Shotgun, ventilated rib, double bead, bird flight scene engraving, SUPERYOUTH GUN OR NICE ADDITION TO ANY COLLECTION!!
Winchester Model 290 .22 Rifle
Ruger .22 cal. Single Six Pistol w/Holster
Auctioneer's Note: The long guns show absolutely no evidence of ever being fired, and the pistol shows very little use. No rust or scratches, these guns are like new out of the box. - Greg

Household Items:
Whirlpool Refrigerator, 2008 model, never used
Apartment size, upright Tappan Freezer
Older Kenmore Washer and Dryer, haven't been used for years; old wringer washing machine
McCoy Cookie Jar; some nice dishes and china; crystal wine glasses; and more
NICE WATCH FOB COLLECTION (Caterpillar, Peterbilt, etc.)
HUGE COLLECTION OF JEWELRY INCLUDING SQUASH BLOSSOM TURQUOISE NECKLACE AND EARRINGS

Tins, new and some old
Texaco Car Collection (4-6 cars)
Children's Books w/CD's
Towels and Linens
Regular Kitchen Items, Tableware, Pots, Pans, etc.
Nice Silver Plate Set of Flatware
Cup and Saucer Collection
Old Flat Irons, Cast Iron Skillets
Jars full of Buttons
Huge collection of Cookbooks (boxes full)
Home Interior Décor, Holiday Decorations
Zenith 20" TV w/stand

Furniture:
Dining Room Table and 4 Chairs
Nice Divan (light floral design)
2 matching Swivel Rockers; End Tables, Lamps, etc.; 2 Easy Chairs; Misc. Furnishings
Lowrey Genie 44 Elec. Organ
Desk and Chair
Like new, 4 pc. Bedroom Set, full size bed
Like new, 1 pc. Hutch, 80" tall, 50" wide, 13" deep
2 pc. Bedroom Set, full size
5 older Sewing Machines

Shop, Lawn and Garden:
Saddle and Misc. Tack
Model 1200 Cub Cadet Lawn Mower, 52" deck
Lawn Boy Push Mower
Weed Eater
2-wheel Utility Cart, pin hitch, w/dump (5'x3')
(2) Chainsaws - Stihl O15/Farmer, in cases
Tool Box and Misc. Wrenches
Full size Pool Table (bad cloth)
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Mound City Panthers claim third place

The Mound City Panthers- Claimed the third place trophy at the 38th Stanberry Invitational Tournament on Saturday, January 14, with a 51-48 win over the Albany Warriors. The team defeated Worth County in the first round and lost to the Jefferson Eagles in the second round. Team members include, left to right, back row: Luke Sanders, Brett Johnson, James Walker, Hayston Wilson, Jeff Atkins, Ben Luna, Lucas Schawang and Kase Newcomb. Front row: Josh Johnson, Hayden Marrs, Dayne Messer and Miles Jumps. The team is coached by Korey Miles and assisted by Brian Messer.



Lady Panthers win Stanberry Tournament

The Mound City Lady Panthers- Claimed the first place trophy after a 45-36 win over the Jefferson Eagles in the 38th Stanberry Invitational Tournament on Saturday, January 14. The championship game came after first and second round wins over Worth County and King City. The team includes members, left to right, back row: Assistant Coach Brian Messer, Lena Ashford, Alex Phillips, Haylee Clifton, Eryn Acton, Carina Metzgar and Coach Brooke Crawford. Front row: (seniors) Abby Haer, Taylor Miles, Jordyn Pankau, Whisper Parrish, Josie Bomar and Tori Ingram.

Lady Panthers defeat Jefferson to win Stanberry Tournament

Mound City participated in the 38th Annual Stanberry Tournament in Stanberry, MO, playing opening round games on Tuesday, January 10. The Lady Panthers claimed wins over Worth County, King City and Jefferson to claim the first place trophy. The Panthers defeated Worth County, and then lost to Jefferson before winning the third place game against Albany.

The 2nd seed Lady Panthers started tournament play with a 55-25 win over the 7th seed Worth County Lady Tigers on Tuesday. The Lady Panthers took a 15-8 lead in the first quarter and after tacking up 19 second quarter points, led 34-15 at the half. Mound City outscored Worth County 14-4 in the third frame and coasted to a 55-25 win.

Tori Ingram led the Lady Panthers with 12 points, and had a rebound and 6 steals and 2 blocks. Alex Phillips had 11 points, led the team with 10 rebounds and had 3 steals. Abby Haer and Whisper Parrish had 10 points each. Abby added a rebound and 4 steals. Whisper had 6 rebounds, an assist and 4 steals. Josie Bomar and Eryn Acton had 3 points and 2 rebounds each. Josie also blocked 2 shots. Haylee Clifton, Jordyn Pankau and Lena Ashford had 2 points each. Haylee added 2 rebounds and a steal. Jordyn added 2 steals. Taylor Miles had 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Carina Metzgar pulled down 3 rebounds.

The 5th seed Mound City Panthers played the 4th seed Worth County Tigers and finished with a 47-19 win. The Panthers established a

minimal 15-11 lead over the Tigers in the first frame. The Panther defense held the Tigers to two second quarter points, to give Mound City a 26-13 halftime lead. A 17-4 third quarter performance propelled the Panthers to the 47-19 win.

Mound City scoring was led by Lucas Schawang with 20 points. He added 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists. Jeff Atkins added 15 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists. Ben Luna had 4 points, led the team with 7 rebounds and had 2 steals. Kase Newcomb had 3 points, a rebound and a steal. Hayden Marrs and Hayston Wilson scored 2 points each. Hayden added 4 rebounds, a steal and 2 assists. Hayston added 3 rebounds and a steal. James Walker had a point, 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Brett Johnson had 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Luke Sanders had a steal and an assist. Miles Loucks had 3 rebounds and a blocked shot and Dayne Messer had a steal.

On Thursday, January 12, both Panther teams returned to Stanberry for second round contests with the King City Lady Wildcats and the Jefferson Eagles. After a close game earlier this season with the King City Lady Wildcats, the Lady Panthers were on their game to put the Lady Cats away 51-33. Mound City took a 16-10 first quarter lead that it extended to 32-20 by the half. Holding the Lady Wildcats to two third quarter points, the Lady Panthers held a 45-22 lead at the end of three, and coasted to a 51-33 win.

Alex Phillips dropped in five 3-pointers to lead the

Lady Panthers in scoring with 17 points. She also had two rebounds and a block. Tori Ingram had 16 points, 7 rebounds, 4 blocked shots and 5 steals. Whisper Parrish and Abby Haer each had 5 points. Whisper led the team in rebounds with 10, and had a steal. Abby had 3 rebounds and a steal. Haylee Clifton had 3 points, 3 rebounds, an assist and 4 steals. Josie Bomar had 3 points and a rebound. Eryn Acton had 2 points and a rebound. Jordyn Pankau had 4 steals.

The Mound City Panthers played the Jefferson Eagles for the second time this season. The Eagles jumped out to a 20-9 first quarter lead over the Panthers. Despite a 19-12 second quarter performance by the Panthers, the Eagles claimed a 60-43 win.

Leading the Panther scoring was Lucas Schawang with 21 points. He added 3 rebounds, and led the team with 5 steals and 4 assists. Jeff Atkins had 15 points, a rebound, 3 steals and 2 assists. Kase Newcomb added 3 points, a rebound and a block. Ben Luna and James Walker had 2 points each. Ben also had 2 rebounds and James had an assist. Hayden Marrs added 3 rebounds and Brett Johnson added a rebound. Luke Sanders recorded 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 assists.

On Saturday, January 14, the Mound City Panther basketball team won the third place game against the Albany Warriors by a score of 51-48. Mound City took a 13-5 first quarter lead, that it held at 29-22 by the half. Albany outscored the Panthers by 4 in the second half, but the Panthers managed to hold on for the 51-48 win.

Panthers take third with win over Albany

The win was propelled by a 22-point game from Lucas Schawang, who also added 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 6 assists. Jeff Atkins added 14 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Ben Luna, Hayden Marrs and Kase Newcomb added 3 points each to the win. Ben added 2 rebounds, and Hayden a rebound and a steal. Kase led the team with 9 rebounds and an assist. James Walker, Brett Johnson and Hayston Wilson tacked up 2 each for the Panthers. James had 4 rebounds, a steal and an assist. Brett had 2 steals. Luke Sanders pulled down a rebound.

In the girls' championship game, the Mound City Panthers pulled off a decisive win over the Jefferson Lady Eagles. The victory came despite Jefferson edging a 10-7 first quarter lead. The Lady Panthers took a 14-13 lead

with a minute to play in the half. Mound City led 16-15 at the break. The Lady Panthers transitioned well in the second half and continued to pull away from the Jefferson team. Mound City turned a 30-25 third quarter lead into a 45-36 win.

Whisper Parrish led the Lady Panthers with 12 points. She also pulled down 8 rebounds and had a steal. Tori Ingram and Abby Haer had 9 points each. Tori led the team with 13 rebounds, and had 2 blocked shots and 3 steals. Abby added 5 steals and a block. Alex Phillips had 8 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals. Haylee Clifton had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Taylor Miles had a steal and Josie Bomar had a rebound.

The win gave the Lady Panthers a 10-3 record overall. The Panthers are 6-7 on the season.



Senior Panther Jeff Atkins, #23- Drained another 3-pointer during the Panthers' semifinal game of the Stanberry Tournament with the Jefferson Eagles on Thursday, January 12. Jeff scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers, in the 60-43 loss.



Mound City 5th grade girls win North Nodaway Tournament

The Mound City Girls' 5th Grade basketball team- Placed first in the North Nodaway Tournament held in Hopkins, MO, on Saturday, January 7. Team members include back row, left to right, Assistant Coach Mike Quilty, Emma Gibson, Britney Wright, Hannah Wedlock, Victoria Nauman, Destiny Grover, Maggie Baker and Coach Chad Derr. Front row, left to right, Brylie Schwebach, Gracie Caton, Desiree Hufford, Paige Quilty, Emma Derr and Kyrsten Peters.



Senior Whisper Parrish, #30- Attacked the basket during the Lady Panthers' championship game of the Stanberry Tournament with the Jefferson Lady Eagles on Saturday, January 14. Whisper scored 12 points in the 45-36 victory. Haylee Clifton, #20, was setting a screen for the Lady Panthers.

CRAIG COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(ITEMS MUST BE AT THE MOUND CITY NEWS BY NOON MONDAY)

- Jan. 24 - JV/Varsity Basketball at Northeast Nodaway - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - JV/Varsity Basketball at Farragut, IA - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - JV/Varsity Basketball at Rock Port - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 30 - JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Essex, IA, at Craig - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - JV/Varsity Basketball at South Nodaway - 5 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - Craig CTA Soup Supper in Craig R-3 Cafeteria - 5-7:30 p.m.

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South Holt's McKenzi Prussman, #12, right- Raced up the floor under the close defense of a St. Joe Christian Lady Lion. The Lady Knights played in the championship game of the Fairfax Tournament on Friday, January 13. McKenzi scored three points in the 44-34 loss.



Mac Kelly- Scored 3 points in South Holt's third place game against the Rock Port Blue Jays on Friday, January 13, at the Fairfax Tournament.



Megan Rosenbohm- Finished this race to the basket with another earned two points for the Lady Trojans during their game against the North Nodaway Lady Mustangs at the Fairfax Tournament on Saturday, January 14. Megan led the Lady Trojans with 34 points, 15 rebounds and 5 assists in the 55-50 third place loss.



The Fairfax All-Tournament Teams- Were selected at the conclusion of the Fairfax Invitational Tournament in Fairfax, MO, January 9-14. Girls' team members shown above, left to right, include: Emily Cox of South Holt; Abby McEnaney of Tarkio; Megan Rosenbohm of Nodaway-Holt; Alexa Taft of St. Joe Christian; and Rebecca Geib of Craig/Fairfax. Not pictured is Cambry Schluter of North Nodaway.



(Above) The Fairfax All-Tournament Teams- Were selected at the conclusion of the Fairfax Invitational Tournament in Fairfax, MO, January 9-14. Boys' team members shown above, left to right, include: Chandler Farmer of Rock Port; Eric Duncan of Rock Port; Brandon Saxton of Nodaway-Holt; Brandon Shank of St. Joe Christian; and Forrest Hicks of St. Joe Christian. Not pictured is Kolby Marriott of West Nodaway. (Avalanche Photo)



(Right) South Holt Knight- Jakob Allen looked to pass in the team's third place game of the Fairfax Tournament on Friday, January 13. The Knights fell 52-21 to Rock Port.

Fairfax Tournament results

The Fairfax Basketball Tournament, which began its opening rounds of basketball on Monday, January 9, in Fairfax, MO, saw the Nodaway-Holt girls and boys and the St. Joe Christian (SJC) girls and boys advancing to semifinal games. The results of the Monday games were in last week's edition of the *Mound City News*.

The North Nodaway girls beat the Craig/Fairfax girls 36-30 in the first contest of the evening during Tuesday night's first round games. The Lady Bulldogs stayed close, though the Mustangs held a 9-7 first quarter lead, and were up 20-12 at the break. Trailing 29-20 at the end of three quarters, the Lady Bulldogs outscored North Nodaway in the final frame. The Lady Mustangs came away with the 36-30 win.

Leading CFX in scoring was Rebecca Geib with 8 points and Nicole Heits with 7 points. Darian Burke and Alyssa Lewis had 5 points each, and Aleesha Ball added 4 points. Kelly Dougherty recorded one point.

The South Holt boys played the second game of the evening and defeated the West Nodaway boys, 44-41. The first period had South Holt leading 8-5, before West Nodaway tacked up 10 second quarter points to finish the half ahead 15-12. The South Holt team mounted a great third quarter to build a 30-23 lead that was enough to finish with the 44-41 win.

Kylynn Sisk finished the South Holt win with 22 points. Mitch Mueller and Chase Howell added 6 points each. Mac Kelly and Billy Brock had 5 points each.

The South Holt girls claimed a 56-51 win over Tarkio. The Tarkio Lady Indians took a 17-11 lead in the first quarter over the Lady Knights, that Tarkio extend-

ed to 32-21 by the half. The second half was all South Holt, as the Lady Knights mounted a comeback and had the game within reach by the end of the third period, trailing 38-37. Outscoring the Lady Indians 19-13 in the final frame gave the Lady Knights a 56-51 win.

Emily Cox led the Lady Knight scoring with 17 points, and had 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Chelsea Acton added 13 points, 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Blair Million and Cami Scroggins added 8 points each. Blair added 7 rebounds and an assist, while Cami had 4 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. Sarah Costello tacked up 7 points and led the team with 9 rebounds. McKenzi Prussman dropped in 2 points and had an assist and 2 steals. Darian Kurtz added one point and 2 rebounds in the victory.

In the final game of the evening, the Rock Port boys defeated the Tarkio boys 49-34.

The Wednesday night semifinal games started with the St. Joe Christian Lady Lions defeating the North Nodaway Lady Mustangs 50-32.

The next win was claimed by the Nodaway-Holt Trojans over the South Holt Knights. A tight 16-15 South Holt first quarter lead was edged out by Nodaway-Holt as the Trojans took a 25-24 lead into the break. South Holt claimed the third quarter, outscoring the Trojans 13-7, but the fourth quarter was all Trojans, as a 15-6 rally ultimately gave Nodaway-Holt the 47-43 win.

Jackson Beattie led the Nodaway-Holt Trojans with 14 points. Nick Patterson and Derek Lemon added 8 points each. Cody Schniedermeyer had 4 points. Zach Lemar, Josh Schafer, Stephen Schniedermeyer and Brandon Saxton added 2 points each.

South Holt's scoring was led by Mac Kelly with 11 points. Mitch Mueller had 9 for the Knights. Jakob Allen and Kylynn Sisk added 7 each. Billy Brock had 5 points, and Chase Howell had 4 points.

The South Holt Lady Knights turned in a 66-57 win over the Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans to propel South Holt to the championship game with the SJC Lady Lions.

The Lady Knights jumped out to an 18-10 first quarter lead over the Lady Trojans, which they extended to 38-21 going into the break. The Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans came back and cut their deficit to 52-45 in the third quarter. South Holt staved off the comeback and claimed a 66-57 win over Nodaway-Holt.

Leading the Lady Knights in scoring was Emily Cox with 25 points. She also had 8 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. Blair Million added 21 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists and a steal. McKenzi Prussman had 7 points, a rebound, 5 assists and 2 steals. Sarah Costello had 5 points and led the team with 9 rebounds. Cami Scroggins had 4 points, a rebound and an assist. Chelsea Acton and Darian Kurtz had 2 points each in the win. Chelsea added 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. Darian recorded 1 rebound.

Megan Rosenbohm led the Lady Trojans with 29 points, 7 steals and 5 blocked shots. Amanda O'Riley added 9 points, Kalli Devers 7 points, Krysta Beattie 6 points, Darcie Gallagher 4 points and Bailea Lance 2 points.

The SJC boys closed out the evening with a 44-32 win over the Rock Port Blue Jays.

Consolation bracket games were played on Thursday, January 12, and began with the CFX girls coasting to a 57-33 finish over the West Nodaway Lady Rockets. The contest started with the Lady Bulldogs taking a marginal 14-12 first quarter lead. Outscoring the Lady Rockets 15-5 and 17-5 in the next two periods set up the win for the Lady Bulldogs.

Rebecca Geib led the Lady Bulldogs with 27 points. Darian Burke added 14 points. Aleesha Ball had 7 points and Brooklynn Morris added 3. Scoring 2 points each were Kelly Dougherty, Nicole Heits and Alyssa Lewis.

The West Nodaway Rockets finished with a 67-40 win over the North Nodaway Mustangs in the boys' game. The girls' game between the

Tarkio Lady Indians and the Rock Port Lady Jays finished with Tarkio the 59-42 victor.

The final game of the evening pitted the Tarkio Indians against the CFX Hornets. The Hornets held a 12-8 lead after the first quarter, before the Indians fired up 21 second quarter points to take a 29-19 lead at the break. Tarkio maintained its intensity and coasted to a 52-36 win over the Hornets.

Tristan Ray led the Hornets with 12 points. Thauan Andrade added 9 points. Spencer Gibson added 6 points, Keifer Nemyer 5 points and Wyatt Drewes 4 points.

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- January 17-21 - Varsity Basketball at Elwood Tournament - TBA
- January 20 - Basic Vegetable Gardening Class at The Klub - 10 a.m.
- January 21 - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Mound City Nutrition Site - 7:30 a.m.
- January 22 - "Secretariat" at State Theater - 1:30 p.m.
- January 24 - Story Time at Mound City Library - 10:30 a.m.
- January 24 - JV/Varsity Basketball at North Nodaway - 5 p.m.
- January 26 - Mound City Elementary Chili Cook-Off - TBA
- January 27 - JV/Varsity Basketball at Tarkio - 5 p.m.
- January 31 - Varsity Basketball vs. Mid-Buchanan at Mound City - 6:30 p.m.
- February 6 - Friends of the Library at Mound City Library - 5 p.m.
- February 9 - Mound City City Council at Mound City City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Every Friday at the Mound City Nutrition Site
Doughnuts, Doughnut Holes, Cinnamon Rolls
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Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m.,
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Concordia Lutheran Church, Mound City

Deadline for Calendar Items is Monday Evening

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Knights of Columbus FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Savannah Middle School Gym

WHO CAN COMPETE: Girls and Boys Ages 9-14

REGISTRATION: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the gym

Competition is FREE and prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd places. First place winners in each category advance to district/regional/state competitions. (9 year-olds' local competition only)

For more information contact:

Rodney Saunders, 816-387-7597 or
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FCS Financial announces 2012 scholarship program

To encourage and support higher education for relatives of FCS Financial members, FCS Financial will again offer up to 35 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. The scholarship deadline is March 1 and recipients will be notified in April.

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The scholarship applicants are then judged on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays by a non-partisan committee.

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Apply online at www.myfcsfinancial.com. Click on Scholarships at the top of the web page. Relatives of FCS Financial board members or employees are not eligible.

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Holt County traffic violations

The following traffic violations that occurred in Holt County were paid through the Missouri Judiciary Fine Collection Center:

Bradley Eugene Bird- Of Lawrence, KS, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on December 23, 2011. Case disposed on January 6, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Lisa Gail Coker- Of Mound City, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on December 16, 2011. Case disposed on January 10, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Damon Lynn Colson- Of Murphy, TX, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 16-19 Mph). Case filed on December 16, 2011. Case disposed on January 9, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Christopher M. Conrad- Of Kearney, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on December 2, 2011. Case disposed on January 7, 2012. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

Christopher M. Conrad- Of Kearney, MO, Driver/Front Seat Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt. Case filed on December 2, 2011. Case disposed on January 7, 2012. Fine Amount: \$10.00.

Christopher M. Conrad- Of Kearney, MO, Operate Vehicle On Highway Without a Valid License - 1st Offense. Case filed on December 2, 2011. Case disposed on January 7, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Vickie Lynn Davis- Of Oregon, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 16-19 Mph). Case filed on December 2, 2011. Case disposed on January 5, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Jamar L. Dorsey- Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on December 28, 2011. Case

disposed on January 9, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Danny Leon Dykes- Of Cleveland, MS, Failed To Have 2 Lighted Headlamps - 1 On Each Side Of Passenger Car/Truck/Bus. Case filed on November 29, 2011. Case disposed on January 10, 2012. Fine Amount: \$20.50.

Randall Alvin Fields- Of Tonganoxie, KS, Operated Mtr Carrier On Tires Fabric Exposed/Inferior Load Rate/Groove Depth/Flat. Case filed on December 6, 2011. Case disposed on January 10, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Jamie K. Garrison- Of Lincoln, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on December 7, 2011. Case disposed on January 6, 2012. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

Phillip Michael Hiatt- Of Woodlawn, VA, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on December 18, 2011. Case disposed on January 10, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Erin Marie Hoekstra- Of Dakota Dunes, SD, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Mph). Case filed on November 26, 2011. Case disposed on January 5, 2012. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Dean Leroy Johnson- Of Tracy, MN, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on December 16, 2011. Case disposed on January 9, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Brandon Leroy Knobloch- Of Worthing, SD, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Mph). Case filed on December 18, 2011. Case disposed on January 10, 2012. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Wesley Raymond Leuck- Of Kansas City, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Mph). Case filed on December 15, 2011. Case disposed on January 8, 2012. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Matthew W. Livengood-

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Pool Electrical Improvements

The City of Mound City is requesting sealed bids to design and build electrical improvements at the swimming pool. Specifications and contract documents are available at City Hall, 205 E. 6th St., Mound City, MO 64470.

Mail or deliver bids to City Hall in a sealed envelope marked "Pool Electric" on or before 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities therein.

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF HOLT COUNTY LEEVE DISTRICT #15

Notice is hereby given to the landowners lying, being and situate within the boundary limits of the Holt County Levee District #15, of Holt County, Missouri, that a meeting of the Board and interested landowners of said district has been called and will be Friday, January 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Drewes Hangar, 17454 Road 175, Craig, MO 64437, for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

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By Order of the Board - Eddie Drewes, Secretary

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE

Canon Drainage District of Holt County will conduct a showing of debris to be removed from levees and burned on location. Also, levee repair work to be performed and ditch clean-out. Interested contractors will meet at the Forest City Lions Club building in Forest City, MO, on Monday, January 30, 2012, at 9 a.m. For more information, please contact Darwin Binder at 660-572-0001. 28/2tc

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Holt County, Missouri, on behalf of the Big Tarkio Drainage District, requests qualifications for professional engineering and inspection services to assist in a proposed project to be financed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The remainder of the project will be financed by the drainage district. The proposed project will consist of re-construction of two levee breaches located west of Craig, Missouri.

Information provided to Holt County must include:

-The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to levee repairs or related work; (20% determining factor).

-The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within a period of six months, beginning February 1, 2012; (30% determining factor).

-The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules; (25% determining factor).

-The firm's proximity to and familiarity with the area in which the project is located; and (25% determining factor).

-References from previous clients of related work with the firm within the past five years.

This information should be received by 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 30, 2012, at the Holt County Courthouse, PO Box 437, Oregon, MO 64473, at which time the Requests for Qualifications will be opened and reviewed. For more information, please contact Kathy Kunkel at 660-446-3303.

The Big Tarkio Drainage District and County of Holt are Equal Opportunity Employers and invite the submission of qualifications from minority and women-owned firms. 28/1tc

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Holt County, Missouri, on behalf of the Corning Levee District, requests qualifications for professional engineering and inspection services to assist in a proposed project to be financed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The remainder of the project will be financed by the levee district. The proposed project will consist of re-construction of eight levee breaches located west of Craig, Missouri.

Information provided to Holt County must include:

-The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to levee repairs or related work; (20% determining factor).

-The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within a period of six months, beginning February 1, 2012; (30% determining factor).

-The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules; (25% determining factor).

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Lawrence G. Ogden, A Single Man, dated August 30, 2006, recorded on September 1, 2006, as Document No. 789, in Book 373, Page 811, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Holt County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will, on Friday, January 27, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. at the North Front Door of the Holt County Courthouse, in Oregon, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots seven (7) and eight (8), in Block eleven (11), in the Original Town of Craig, Holt County, Missouri, to satisfy said debt and costs.

Martin, Leigh, Laws & Fritzlen, P.C., Successor Trustee
Richard L. Martin, President
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MARTIN, LEIGH, LAWS & FRITZLEN, P.C., AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 26/4tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Jeremy Jackson and Patty Jackson, husband and wife, dated August 9, 2007, recorded on August 13, 2007, in Book 380, Page 113, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Holt County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will, on Friday, February 3, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. at the North Front Door of the Holt County Courthouse, in Oregon, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

All of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 10 of Block I, VALLEY VIEW ADDITION, an addition to the Town, now City of Mound City, Holt County, Missouri, to satisfy said debt and costs.

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Missouri FY 2013 Budget shortfall nearing \$800 million

Shortfall undermines state's ability to create jobs and invest in future

The state of Missouri will face a budget shortfall nearing \$800 million in fiscal year (FY) 2013, making it more difficult than ever for the state to make vital investments to create jobs and boost the economy, according to a new analysis by the Missouri Budget Project. The shortfall is more than \$300 million more than previously estimated by the state.

Moreover, the state won't see relief soon. Even if Missouri brings in as much revenue as predicted this year and continues modest growth each year, it still won't reach

its pre-recession level of general revenue until FY 2016.

"Despite improving economic conditions, Missouri's budget remains in a deep hole," said Amy Blouin, Executive Director of the Missouri Budget Project. "To use a family analogy, while the state's still earning a paycheck, it's taken a huge pay cut in recent years. Just as groceries and gas keep getting more expensive, the state's costs have gone up with inflation, and we've lost pay - it will take another four years before the state will bring in as much as it did back in 2008."

Though the sluggish economy has been a factor in the state's revenue decline, the state's revenue woes are the result of long-term erosion in state revenue and decisions by state lawmakers to choose tax breaks for big profitable corporations over investing in education, transportation, and safety - investments that boost the economy both in the short- and long-term. Moreover, Missouri's general revenue remains extremely low by historic measures, resulting in a significant decline in the state's ability to invest in services.

"The people who came before us made the right decisions to build roads and schools, offer affordable college educations to state residents, and create safe communities," continued Blouin. "These are the kind of investments we need to help create jobs, but they become increasingly out of reach without increased revenue."



Nodaway-Holt girls earn end of season awards

The Nodaway-Holt junior high basketball team members- Received awards for their successful 2011 season. The awards were presented during halftime of the boys' varsity game against Rock Port on Friday, January 6. Team members include, left to right, back row: Ali Shewey, Kristen Keith, Jaylee Holmes, Jordan Long, Kennedy Sportsman, Frankie Lemar, Ashley Brashears and Samantha Shipp. Front row includes Macie Bohannon, Samantha Keith, Maddie Lance, Rachel Farmer, Maggie Fuhrman and Nicole Albertson. The team was coached by David Carroll.

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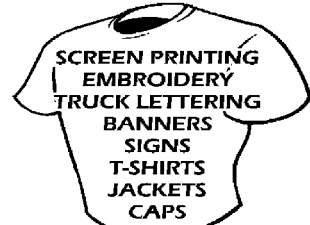
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Holt County 2012 budget approved

A 2012 Holt County budget was approved during a meeting at the Holt County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 17. The following Budget Message was prepared by County Clerk and Budget Officer, Kathy Kunkel and reads:

Holt County enters 2012 facing unprecedented disaster recovery from the Flood of 2011. Nearly 40% of the county's landmass was covered or touched by floodwaters for over 100 days in 2011. The communities within Holt County of Big Lake, Bigelow, Corning, Craig, and Fortescue suffered great loss as homes, businesses and farm ground were destroyed. Many families have relocated from their homes and many will never return. The county's economy was uprooted with the floodwaters as Interstate 29 was closed, businesses shut their doors and a vast harvest was lost to the Missouri River's expanded territory.

Holt County has been no stranger to disaster in the last five years. Its citizens have seen four substantial floods (2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011); a prolonged ice storm in December of 2007; softball-sized hail that attacked the lower half of the county in 2009; winter blizzards; minor tornados; and wind and hail events from north to south. In this time, the county's elected officials have responded to the varying disasters and made extreme efforts to conserve county funds, actively seek grant funding and working diligently with FEMA to secure resources for restoring the infrastructure of the county. It has been a long journey.

In that same time period, Holt County officials have embraced change and looked for

ways to provide more services from their offices on tighter budgets. The County Commission secured a \$297,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in-kind services and a zero-interest USDA loan through United Electric Cooperative to build the Holt County Annex Building, with construction occurring throughout 2009. This facility now houses the University Extension offices and the Holt County Health Department and has been a great asset to the county's operations. Due to the hail storm, the courthouse, jail and South District road and bridge barn all received new roofs in 2009. The metal roofs are proving to be energy efficient and were paid for through insurance coverage. Development of a county-wide GIS mapping system began in earnest in 2009 with completion in early 2011. An ambitious plan to upgrade 911 started with the passage of a ¼ cent sales tax in November of 2009. Proceeds from the tax have allowed for implementation of Phase 1 wireless communication in 2010-2011. Another phase of development, a full 911 Address Audit, started in 2011 and will wrap up in 2012. The county contracted with Midland GIS, Maryville, MO, to verify each residential 911 address and create a digital map showing its location. The Sheriff's Office and 911 Dispatch will move to a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system using this new map in 2012. Dispatch also received new radio equipment in 2011 thanks to a Homeland Security Grant.

In 2012, more innovative changes are on the way. The county will launch a website in 2012 to host basic infor-

mation about each office and department and provide contact information to the public. Plans are underway to develop a web-based GIS program for county use that gives staff members access to the county's digital maps and related information at their desktops. A basic map will be available for the public to access on the internet, as well. Enhanced 911 with Phase 2 wireless capabilities are on the way in 2012-13. This new system allows a dispatcher (with the use of the map) to locate the position of a cell phone caller in distress. Anticipated grant funds will help complete the system to modern standards and beyond.

The County Commission has taken the lead in securing grants that extend the county's limited dollars. Commissioners also are working to create cooperative agreements between the various political subdivisions of the county in disaster response and recovery. The County Commission has agreed to support recovery in the levee and drainage districts of Holt County in 2012. The CDBG Fund sees action again as seven of the county's levee and drainage districts requested CDBG Emergency Fund dollars totaling over \$3.4 million to make levee repairs. The Commission has also agreed to serve as the sponsor for any USDA funds that might be needed to make necessary levee repairs lingering from the flooding.

2011's disaster strained General Revenue departmental budgets, causing officials and department heads to buckle down spending mid-year while facing the unknown. At year-end, fees for services posted a 5% loss over anticipated revenues. Sales Tax rebounded in the last quarter after showing up to 20% declines in the summer months, ending the year 5% under projections. Construction-related activities became General Revenue's saving grace as Use Tax doubled, bringing in an unexpected \$101,000 over projected annual revenues. All office holder budgets in General Revenue remained under allowable expenditures with the exception of the sheriff, who's budget went over by 1.35% or \$2,777.26. Overall, the General Revenue Fund posted revenues of 1% over conservative projections to end the year at \$1,456,699; and held expenditures in line at only 86.81% of the \$1,563,022 budgeted, coming in at \$1,356,815. A strong commitment to saving and the windfall from Use Tax allowed the General

Revenue Fund to see a net cash gain of \$98,883.47. Office holders were able to allow for a 4% staff pay increase in the County Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, Collector, and Prosecutor departmental budgets for 2012, without adjusting previously allocated funds. All staff salary line items in those budgets remain at 2011 levels including the increase in pay. The Health Department staff also received 4% pay increases offset by reductions in various other departmental expenditures. No increases were included for the Jail/Dispatch staff, which has a pay scale matrix implemented in 2011, providing for incremental pay increases based on job training and the ability to earn overtime. Sheriff's deputies received a raise in 2011 and will see new income from the Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Grant Fund in 2012.

The Road and Bridge Fund saw a lot of action in 2011 as the County Commission implemented a new distribution program with the state and local County Aid Road Trust (CART) funds. Those funds were divided by the miles of roadway each district has to maintain within the county and applied to the accounts as CART rock was used. A final transfer from previous years was made to the Road and Bridge Fund to close out the accounts from 2010 and prior with \$578,047 coming from State CART and \$122,567 from Local CART. Both state and local CART funds retain proceeds from the 2011 CART funds for distribution to the road districts of the county upon completion of their CART rock application and submittal of paperwork. The county Road and Bridge Fund saw the 2011 Flood impact the budget by allocating labor, equipment and resources to the flood fight. Reimbursements from FEMA for 2011 Emergency Protective Measures and 2010 Flood construction work are expected in 2012. Road and Bridge Fund ended the year with revenues at 95% of those anticipated and expenditures at 86.69% of those available; bringing in \$1,840,486 and, spending \$1,517,072. Commissioners reviewed equipment needs and, after determining that John Deere graders purchased 10 years ago were in desperate need of replacement, they have entered into a lease-purchase agreement for two new graders, with payments to begin in 2012. Plans are underway to replace the remaining 2 graders, also purchased 10 years ago, as funds allow. Commissioners gave a 4% raise to full-time staff of the Road and Bridge Department, bringing hourly rates for qualified, tenured staff to \$12.69 per hour at the onset of 2012.

The Assessment Fund reflects an increase in expenditures in 2012, with Assessor Carla Markt requesting to spend most of the remaining cash on hand of \$45,000 in conjunction with anticipated revenues of \$128,025 for an overall expense package of \$162,000, up from 2011's appropriation of \$150,719. This request leaves \$11,111 remaining in the Assessment Fund at the close of the year. The County General Revenue Fund has a commitment of \$9,000 to the Assessment fund each year; the majority of the fund's revenue comes from a 1.5% fee on county tax collections, bringing in \$88,259 in 2011. Reimbursements from the State Tax Commission netted \$24,238 in the fiscal year. The Assessment Fund is an independent fund by state statute that allows the assessor to hire staff and set salaries without approval from the County Commission. Assessor Markt gave \$700 increases to each of her three full-time staff members for 2012.

This is the second year the Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) will see distribution of surplus funds, with an estimated \$6,500 available by year-end. Bonds incurred for the construction of the

South Holt Recreation District Pool paid out in 2010, yet a tax liability on a 20-year plan is still in force. These surplus funds will be allocated and distributed by the reconvened NID Board for use within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Improvement District, which is the same as that of Southern Fire Protection District, encompassing all of Oregon, Forest City and the rural areas around each community. Surplus funds can be used to enhance and benefit recreational needs anywhere within the district. 2011's distribution saw funds allocated to the South Holt Pool, Kiwanis Club for the newly constructed little league ball field, and the City of Forest City for baseball field renovations.

New to the budget this year is the Sheriff's Revolving Fund. This fund started in July, 2011, when the sheriff was prompted by the State Auditor's Office to turn funds collected for Conceal and Carry Weapons permits over to the County Treasurer. Approximately \$6,842.89 was deposited to start the fund from cash on hand with the sheriff. Fees have been deposited into the fund regularly in the last half of the year. No appropriation was made to expend money from this fund in the 2011 Budget, though expenditures tracked in the last half of the year were made of \$2,348.97.

Also new to the budget for 2012 is the Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund. This fund is grant driven and is an outgrowth of state legislation in 2008 that sought to bring all sheriff's deputies to a base pay of \$28,000 annually. Holt County applied for the grant funds to supplement the existing salaries of current staff members. The grant is anticipated to bring in nearly \$20,000 for salary and fringe benefits. A special payroll will be created to pay the "supplemental" salary for the duration of the grant funding. Deputy sheriff's base pay will remain the same as 2011 and the supplemental salary will be paid only if grant funds are received. General Revenue will transfer \$10,000 to start the fund for payroll purposes, which will be reimbursed as grant funds are made available.

The 911 Fund sees increases in spending for 2012 to help offset costs associated with many upgrades in the system including the CAD, webGIS, Phase 2 wireless and additional equipment purchases and training. The 911 Fund is nearly 100% funded by sales

tax with \$182,077 coming into the fund for 2011. Sales of plat books and maps make up the remaining \$4,305 in revenue. Expenditures were held at 78% of budget at \$169,847 for the year. 2012 expenditures are set at \$250,200; utilizing \$63,600 of the cash on hand that has been building up since collection of the new ¼ cent sales tax began.

The Senior Citizens Services Fund had ample cash on hand at the close of 2011, posting a bank balance of \$17,069. That, coupled with property tax revenue for 2012, gives the Board of Directors additional funds to distribute to the senior centers serving citizens of Holt County. An estimated \$60,000 will be available for distribution in 2012, up from \$40,000 in 2011. The Johnson Grass Board made no changes to its fund's expenditures from 2011, which are based on property tax revenue that is expected to bring in over \$35,000 in 2012.

Of note, the Mausoleum Fund replaces the previously described Cemetery Trust Fund in the 2012 Budget as that was an inaccurate description of the fund. This fund is specific to the three mausoleums in Holt County located in Maitland, Mound City and Oregon. The fund is comprised of three perpetual trusts intended to sustain the mausoleums after their construction. Unfortunately, the funds on hand create very little interest money for the upkeep of the structures. The Commission is researching alternatives for ongoing maintenance and repairs. The county maintains many other cemetery trust funds, but does not offer a budget for the renewal of those Certificates of Deposit or distribution of interest. A complete listing is included in the county's Annual Financial Statement.

2011 was a challenging year that required significant compromise and a willingness to restrain from spending in uncertain times. Holt County's office holders have submitted budgets for the 2012 year that show the same fiscal restraint and yet meet the duties of their varying offices. As we face the New Year, levees are broken, homes are washed away and farm ground is drifted with sand. We recognize another flood may be in our future, but we also see that levees will be rebuilt, homes will be restored, crops will be planted, and goods and services will be moved throughout our county, all of which will help us recover and, in time, prosper.



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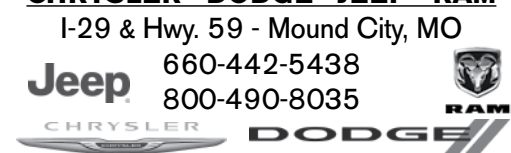
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Mound City Library receives summer library program grant

The Mound City Public Library and librarian, Cindy Grant, were notified on Friday, January 13, of the library's approval for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Summer Library Program Grant.

The Mound City Public Library was among 23 libraries across the state that received a portion of the grant funds. The Mound City Library was awarded a \$4,700 grant for its summer program. This is the 15th grant the Mound City Library has received.

The name of this year's summer reading programs are "Dream Big! Read" for children and "Own The Night" for teens. The program provide an opportunity for kids to participate in a reading challenge and earn prizes for their efforts.

This is the second year the Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) will see distribution of surplus funds, with an estimated \$6,500 available by year-end. Bonds incurred for the construction of the

will be held on Wednesdays. Craft activities are planned for each story time.

Several area partners will participate. The wildlife refuge has again offered the use of its auditorium space and outdoor classroom for an astronomy program. A new partner this year is Northwest Missouri State University. The Friends of the Library assist each year with funds raised from the annual book sales. A variety of presenters and performers are lined up for the program which will begin June 1 and end July 31. As June registration draws closer, schedule information will be available at the library and on the web site at <http://moundcitypubliclibrary.lib.mo.us> or by calling the library at 660-442-5700.

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