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Mound City Alumni Basketball Tournament to be held January 19

The second annual Mound City Alumni Basketball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, at the Mound City gymnasium. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go towards the new weight room.

Each team's entry fee for the double elimination tournament is \$20 per person on the team. Admission for non-players is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, and free for non school age children. A concession stand will be available.

To register a team, or ask further questions, call the school at 660-442-5429 or email Korey Miles at korey.miles@mndcty.k12.mo.us.

Pork chop dinner in Graham

The Graham Lions Club will be hosting a pork chop dinner at the Graham Community Building on Saturday, January 5, 2013. The full meal featuring Iowa pork chops will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The all you can eat meal will cost \$9.50 for adults, and \$4.00 for children.



Goose & Duck Numbers on the Refuge

As of 12/19/13
GEESE - 301,634
DUCKS - 78,042



James 'Suddy' Schoonover - Has continued to report to work every day for the past 60 years to Schoonover Oil Company, the business he founded in Mound City. The 85 year-old lifelong entrepreneur enjoys his work, and is at home at the company he and his wife, Faire, began in 1952. Their picture sits prominently on his desk.

Schoonover Oil Company celebrates 60 years of business

The dawn of 2013 closed the chapter on the 60th anniversary year of business for Schoonover Oil Company at the interchange of State Street and the I-29 overpass in Mound City. James 'Suddy' Schoonover and his wife, Faire, started business at the little corner gas station at the intersection of 5th and Nebraska streets in Mound City in 1952. It was there that the husband/wife team decided to start a business of service to the community of Mound City that has lasted three scores.

Suddy started his entrepreneurship skills selling popcorn as a 10-12 year-old youth on State Street of Mound City on Saturday nights. Everyone came to town then, and Suddy saw an 'opportunity' to make some cash. He sold popcorn for 5¢ a sack, or sometimes he'd try to make deals at "2 for 5¢ each"! He remembers Faire joining him on State Street to sell popcorn, as she often did in the later years, as well as the night before the two got married on April 16, 1950.

After six years of business at the couple's first establishment, the Schoonover duo decided to change locations and purchased the gas station, where it presently sits, from Prince Black in 1958. The full service business sold fuel, fixed and sold tires, and had a cafe. It was Faire who thought the business should expand into the propane business, which it did in 1962.

Schoonover Oil Company was the first in town to have a canopy and digital pumps. The Schoonovers were always willing to expand and they worked hard. (Suddy was still working on truck tires well past the age of 60). When asked about the longevity and success of the business, Suddy stated, "The three of us have done real well. That's the Lord, me, and Faire."

Suddy recalled putting a sign at the end of the drive that read 19.9¢ per gallon---no city taxes here (when the taxes were actually no different than any other business).

This was one of many sales tactics that Suddy has used over the years to help promote business. During slow times, Suddy would survey the tires of patrons' trucks parked at the business, and then go make a deal with the patron for new tires while they ate breakfast at the cafe. The deal was made, which put the service guys back to work, and more tires were sold.

The full service station operated day and night for decades. Suddy pulled an old advertisement out of his desk from 1966. The full page ad had various tire prices, which included a 3-T nylon all weather tire for \$11.66. "Whatever thou do, do quickly," Suddy remarked was one of his sayings, which is usually how he made his decisions. He also liked the statement, "What you are to be, you are fast becoming," a motto he lived by as he continually looked for new avenues of revenue, to stay busy and improve his service.

In addition to growing their business during the first decade, the Schoonovers grew their family. Faire continued to help Suddy at Schoonover Oil, as well as juggling their home which, by 1963, was filled with their four children, Jon, Jill, Gay and Bryce. Not only did the couple have a house full, but the business employed anywhere from 25-30 people during those years. To the Schoonovers' credit, many of their employees had over 20 year tenures with the business.

Suddy had his hand in many other ventures, as well as making business related deals. At various times, he owned a Big A-sprayer rig, a lumber yard that sat where Farmers State Bank now sits, and the Trading Post, which was operated by his daughter, Jill, and her husband, Dave, for many years. Suddy loved a bargain; and he was always looking to save a buck, which may be why, after delivering a truck for repair to St. Joe or Kansas City, he'd just hitchhike back to Mound City.

The business purchased Wiley Propane Company of

Maitland, MO, in the early 70's. Schoonover Oil changed its face from DX to Phillips 66 in 1981. The Schoonover Cafe suffered a devastating fire in 1976. With much kind help, by the next day, the building had been gutted, and the business was functioning out of a trailer. The restaurant was rebuilt after the fire, and continued to serve people until October 2002. The convenience store (C-Store) and pumps remained open until the south pumps sold to Kwik Zone in July of 2003.

Bryce Schoonover, the youngest son, began working at the station right out of high school. He continued to work alongside his father. Bryce's wife, Patty, also worked for the business. Bryce and Patty purchased the business from Jim and Faire in August of 2004.

Full service fuel pumps, tire repair and the restaurant have gone by the wayside, but Schoonover Oil is still a thriving business that continues to serve the many customers that its original owner stated, "have been awful good".

Price of stamps increases by one cent

The U.S. Postal Service has announced new prices and services for 2013. The price for First-Class Mail single-piece letters will increase by just a penny when prices change on Sunday, January 27. Other changes in the postal service include a first-ever Global Forever stamp.

The price for a single one ounce letter will increase to \$.46. The cost of additional ounces will remain unchanged at \$.20 per ounce. The new \$.46 Forever stamps will allow customers to mail letters to any location in the United States. Forever stamps are always good for mailing a one-ounce letter anytime in the future regardless of price changes. So, \$.45 Forever stamps purchased before January 27 will be sufficient postage to mail

Mound City Development selling lots in the Byron Addition

The Mound City Development Corporation, which was established in 1954, has begun to continue the development started in the Byron Addition on the northeast side of town. The property lies between the Holt County Head Start and homes to the south along Nebraska Street in Mound City, and Mount Hope Cemetery.

Access to the lots will start at Cemetery Road, with the plan to extend the street through the addition, connecting it to Nebraska Street. The street was named Missouri Avenue on the plat. Phase I of the project will include the development of six lots on the northern edge of the addition.

Six new lots of the 20 lots platted, which are each approximately 90' by 120', will be improved with sewer, paved streets and curbs. Dirt work to level the lots was already done this past fall. Hall Construction of Mound City

will begin work on the sewer this winter. The property already has water. The corporation has planned to develop six lots at a time, as the need arises. Depending on the outcome of the development costs, the corporation hopes to sell the lots for \$20,000 each.

The Mound City Development Corporation is looking to stimulate development by offering these lots. Currently, the corporation owns the farm ground for the development, Dollar General, tractor pull arena, old Family Service Building on State Street, and the vineyards.

There are six members of the Mound City Development Corporation Board. They include Dave Frede, Joe Laukemper, Bob McCrory, Donnie Ireland, Jonathan Miller and Scott Laukemper. There are approximately 75 shareholders who control 840 shares in the corporation.

Missouri governor opposes arming Missouri teachers

On Christmas Eve, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon sent a letter to the superintendents of each of Missouri's 520 public school districts affirming his continued top priority to keeping schools safe, and stating his clear opposition to recently introduced legislation that would arm teachers by taking away the authority of local school districts to keep guns out of the classroom.

The Governor referenced the December 14 mass shooting of children and educators in Newtown, CT. "As we come together to mourn the loss of

these precious lives, we must also come together to ensure we are doing all we can to protect our communities, and especially our schools, from these types of heinous acts."

Speaking from his experience as Governor for four years and as the state's Attorney General for 16 years, Governor Nixon said Missouri already has strong laws in place:

"Here in Missouri we have a strong framework of laws to protect students and educators, such as the Missouri Safe Schools Act, which passed with broad bipartisan support in 1996. Current law also allows local school boards to prohibit guns in their classrooms. This is a time-tested and solid foundation that we should reinforce, not undermine. That is why I have serious concerns about recently introduced legislation that proposes not only to arm teachers, but to do so by taking away the authority of local school districts to keep guns out of classrooms. More can and should be done to enhance school safety, but this legislation would put our children at risk and limit the ability of local school districts to keep their schools safe. Putting loaded weapons in classrooms is quite simply the wrong approach to a serious issue that demands careful analysis and thoughtful solutions."

The Governor concluded his letter by thanking the superintendents for their commitment to school children, and told them that in the days and weeks ahead, he would engage with Missourians to find common sense solutions to keep Missouri schools safe.

Informal News Beat

Happy New Year!

I hope the holiday season was good to all of our readers. I wish everyone all the best in 2013.

It's been 5 years since I purchased the *Mound City News*. I had some big shoes to fill when I came and it's been a learning experience to say the least. Mound City has been very welcoming, and for that I am grateful. I look forward to many more years in this great community.

At the newspaper, we are grateful for all of our loyal customers and subscribers. Without you, we wouldn't be able to provide this service. We look forward to another year as we will strive to make our product better and try our very best to provide our readers with the news and events in Holt County.

-Adam

Notes from the Mound City Nutrition Site

Volunteers at the Nutrition Site in Mound City during the week of December 24, 2012, were: Walt and Pat Groves, Gene and Bev Miller, Lela Boyd, Yogi Swymeler, Jacob Andes, Judi Scarbrough, Danielle Gordon and kids, John and Diane Diggs, Brandi Olivera, Tammy Sipes, Betty Russell and Marla Riley.

Delivering meals the week of January 7, 2013, will be: **Craig** - Monday - Walt and Pat Groves and Gene and Bev Miller. **Mound City** - Monday through Friday - Mound City Kiwanis Club. **Oregon and Forest City** - Monday through Friday - Faith Fellowship Church.

The Mound City Nutrition Site recycles cell phones, ink cartridges, and aluminum cans for cancer (Helping Hand) in two purple cans by the front and back doors. There are also drop boxes for box tops for the school and donations to the food pantry.

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

Upcoming activities at the Mound City Nutrition Site are:

January 7 - Exercises, 8:30 a.m.
January 8 - Popcorn, lemonade and music start-

ing at 10:30 a.m.; Holt County Health- Blood Pressure Screening from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 9 - Exercises, 8:30 a.m.; Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Kendallwood Hospice- Blood Pressure Screening from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 10 - Popcorn, lemonade and music starting at 10:30 a.m.

January 11 - Cinnamon rolls and donuts, 8:30 a.m.; Wini Laber from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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 7 - Taco salad with chips and cheese, corn, juice and rice pudding.

Tuesday, January 8 - Sweet 'n' sour chicken, baked potatoes, peas and carrots and apple cobbler.

Wednesday, January 9 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter blend, peaches and hot rolls.

Thursday, January 10 - Vegetable beef soup or chili, lettuce salad, pears, crackers and cinnamon rolls.

Friday, January 11 - BBQ rib portion on bun, oven potatoes, mixed vegetables and mandarin orange salad.

Concealed gun bill filed for teachers

A bill (HB 70) was filed on December 18, 2012, by Missouri Representative Mike Kelley (Republican) of Lamar, MO, that would allow a teacher or school administrator to carry a concealed firearm into a higher education institu-

tion or elementary or secondary school if he or she has a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit.

State statute 571.107 currently exists that states that a concealed carry endorsement does not authorize its holder to carry a

firearm into any higher education institution or K-12 school without the consent of its governing body, a school official or the district school board. Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of any higher education institution or elementary or secondary school facility shall not be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises.

State Representative Mike Thomson, who is a 2nd amendment rights advocate, feels the local school boards will need to make the decision about whether or not to let the teachers/administrators have firearms if they are properly trained and certified. Thomson stated, "If the bill goes in that direction, I will most likely support it. Until the wording is finalized, I have no set opinion on the bill itself as of yet. I believe we need to focus on getting away from a knee-jerk reaction rather than on guns at the moment."

South Holt Superintendent Bob Ottman stated about the bill, "The Mis-

souri Association of School Administrators, as well as the governor, are opposing the bill, as do I. These types of things come out of reaction, and tend to not have a real thought out plan."

The legislation comes after 20 students and 6 adults were killed by shooter, Adam Lanza, 20, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, on Friday, December 14. Lawmakers in a growing number of states, including Oklahoma, Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota and Oregon, have indicated that they would consider allowing teachers and administrators to carry firearms at school.

"I believe that a carry law for teachers and administrators is not even close to solving the problem of the issue at hand," commented Mound City School Superintendent Ken Eaton. "Mental health is the subject that needs addressed, early intervention is important. I think that guns at school could potentially cause more problems than currently exist in the vast majority of public institutions."



Residents at Tiffany Heights Nursing Home in Mound City- Were guests at a piano recital on Friday, December 28. Pictured above are, left to right, announcer Braden Graves, pianists Jesse and Jaycee Graves, and mother, Beth Graves.

News from Tiffany Heights

Birthday Bingo was held on Thursday afternoon, December 20, at Tiffany Heights in Mound City. Volunteers were Shirley Jackson, Jean McCall, Lucille Stull, Chris Howard and Bob Heck. Residents with December birthdays were Eva Ruth Andes, Dora Routh and Frances Martin.

Tiffany Heights hosted this birthday party and all the residents enjoyed cake and drinks. The residents with birthdays received a special gift.

Barbara Hanlon assisted with glamour nails on Friday morning. Oh! What fun. The residents enjoyed their Christmas Tea during the afternoon on Friday. Everyone enjoyed the velvety voice of Terry Campbell as he sang many familiar carols and a few he wrote himself. They especially enjoyed a visit from Santa. Everyone from young to old got a chance to tell Santa what they would like, or explain! More than 140 friends also enjoyed gifts and cupcakes and punch together.

Holly Howard provided entertainment on Saturday afternoon. She read "The Night Before Christmas", and asked the residents to ring a bell on certain words. The residents received these bells to wear after the program. They also enjoyed

cookies together. Judy and Kathy Howard also assisted. Games of choice were held during the afternoon Saturday.

Larry Brickey and the Baptist Church family provided Sunday morning services. Afternoon worship was conducted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The residents were gifted by the Showalter families on Christmas Eve, as they came by to carol to the residents and staff.

On Thursday, December 27, bingo volunteers were Jean McCall, Lucille Stull, Mary Lee Privett, Barbara Hanlon and Holly Howard.

Judi Scarbrough and Barbara Hanlon assisted with glamour nails on Friday, December 28. During the afternoon, the residents enjoyed a special piano recital.

Jesse and Jaycee Graves performed several Christmas songs. Their brother, Braden, assisted by announcing them. Parents of the performers are Jon and Beth Graves of Fairfax, MO.

Games of choice were held during the afternoon on Saturday, December 29.

Larry Brickey and the Baptist Church family provided Sunday morning services. Afternoon services were provided by the River of Hope Fellowship Church.

Christmas celebration

Russell and Dorothy Jumps of Mound City were hosts to a pre-Christmas dinner and gift exchange on Saturday, December 22, at their home.

Present at the celebration, in addition to the hosts, were: Jim and Renee Elliott of Hannibal, MO; Rustin and Shelly Jumps, Hayden and Hadley of Gallatin, MO; and Ron Jumps, Miles Jumps, Alex Phillips, and Jordan Landis, all of Mound City.

OBITUARIES

Mary Helen (Thomas) Andler

Mary Helen (Thomas) Andler, 89, Oregon, Missouri, died Friday, December 28, 2012, at the Oregon Care Center in Oregon.

Mary was born May 23, 1923, in Holt County, Missouri, to Blair and Estie Mae (Hester) Thomas. She was the middle child of 3 daughters.

When Mary turned six, the Thomas' were living southeast of Craig, Missouri, where she started the first grade at Wildrose country school. In March of the following year, they moved to Forest City, Missouri, where Mary completed the first four grades and, during her fifth grade, they moved to Fortescue, Missouri. Later on they moved to Mound City where Mary graduated from Mound City High School in 1942.

Mary married Jay Emerson Andler May 24, 1942. They resided in the Holt County rural area several years before moving to Mound City. They raised a family of seven children.

Mary started her nurses' aide career working at the Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, Missouri. Three years later, she joined the staff at Tiffany Heights Nursing Home in Mound City. Mary retired from Tiffany Heights Nursing Home after 50 years of service.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Emerson Andler; a son, William E. Andler; parents, Blair and Estie Mae Thomas; and a sister, Mildred Thomas Rebel.

Mary is survived by a daughter, Lois Jean Duck (Donald) of Phoenix, Arizona; five sons, Jay E. Andler, Jr. (Karen) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Thomas D. Andler (Linda) of Satellite Beach, Florida, Robert L. Andler (Barbara) of St. Joseph, Missouri, Gary L. Andler of Mound City, and Ronald L. Andler (Judy), Tucson, Arizona; a sister, Lois Woods of Mound City; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2013, at Mount Hope Cemetery, Mound City. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 3, at Pettijohn & Crawford Funeral Home in Mound City. An online guest book and obituary may be found at www.pettijohnrcrawford.com.

Holt County arrest reports

Vicky S. Thomas, age 50, of Mound City, MO, was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2012, in Holt County for a DWI- Class D Felony and Speeding. She was taken to the Holt County Jail in Oregon, MO.

David E. Johnson, age 59, of Kansas City, MO, was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 2:00 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 2012, in Holt County for DWI- Class C Felony; Driving While Revoked; Fail to Drive On Right Half of Road Resulting in an Accident; and Drove Wrong Direction on Divided Highway. He was taken to the Holt County Jail in Oregon.

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Daniel S. Eldredge

Daniel Shawn Eldredge, 51, died Saturday, December 15, 2012, near his home in Mound City, MO. He was born November 25, 1961, in Des Moines, IA.

Shawn was a kind man with a big heart, a keen wit and great sense of humor. He loved people, wildlife and making others laugh.

As owner/operator of Prairie's Edge Guide Service, Shawn combined his love of hunting and conservation. An avid outdoorsman and passionate conservationist, he respected the land and cared deeply about the legacy of the sport - even offering free guide services to young adults. He was an expert caller and won many goose and turkey calling contests. His tag line was, "When we call, the birds fall". Through his skill, vast knowledge of waterfowl and turkey, and passion for the hunting industry, Shawn became known as the "Goose Guru". Over the years, he was featured in national magazines, television shows and was the subject of many newspaper articles across Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota. He was a longtime member of Ducks Unlimited.

Shawn is survived by his father and stepmother, Jim and Darla (Siebrecht) Eldredge of Clive, IA; his mother, Martha (Kirtley) Wright of Des Moines; brother, Jamie Eldredge of Des Moines; brother and sister-in-law, Kirt and Carol (Johnson) Eldredge, and their children, Emma and Will, of West Des Moines; twin sister and brother-in-law, Molly and Tom Anderson, and their children, Daniel, Eliza and Ella, of Chanhassen, MN; many uncles, aunts and cousins; close friends; and his beloved dogs and hunting companions, Molly Cornflake and Amber Boch.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 29, at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Shawn's name to Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, or www.Ducks.org.



Irene Virginia Milne

Irene Virginia Milne of Parkville, MO, formerly of Oregon, MO, passed to her heavenly home on Thursday, December 27, 2012, two days after her 93rd birthday. She was a Christmas baby, born in Centerville, IA, in 1919 to Ernest Albert Anderson and Helena Mary (Eid) Anderson. When she was five years old, her family moved to Ft. Collins, CO, where Irene grew up and attended Ft. Collins schools, graduating from Ft. Collins High School in 1937. She graduated from Colorado State University (CSU) in 1941 with a degree in Home Economics.

After graduation, Irene worked in CSU's Registrar's Office and met her future husband, a CSU student and Missouri native, Billy M. Milne, at a gathering at the Wesley Foundation-Methodist Student Center. They were married January 24, 1943, in San Diego, CA, while Bill was stationed at Camp Pendleton, having enlisted in the United States Marines in July of 1942. After the end of WWII, Mr. Milne was stationed at Quantico, VA, and Mrs. Milne worked for the American Red Cross in Alexandria, VA.

Upon Mr. Milne's discharge from the Marines in July, 1946, the couple moved to Oregon for Mr. Milne to farm with his parents. Irene, a Colorado native who had walked to school every day and could glance up and see the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, was now a farm wife and homemaker in the Midwest.

When the couple's children were old enough, Irene enrolled them in piano lessons, dance class and drove them the 30 miles to St. Joseph, MO, to take swimming lessons. She sewed pajamas and made costumes for school plays for her sons and clothes and doll clothes for her daughter. Irene was an excellent cook and often made Swedish tea rings, cookies and pies to share with family and friends, leaving enough pie dough for the kids and later grandkids to make sugar-cinnamon pies. After her children were grown, Irene sold jewelry for several years and rekindled her hobby of painting ceramics.

Irene was involved in the Oregon community and belonged to the Pierce-White and Homemakers' Extension clubs and Missouri Extension Homemakers' Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, the Methodist WSCS, and had been a member of the Oregon branch of the AAUW and the Missouri Chapter of the International Flying Farmers' Association and had volunteered at the Oregon Care Center. To the end, she supported the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 4839 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, saying to make sure dues were paid for herself and her daughter for 2013. Irene belonged to the Oregon United Methodist Church, having taught Sunday school and been Membership Secretary for a number of years. She was also a Life Member of the Colorado State University Alumni Association and enjoyed returning for CSU Homecoming and reunions of Ft. Collins High School.

Irene was a prolific letter writer and greeting card sender, writing to her parents and aunts and uncles on a weekly basis until their passing and then writing to her children after they left home and to her grandchildren and her friends. She continued to send a note or card to others until last year when she felt her handwriting was no longer attractive.

The Milnes were married for almost 58 years, until Bill's passing in December of 2000. Irene was also predeceased by her brother, Howard Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Frank Milne and Walter Olds; and a sister-in-law, Ernestine Milne.

Irene lived in Oregon until three years ago, when she moved to Parkville to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Charla and Jim Cathcart, and their sons, Keegan and Presley. Irene is also survived by her sons, Arlen (Diana) Milne of Kansas City, MO, and Erwin (Jennifer) Milne of Jefferson City, MO; grandchildren, Christy Milne, Chicago, IL, Josh Milne, Smithville, MO, Jordan Milne, New Mexico, and Brendan Milne, Jefferson City; great-granddaughter, Brinley Virginia Milne; sister-in-law Betty Olds, Berkeley, CA; three stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene was a feisty and loving person who was a strength and inspiration for others throughout her life. Her children say, "You were right, Mom, our time together would be so short, but until we meet again, we will cherish our memories of a life well-lived."

Irene has been cremated, with burial in the spring, her favorite season. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Care was entrusted to Chamberlain Funeral Home, Oregon. Online condolences may be left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.



Paul Herbert

Paul Max "P.M." Herbert of Oregon, MO, was born on June 27, 1929, in Oregon, the son of Lee B. and Eva A. (Costelow) Herbert. P.M. graduated from New Point High School in 1947.

On December 17, 1949, P.M. married Frances J. Huntsman, and they became parents of four children. P.M. farmed in Holt County.

P.M. passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2012, at an Oregon health care facility at the age of 83. Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, John Charles and Kenneth Herbert; sister, Reva Garrison; and grandson, Adam Slusher.

Survivors include P.M.'s wife, Frances, of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Barbara Herbert of Pittsburg, KS; daughters and sons-in-law, Ramona and Chuck McComb of Maryville, MO, Karen and John Hinkle of Oregon, and Reva and Bill Slusher of New Point, MO; sister, Helen Hornecker of Bolivar, MO; 11 grandchildren, Logan Herbert, Larisa Morris, Lisa Allen, Jennifer Dean, Jason McComb, Joshua McComb, Kayla Ripley, Brent Ripley, Darcie Hinkle, Kacie Wood, and Sarah Slusher; 16 great-grandchildren, Paycee Slusher, Gracen and Raegan Ripley, Ty, Quinn, Tate and Asher McComb, Alex, Catherine, Gabriel and Graham Dean, Mason and Maddox Allen, Danielle VanSickle, and Isaiah and Olivia Morris; and nieces and nephews.

P.M. was a member of the Woodville Presbyterian Church and served on the New Point Cemetery Board. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the I.O.O.F. He was also active in the Holt County Republican Committee.

Services were held on Monday, December 31, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Oregon Presbyterian Church. Interment was at the New Point Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the New Point Cemetery, Woodville Presbyterian Church, or Oregon Care Center Serenity Garden. Care was entrusted to Chamberlain Funeral Home, Oregon. Online condolences may be left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.

Warren W. Morris

Warren Wright Morris, 89, Mound City, MO, passed from this life into his eternal rest on Monday, December 24, 2012, at his Mound City home. Warren was born August 31, 1923, to William Frank and Helen Mae (Wright) Morris at Big Lake, MO. He attended the Bigelow, MO, School through the eighth grade and graduated from Mound City High School in 1941.

Warren married the love of his life, Loretta Chamberlin, on March 25, 1951, in Brownville, NE. They spent most of their married life in the Mound City area, with the exception of 18 years in the Branson, MO, area.

Warren was a farmer, carpenter and real estate agent. He was active in the Lions Club in Mound City and Branson for over 50 years, and was a member of the Gideons.

Warren gave his life to Christ on New Year's Day, 1955, and was a faithful servant to his Lord his entire life, serving as deacon and elder for many years until his health began to fail. He helped to plant three churches - the New Testament Christian Church and Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City, and the Christian Church in Kimberling City, MO. He was an avid letter writer and advocate for the rights of senior citizens.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother-in-law, Jim Neely.

Warren is survived by his wife, Loretta, of the home; their five children, Helen "Becky" (Stephen) Smith of Maryville, MO, Frank Morris, Mound City, Bud Morris, Bigelow, John (Mary) Morris, Boswell, IN, and Terry Morris, Independence, MO; his sister, Winnie Neely, of Craig, MO; four brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law; and 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

One of Warren's family's favorite memories of him are playing the banjo. As a young father, he played for square dances throughout the county. It was a treat when he would get out his banjo at home to play and sing some of the old songs while his children and grandchildren gathered around. "Wreck on the Highway" and "Beautiful Brown Eyes" were two songs that were always included in these song sessions. Warren dedicated a special song, "Terry the Terrible Termite", to his youngest son, which was always requested whenever he played.

Warren's favorite activities were hunting, trapping, and raising a large garden. He enjoyed being able to share the bounty with others, and he and his father always made sure there was a roasted goose for holiday dinners.

Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 30, at the Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City. A private family inurnment was held at the Benton Cemetery in Forest City, MO. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children or the Holt County Cancer Fund. Online condolences may be left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.

Wilbur L. Burnsides

Wilbur L. Burnsides, age 91, of Council Bluffs, IA, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012, at Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs. He was born in Forbes, MO, on August 10, 1921, to the late Hugh and Dollie (Strickland) Burnsides.

Wilbur proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Army. Wilbur was an avid bowler and horseshoe pitcher. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Carter Lake, IA, and a 50-year member of the Eagles Club #38 in Omaha, NE. He retired in 1987 after a career as a mechanic with P.I.E.

In addition to his parents, Wilbur was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen, daughter of the late George and Mary Bridges Cotton, of Forest City, MO; four brothers, Berlin, Kenneth, Lyle, and Hugh; a sister, Vovia; and a half brother, Ray Burnsides.

Wilbur is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Linda Burnsides, of Council Bluffs; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and a host of friends. Berniece Burnsides, Mound City, is a sister-in-law.

Services were held Thursday, December 27, 2012, at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home in Council Bluffs with burial held in the Westlawn Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

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Death Notice

William Elbert Surritte, 84, Pottersville, Missouri, died at 3:15 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2012, at Ozarks Medical Center. Complete obituary and online condolences may be left at robertsondrago.com.

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Area Church Information

CRAIG

Craig Presbyterian Church

Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
Cliff McNair, Minister

Sharp's Grove United Methodist Church

4.5 mi. north of Craig on Hwy. 59 • Rev. Jeremy Blevins
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.

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The Lighthouse

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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 Gazaway, 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.

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Community of Christ

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

Christian Fellowship

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Senior High Youth, 7:00 p.m. • www.christian-fellowship.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

1413 Nebraska St. • Rev. Brian Lemcke
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class or Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship Every Third Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

402 E. 5th Street • Paul Grant, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays- Bible Study, 12 p.m.; Worship 6 p.m.
www.firstchristianmoundcity.org

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.;
Acteens (K-12 Grades), 4:00 p.m. - 660-853-2089
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Mound City United Methodist Church

312 E. 7th St. • Pastor Jeremy Blevins
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.
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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

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4th Sundays - 11 a.m., Eucharist Service



McAfees to celebrate golden anniversary

Robert and Karen McAfee of Falls City, NE, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, January 4, 2013. They were married on that date in Mound City, MO, at the Christian Church in 1963.

The McAfees have two children, Mike McAfee of Falls City and Misti Lehmkuhl of Hiawatha, KS; 5 grandchildren, AJ, Madison, Dalton, Trey and Kellen; and 1 great-granddaughter, Lily.

Please help the honorees celebrate by sending a card to 2315 Schoenheit Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

Phyllis Heck to celebrate 80th

Phyllis Heck of St. Joseph, MO, will celebrate her 80th birthday on Friday, January 4, 2013. She was born in Dearborn, MI, to Gayford and Hattie Rader. When Phyllis was twelve, her family moved to Mound City, MO, and she graduated from Mound City High School in 1951.

After graduation, Phyllis married Audrey Heck. They lived on a farm north of Mound City where they raised their family.

Phyllis is a devoted wife and supported her husband in his endeavors of farming, operating Heck Implement and Audrey's Motel. In 1985, the Hecks retired and moved to St. Joseph.

The Hecks have been married for 61 years. Their three daughters and their spouses are Cathy (Dan) Saxton, Bolckow, MO; Cindy (Larry) Davis, Rosemont, PA; and Christy (Jeff) Livengood, Craig, MO. Cards may be sent to the birthday honoree at 4406 S Stonecrest Circle, St. Joseph, MO 64506.



Graham news

On Tuesday, December 11, Jeremy Davis of St. Louis, MO (son of Larry and Cindy Davis of Pittsburgh, PA), and Audrey and Phyllis Heck of St. Joseph, MO, visited Rosalea and Donald Smith and the Floyd Johnson family.

A Christmas dinner was held on Saturday, December 15, at the home of Donald and Rosalea Smith. Those present were Donald, Jr., Sheila and Samantha Smith of Overland Park, KS; Sarah

By Michelle Brown

Henry of Maitland, MO; and Floyd, Lindsey, Isaac, Gage, Charlea, and Cash Johnson of Graham, MO.

Eldon and Frances Troth had Lisa Troth of Maryville, MO; and Paul, Heather, Keegan, Kelsey, Karson, and Palmer Troth of Marshall, MO, as Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, weekend visitors. They also had their Christmas dinner.



Christmas dinner joins community

The fourth annual Community Christmas Dinner was held on Christmas Day at Mound City's First Christian Church. Extremely cold temperatures did not hinder attendance, as over forty people joined in the Christmas meal celebration. Additionally, meals were delivered to eleven people. The free meal was hosted by Dennis and Cindy Reule, in honor of the generous spirit of their parents, Herb and Bea Reule and Junior and Betty Yocum.

2013 Great Plains Growers Conference January 10-12

Vegetable, fruit and cut flower growers across the Midwest should make plans to attend the Great Plains Growers' Conference and Trade Show, Thursday through Saturday, January 10-12, 2013, at the Fulkerson Center on Missouri Western State University's campus in St. Joseph, MO.

The conference will cover many topics including: vegetable, tree, small fruit and cut flower production; beekeeping; soils and irrigation; beginning and advanced organic; high tunnel operations; community supported agriculture; farmers' mar-

kets; urban/community gardening; and marketing.

The conference also features a trade show, allowing participants to talk with dealers in equipment, tools, seed, chemicals, containers and other horticulture supplies. With all the conference has to offer, it is one of the most comprehensive grower conferences in the Midwest.

A full program schedule and registration form is available online at <http://www.greatplainsgrowers.org> or call the Buchanan County Extension office at (816) 279-1691.



Brian Sollars - Is pictured with his Fall 2012 graduating class of MU Law Enforcement Training Institute. Brian is the first student on the left in the second row.

Brian Sollars graduates from police academy

Brian Sollars of Craig, MO, graduated on Friday, December 14, from the Class A-Certified Basic Law Enforcement Training Institute, an extension of the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. Sollars gradu-



Brian Sollars

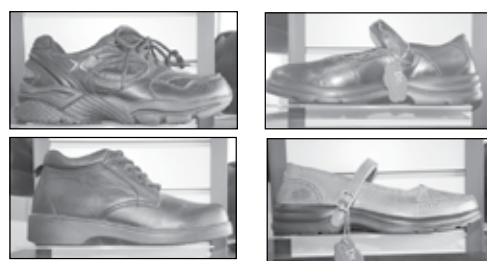
ated with 660 hours, which exceeds Missouri's minimum requirements for peace officer certification.

Brian Sollars received certifications in POST-Certified Training in Bicycle Issues, PPCT-Defensive Tactics, OC-AT-Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training, First Responder, CPR, DWI-Detection and Investigation: Standard Field Sobriety Test, Type 3 Operator for Data Master Hazardous Material Awareness, and Live Scan Certification Training. Brian also received the Perfect Attendance Award.

Brian is the son of Jerry and Paula Sollars of Craig. He graduated from Craig High School in 2008. He has attended both Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO, and Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Brian plans to continue his education in law enforcement while he is employed at a privately owned security company in Columbia named Signal 88 Security.

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Squaw Creek Refuge closed January 5-6 for deer hunt

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) near Mound City, MO, will be closed to the general public on Saturday, January 5, and Sunday, January 6, 2013, for the annual muzzle loader white-tailed deer hunt. Only those drawn for the hunt will be permitted on the refuge during these days. Refuge hiking trails east of State Highway 159 will be open, including the Loess Bluff Trails and Callow Memorial Trail located near the refuge headquarters. The refuge ten-mile auto tour will be closed during the deer hunt primarily for visitor safety and hunter success.

The deer hunt has been a popular event and continues to generate an interest in muzzle loading firearms hunting. Squaw Creek NWR's deer hunts were initiated in January, 1988, to reduce a rapidly expanding deer herd that was causing considerable damage to refuge habitats. In addition, re-

duction of the deer herd will help reduce deer-vehicle collisions along State Highways 118, 159, and Interstate-29. The annual muzzle loading firearms deer hunt is a continuing effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to provide quality hunting opportunities through resource management programs.

The refuge auto tour and Eagle Pool Overlook hiking trail will be closed at sunset on Friday, January 4, and then reopen at sunrise on Monday, January 7. The refuge headquarters is currently closed on weekends for the winter, then reopens for the spring bird migration in mid-March. Current Visitor Contact Station open hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Information regarding the deer hunt can be obtained by calling the Squaw Creek Refuge at (660) 442-3187.

Holt County real estate transfers

Philip Anthony Ferrone to Cathy Ferrone, Blair, NE; All of Lots 9, 10 and 11 in Ruwwe's Subdivision in the Village of Big Lake.

Paul J. Blaufuss and Tara A. Blaufuss to Paul and Tara Blaufuss Family Trust, Shawnee Mission, KS; A tract of land in Section 22, Township 60, Range 37.

Randy Lee Mendenhall and Kristen Marie Mendenhall to Matthew Guyer and Michelle Guyer, Oregon, MO; All of Lot 2 in Block 15 in the original town of Oregon.

James E. Leach Revocable Living Trust to Eric V. Bruder, St. Joseph, MO; Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 29, Township 61 North, Range 38 West, see record for full description.

Nathan Kunkel and Sheila Kunkel to Nathan Kunkel and Sheila Kunkel, Oregon, MO; The West Half of Lot 8 and the West Half of the South 30 feet of Lot 5, both in Block 5 in the original town of Oregon.

Blake McCall, by successor trustee, and Kodi K. McCall, by successor trustee, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, Columbus, OH; A rectangular tract described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 29, in the original town of Mound City, see record for full description.

Hershel Ferguson and Mari B. Ferguson to Hershel Ferguson, T.O.D., and Mari B. Ferguson, T.O.D., Mound City, MO; Tract 1 in McCoy's Second Addition in the city of Mound City.

The Sidney E. and Delores Smith Joint Revocable Trust to Christopher J. Russell and Jennifer L. Russell, Mound City, MO; The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 62, Range 38.

In Re: Survey for Norris Quarries to Norris Quarries; Tracts of land in Section 33, Township 62, Range 37; and in Section 34, Township 62, Range 37.

A minute with Mike

By Mike Thomson, 4th District State Representative

It is always exciting to roll into the new year, with new resolutions, anticipation and apprehension of what the year will bring. It is no different in the Missouri General Assembly. We have closed the last chapter of 2012 and the 96th General Assembly. It is time to look ahead, assess the needs of our state and begin the yearly process of evaluating and budgeting.

While our state has seen some tough budget situations in recent years due to our sluggish economy, we hope those days may soon be behind us as Missouri's economic engine starts to rev up. We have seen declining unemployment rates significantly below the national average and our tax and regulatory environment has continued to make our state an attractive location for new businesses. We still have much work to do if we are going to be competitive, but our past efforts to create a business friendly atmosphere have helped stabilize our state and give us a sound financial base.

The budget leaders from the House and Senate recently met with representatives from the governor's office to take a look at the direction we are headed for the next fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2013. After crunching the numbers, they agreed on what is known as a consensus revenue estimate, which is the amount of money the state can expect to have on hand for budgetary purposes. The good news is the estimate for fiscal year 2014 represents an increase of \$237 million over the estimate used to prepare the budget for the current fiscal year. The total amount of general revenue the state is anticipated to have for the next budget is \$7.929 billion. These numbers, of course, are estimates and can only be used to help guide us through the process. This revenue estimate is based on anticipated economic growth of 4.8 percent. It also factors in the several million dollars lost of one-time funding, which will decrease our available revenue. Overall, it is good news as every dollar we gain is a dollar we can use to the benefit of Missouri families. We have had to make tough decisions in recent years when it comes to cuts in the budget. It is my hope that the 2013 session will make for an easier budget process as the uptick in revenue will prevent the need for cuts to critical areas such as education.

Even though we have reason to be optimistic, we must keep in mind that the past few years have put us way behind in many areas and the climb back to prosperity may be slow and tedious. Two or three hundred million dollars will not stretch far enough to make up for the shortage in the funding formula for our public schools, the decline in state support for our public higher education institutions, the diminishing funds for the department of transportation, the cuts endured by health care providers, capital improvement needs to our public facilities and the ever-growing cost of Medicaid. It is obvious that the process of providing services for the state of Missouri will continue to be a challenge and the priorities will be debatable, however, we are on the right track and will continue to do the best we can to spend your money wisely.

As we all assess our priorities, our needs and our budget for 2013, we may find that we, too, will have to make decisions and we may not have everything that we would like to have. I am thankful, however, that we live in a state and nation that still offers many opportunities and we must remain optimistic about our future. I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Readers may reach Thomson at the Capitol number 573-751-9465; at the local district number, 660-582-4014; by email at mike.thomson@house.mo.gov or by mail at Room 401B State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

This Week's History

From the *Mound City News* archives

50 Years Ago - 1962

- The Mound City FFA boys held their annual Father-Son Banquet in the agricultural building. The first hour home economics' girls prepared and served the meal.

- Miss Judy Diggs and Carl Heck were crowned king and queen of the Christmas Dance at Maitland High School.

- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Livengood, Craig, were hosts at a New Year's Eve party and also to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. Livengood and Clarence Lee Livengood.

- A dinner was held for Pvt. Renick Stuart at his home in Fortescue. He would soon depart for his base in Charleston, S.C.

- The impatient members of last year's pep club were at last appeased when the pep club letters arrived. The girls had worked hard to earn a pep club letter and all were anxious to display their accomplishment.

- Miss Becky Loucks was hostess at a slumber and pizza party on New Year's Eve. Guests were Misses Judi Crawford, Christie Beal, and Jane Gillis. Music and tape recording were features of the evening.

25 Years Ago - 1987

- The Holt County Farm Bureau was recognized for its outstanding Women's Program at the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting. Mrs. Leah Kurtz was the county women's program chairman.

- Students of Holt County R-II had the opportunity to experience a variety of dance forms in PE classes taught by Dr. Joella Hendricks Mehrhof.

- The Mound City 6th grade boys competed in the Missouri University Kids' Shootout in Columbia. Those participating were: Tyson Brandon, Jason Tenney, Brian Long, Michael Davis, Adam Lehmer, Chris Mackey, Mike Pecora, and Dustin Wright.

- The members of the Ta Ya Tu Club met at Karra Bohart's apartment.

- A fire at the Masonic Hall in Forest City destroyed the charter and some of the contents of the Oregon Chapter No. 416, Order of the Eastern Star.

- Mrs. Elizabeth Randall of Mound City, a member of Oregon Chapter No. 416, received her 50-year pin during the Official Inspection of the 8th District of the Order of the Eastern Star.

10 Years Ago - 2002

- A methamphetamine lab in a vacant apartment in downtown Mound City was dismantled after an anonymous telephone call to the Holt County Sheriff's Department.

- Big Lake was nearly four feet below normal and the Missouri River was running at just over four feet at Rulo, much lower than normal in early winter.

- The annual Christmas bird count at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge produced 33,800 birds, far short of the 525,570 counted the prior year.

- Roger Long was hired as Holt County's new Road and Bridge Supervisor.

- The Holt County Farm Bureau received seven gold stars for excellence at the Missouri Farm Bureau's 88th annual meeting.

- An auditorium addition at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge headquarters was underway. The addition of about 1,300 square feet will have room for 90 to 100 seats and is being connected to the east side of the building.



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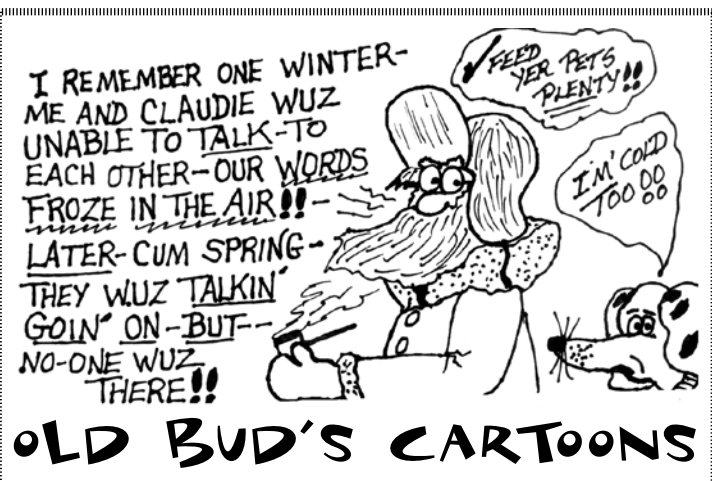
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What do you remember?

The Holt County Historical Society is looking for answers to these questions that have been submitted by researchers.

The 1916 Mound City Hearse Query

Remember the query some time ago about the Mound City 1916 Buick Hearse in the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada? The museum, owned by the Alberta Provincial Government, is devoted to automobiles, aircraft and agricultural machinery. The society was contacted looking for the background of the hearse. Built on a one ton truck chassis, the vehicle has an oval license plate attached on the passenger side running board, indicating "License 60, Mound City MO, 1922". Information found in the Holt County Historical Society publication of old *Mound City News* clippings, "Bits and Pieces of Mound City", that "in 1916 Pettijohn and Crawford purchased the Kelly and Wood Furniture and Undertaking establishment in Mound City and bought out the Dawson and Moore Undertaking firm in Oregon, including all of their stock and a new motor hearse. Mr. Pettijohn will manage the Oregon branch while Mr. Crawford will manage the store in Mound City".

Maybe it originally came from the Oregon business? Another *Mound City News* clipping shares that in "October 1928 Pettijohn and Crawford, morticians/undertakers in Mound City, purchased a new funeral and ambulance coach".

Thanks to Kathleen Taylor Thomas, who visited with her uncle, August Young (age 96). He recalls "when his family first moved to Mound City that a couple of doors north on Main Street, from Young's Garage, there was a livery stable where a hearse was stored. Horses and wagons were kept there and he remembers an old wagon type hearse being there that was pulled by a team of horses. He played in that barn many times. The Book Battery Shop and Pan Crouse's Café were across the street and also the E.A. Pence Garage. The Young family came to Missouri in 1922".

Ron Smith shared that the east side of Mound City was called the "Lyke Skillit" neighborhood. Both he and Tricia Miles confirmed that the unidentified house photo on December 20 was the home of Dr. Tracy and his wife, Erma. Thanks for the info!

If anyone has any information about any of these items please call 660-442-5949.

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Also, answers may be e-mailed to the society at hchs2@embarqmail.com

Patrol reports two traffic fatalities over Christmas holiday

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports two people died during the Christmas holiday counting period--from 6 p.m., Friday, December 21, to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 25, 2012.

The Patrol investigated 239 traffic crashes, which included two fatalities and 91 injuries. Troopers arrested 130 people over the Christmas holiday weekend for driving while intoxicated.

During last year's counting period five people died in traffic crashes. The Patrol investigated 213 traffic crashes, with 67 injuries. Troopers arrested 56 people over the 2011 Christmas holiday weekend for driving while intoxicated.

Troopers investigated both fatalities, which occurred in the Troop D, Springfield area.

One fatality occurred on December 22, 2012. Brandy M. Acheson, 38, of Sarcoxie, MO, died when an oncoming

vehicle crossed the center of the roadway and struck the vehicle she was driving head-on. Lawrence County Coroner Scott Lakin pronounced Acheson dead at the scene; Acheson was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Lawrence County on Missouri Highway 39 south of Mt. Vernon, MO. The driver of the other vehicle sustained serious injuries in the crash; he was wearing a seat belt.

One fatality occurred on December 23, 2012. William D. Pope, 36, of Springfield, MO, died when the vehicle he was driving traveled off the north side of the roadway, struck a fence and a tree, then came to rest. Medical Examiner David Brown pronounced Pope dead at the scene. Pope was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Greene County on Farm Road 106 north of Springfield.

Resolutions that can benefit your bottom line

Making New Year's resolutions is a tradition for many men and women. How successful a resolution is depends on the person making the commitment.

Money can be a great motivator when it comes to resolutions, which may be most successful when they affect a person's finances. The following are a few resolutions that may not be entirely about money, but can still save you big dollars in the long run.

* Quit smoking. In addition to the medical benefits of quitting smoking, saying "so long" to cigarettes can also save men and women a substantial amount of money. The average cost of a pack of cigarettes depends on where you live, but a report from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids found that the average cost of pack of cigarettes in California in January of 2012 was \$5.71, with the state collecting roughly 22 percent of that total in taxes, placing them 33rd among the 50 states in taxes collected on cigarettes.

Smokers who quit will no longer be spending nearly \$6 or more per pack of cigarettes, and quitting may also lower their health insurance premiums, which were 14 percent higher for smokers than non-smokers according to research from eHealthInsurance.

* Pay more than the minimum on your installment loans. It might sound odd to pay more than you're required each month in an effort to save money, but paying more than the minimum on installment loans, including student loans, mortgages and car notes, reduces the amount of interest you're paying in the long run, shortening the length of the loan in the process. Paying as little as \$20 extra per month can significantly reduce the amount of interest you will pay over the life of a loan.

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This pile of shoes- Had grown over the past few weeks at Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City, as part of the Soles for Souls Christmas Shoe Tree drive. The shoes were taken to a charity organization called Soles4Souls.

Soles for Souls shoe drive

Students attending the Disciples of the Savior (DOTS) after school Bible study program at Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City recently performed and participated in a benevolent Christmas program called the Christmas Shoe Tree. The program was a combined product of Brentwood Kids Music Club and Soles4Souls.

DOTS students travelled to Rulo, NE, on Sunday, December 2, to pick out the perfect Christmas Shoe Tree from the Ye Old Pine Patch. The tree was then decorated with lights, and shoes. The children began gathering donations of shoes at the church for the Soles4Souls project. The students performed a wonderful musical around the Christmas Tree Farm of Yule, Todd and Carol Loggins. Through scripture, songs and a warm-hearted story, the students shared the Good News of Christmas on Sunday, December 16.

Shoe collections continued at the church, and nearly 300 pairs were taken to a Soles4Souls drop-off location in Kansas City, MO, on Thursday, January 3.

Soles4Souls was started in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami that hit southeast Asia, and founder, Wayne Elsey, felt compelled to do something, but didn't know what. While he was watching TV coverage of the event, he saw a single shoe wash up on the beach. That triggered a few calls and the project has been growing ever since.

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CRAIG COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- January 3 - School Resumes at Craig R-3
- January 4 - CFX JV/V Basketball at South Holt - 5 p.m.
- January 7-12 - CFX V Basketball at Fairfax Tournament - TBA
- January 10 - Craig City Council at Craig City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- January 15 - CFX JV/V Basketball vs. West Nodaway at Craig - 5 p.m.
- January 15 - Craig Community Committee at American Legion Building - 6:30 p.m.
- January 18 - CFX JV/V Basketball vs. Rock Port at Fairfax (Court warming) - 5 p.m.

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Nodaway-Holt falls to North Andrew

The Nodaway-Holt Trojan teams travelled to Rosendale, MO, on Tuesday, December 18, to play the North Andrew Cardinals in varsity basketball action. Both Trojan teams finished with losses.

In girls' action, North Andrew jumped out to an 18-10 lead in the first quarter, which increased to 34-21 by the half. The Lady Trojans outscored North Andrew in the third quarter, and took a 43-31 deficit into the final frame, where they whittled the Lady Cardinals' lead down to 6 at one point. The Lady Trojans finished with a 66-57 loss. The Lady Trojans shot poorly from the field making only 22 of 65 shots. Then, in stark contrast to the Lady Cardinals' 22 of 37 free throws, Nodaway-Holt made 10 of 16 from the charity line.

Megan Rosenbohm scored 32 points, pulled down 11 rebounds, had 5 assists and 4 steals. Amanda O'Riley scored 9 points and had 3 steals. Krysta Beattie scored 5 points, Bailee Lance 4 points, and Darcie Gallagher 3 points. Scoring 2 points each were Kalli Devers and Brittany Shipps.

The Nodaway-Holt Trojans lost a closely contested

game on the road to state-ranked North Andrew by a final score of 45-35. The Trojans started the game shooting well and led 15-10 after the first quarter of play. All five starters for the Trojans scored in the first period. Nodaway-Holt continued to frustrate North Andrew in the second quarter, taking away the Cardinals' inside game with a soft zone. The Trojans maintained their advantage and led 27-22 at halftime.

Although Nodaway-Holt continued to play well defensively in the second half, the Trojans were only able to muster three field goals and a total of eight points in the final sixteen minutes. North Andrew's Nate Atkins hit a three pointer to give the Cardinals their first lead of the game with thirty seconds left in the third quarter. North Andrew added another two-pointer at the buzzer for a 35-32 lead entering the final frame. Frigid shooting by the Trojans hampered any chances of a comeback and the host Cardinals continued to pull away for the 45-35 win.

The Trojans were led by Nick Patterson's 12 points and 5 assists. Jackson Beat-

tie added 9 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Derek Lemon added 5 points, Stephen Schniedermeyer 4 points, Brice Shamberger had 3 points, and Devin Albertson chipped in with 2 points.

"We played hard against an outstanding North Andrew squad," remarked Nodaway-Holt's boys' Coach Terry Pe-

tersen. "We did the things necessary to win on the defensive end of the floor. Unfortunately, though, we hit just 3 of 19 field goals in the second half and finished 2 of 8 from the free throw line. We had numerous good looks at the basket but couldn't finish. Those kinds of offensive statistics won't allow us to beat good teams."

Mound City Alumni Basketball Tournament to be held January 19

The second annual Mound City Alumni Basketball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, at the Mound City gymnasium. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go towards the new weight room.

To register a team, or ask further questions, call the school at 660-442-5429 or email Korey Miles at korey.miles@mndcty.k12.mo.us.

Fairfax Tournament set for January 7-12

The annual Fairfax Basketball Tournament is set for Monday, January 7, through Saturday, January 12, at the gymnasium in Fairfax, MO. The eight teams competing in this year's tournament include: Craig/Fairfax (CFX), Nodaway-Holt, Rock Port, Tarkio, West Nodaway, North Nodaway, St. Joe Christian and Savannah JV.

On the ladies' side of the bracket, the seedings are as follow: Nodaway-Holt-1, Rock Port-2, North Nodaway-3, Tarkio-4, Savannah JV-5, CFX-6, St. Joe Christian-7, and West Nodaway-8. The boys are seeded as follows: Rock Port-1, Nodaway-Holt-2, St. Joe Christian-3, Tarkio-4, West Nodaway-5, Savannah JV-6, CFX-7, and North Nodaway-8.

Monday's games
Girls: Nodaway-Holt vs. West Nodaway, 4:30 p.m.
Boys: Nodaway-Holt vs. CFX, 6:00 p.m.
Girls: Rock Port vs. St. Joe Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Boys: Rock Port vs. North Nodaway, 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday's games
Girls: North Nodaway vs. CFX, 4:30 p.m.

Boys: Tarkio vs. West Nodaway, 6:00 p.m.

Girls: Tarkio vs. Savannah JV, 7:30 p.m.

Boys: St. Joe Christian vs. Savannah JV, 9:00 p.m.

The winners of first round games will advance to Wednesday night play, and losers will compete on Thursday night. Tipoffs for Monday through Thursday games are 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 and 9:00. The Friday night tournament games will consist of girls' consolation (5:00), boys' third place (6:30), and girls' championship (8:00). Saturday night games will include boys' consolation (5:00), girls' third place (6:30), and boys' championship (8:00).

Trojans split with Hardin-Central

The Nodaway-Holt Trojan basketball teams travelled to Trenton, MO, to participate in North Central Missouri College's (NCMC) Holiday Hoops Shootout. Both Trojan teams played on Thursday, December 27, against the Hardin-Central Bulldogs. The finals of the games resulted in a win by the Lady Trojans, but a loss for the Trojan boys.

The Lady Trojans jumped out to an early 21-12 lead over the Lady Bulldogs in the first quarter. Nodaway-Holt continued to build on the early lead and led 33-22 at the half. The Lady Trojans led 42-30 at the end of three quarters, and finished with a 56-42 win.

"The Hardin-Central Lady Bulldogs were a very good team that was 6-3 on the season," commented Lady Trojan Coach David Carroll.

Megan Rosenbohm and Krysta Beattie led the Lady Trojans with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Amanda O'Riley logged 6 points, and Darcie Gallagher and Jordan Long added 5 each. Kalli Devers had 4 points. Scoring 3 points each were Brittany Shipps and Bailee Lance.

A disastrous first quarter

sealed the Trojans' fate as they saw the Hardin-Central Bulldogs take a quick 7-0 lead before the Trojans called a timeout. Turnovers and poor shooting continued to plague Nodaway-Holt, and Hardin-Central led 25-0 before Brice Shamberger finally scored for the Trojans. The Trojans trailed 26-3 entering the second quarter. Nodaway-Holt played even with the Bulldogs over the final three periods but it wasn't enough as Hardin-Central eased its way to the 69-46 win.

Scoring for the Trojans were Nick Patterson with 13 points, Brice Shamberger 10, Jackson Beattie 8, Ryan Ginther 6, and Brian Lance 3. Cody Schniedermeyer, Stephen Schniedermeyer, and Derek Lemon had 2 points each.

"Against Hardin-Central, we simply got man-handled in the first quarter," stated Trojan Coach Terry Petersen. "We lacked effort, focus, and any kind of defensive intensity. It was nice to see us regroup some after the first quarter, but we shouldn't have been in that kind of hole to begin with. Hopefully, this game will serve as a wake-up call for us as we enter conference play."

Mound City to compete in Stanberry Tournament

The annual Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held in Stanberry, MO, from Monday, January 7, through Saturday, January 12. Teams competing in the tournament include: Stanberry, Mound City, Jefferson, Albany, King City, South Nodaway, Worth County and North Andrew.

The Mound City Lady Panthers are seeded first, and will play the 8th seed Albany Lady Warriors on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. A win would have them play the winner of the King City/Stannerberry game on Thursday at 4:30, and a loss would pit them against the loser of that same game on Wednesday at 4:30. Con-

solation and 3rd place girls' games are on Friday at 5:30 and 8:30, respectively. The championship game will be held on Saturday at 7:00.

The Mound City Panthers are seeded 5th and play on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. against 4th seed Stanberry. A win would put them in a 6:00 Thursday game against the winner of the #1 seed North Andrew and 8th seed Worth County game. A loss would pit them against the loser of the same game on Wednesday at 6:00. The boys' consolation game will take place on Friday at 7:00. The boys' third place game is on Saturday at 5:30, and the championship game is at 8:30.

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- January 4 - Mound City JV/V Basketball vs. North Nodaway at Mound City - 5 p.m.
- January 5 - Pork Chop Supper at Graham, MO, Community Building - 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- January 7 - Friends of the Library at Mound City Library - 5 p.m.
- January 7-12 - Mound City V Basketball at Stanberry Tournament - TBA
- January 8 - Story Time at Mound City Library - 10:30 a.m.
- January 9 - Men's Drug and Alcohol Program at 304 E. 5th St., Mound City - 7-8 p.m.
- January 10 - Mound City Board of Aldermen at City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- January 21 - No School at Mound City R-2 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- January 21 - Mound City JV/V Basketball vs. Tarkio at Mound City - 5 p.m.

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To all persons interested in the estate of Donald D. Lawson, Deceased:

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Attorney: Brett Hurst, J.D., 319 Main St., Tarkio, MO 64491, 660-736-4450

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Filing dates: Starting December 11, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2013.

Diana Phillips, Village Clerk, 660-442-3566 22/1tc & 26/1tc

BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Holt County Commission will hold a public hearing on the Proposed 2013 County Budget Document on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the office of the County Commission, in the Courthouse in Oregon, Missouri.

This will be the final hearing held by the commission before adopting the 2013 Budget.

The proposed budget document is available at the office of the County Clerk on weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Kathy J. Kunkel, County Clerk and Budget Officer 26/1tc Holt County, Missouri

The Mound City Public Housing Authority (PHA) announces that, as of December 1, 2012, the PHA made available for public review a draft copy of components of its 2012 Annual Agency Plan per the guidelines of 24 CFR 902, a requirement of the Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

These documents are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the PHA administration office located at 801 Evans Circle Drive, Mound City, MO, for a period of approximately 45 days.

The PHA has scheduled a public hearing to be held on January 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at 801 Evans Circle Drive, Mound City, MO. At this time, the PHA shall receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of its agency plan for submission to HUD on or before January 19, 2013.

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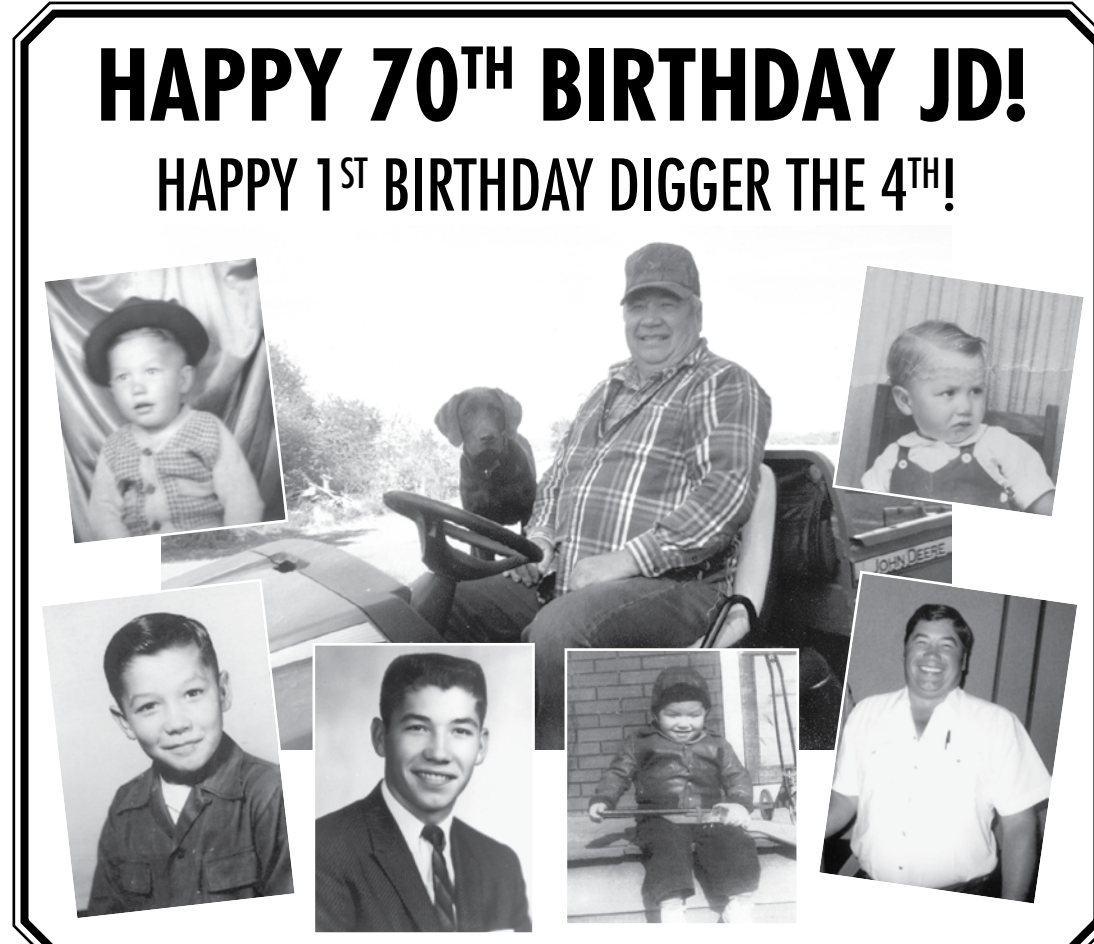
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A retirement celebration- Was held at the Holt County Courthouse in Oregon, MO, on Friday, December 28, for 2nd District Commissioner, Don Holstine, who is retiring after 12 years of service to Holt County. Many family, friends, colleagues and government dignitaries gathered for the celebration. Pictured above, left to right, are, 1st District Holt County Commissioner Bill Gordon, Missouri Senator Brad Lager, outgoing 2nd District Holt County Commissioner Don Holstine, Holt County Clerk Kathy Kunkel, Missouri State Representative Mike Thomson, Holt County Presiding Commissioner Mark Sitherwood and Brian Klippenstein, Deputy Chief of Staff from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office.

Holstine honored for 12 years of service

Don Holstine of Mound City, MO, will not return to the Holt County Courthouse as 2nd District Commissioner in January. The position he has held for the past 12 years will be filled by David Carroll of Maitland, MO. Holstine, however, is not disappointed and has no regrets regarding the completion of his service. "I was willing to serve. It was enjoyable. People deserve the best, and if they want change, that's fine," stated Don Holstine. "I'll continue to help in any way I can."

A retirement celebration was held for Holstine at the Holt County Courthouse in Oregon, MO, on Friday, December 28, in recognition of his tenure as commissioner. A host of friends, family and colleagues attended the cake and punch reception for Holstine, as well as governing dignitaries. Many presentations and congratulations were given.

In January, 2001, Don Holstine was elected to replace Harold 'Curly' Eller in the position as commissioner. The past 12 years of service have been marked with learning, relationship building, battles and victories.

Commissioners serve as basic budget and finance officers, with no control over other offices, except to approve their budgets, a job Holstine felt was one of the more difficult of the position. "Officials here haven't had a raise in 2-3 years, and there isn't enough money to give a raise," remarked Holstine. "All office holders have been very good, however, about coming in under budget."

There have been several projects that have been accomplished during Holstine's

tenure that he has been proud to be a 'small part of', including 911 equipment, an expensive mapping overlay project of the county (which is still in the process), and the new annex for the health department. Holstine is proud of all the bridges, tubes that replaced bridges, and, of course, the vast levee repairs.

The ice storm in '07, floods in '08, '09, '10, and '11, mix in a snowstorm, and several unique situations have been created for county officials. The latest flood cost the county nearly \$19 million, but county officials are very proud of the efforts made to recover from the devastation handed to them by the Missouri River flooding.

The recent consecutive floodings in Holt County opened the doors for more dialogue at the state level, stating that the governor made at least five trips to Holt County during that time and resolved to make himself available at any time.

"It was nice to see that they knew we existed," stated Holstine. "It's hard when you've seen it repeatedly, and this great area of ours looks like a war zone. We just had to do the best we could for people and protect them the best we could."

Over Holstine's tenure, he learned a lot and met a lot of people. His service to Holt County has not been invisible to the people of Holt County, or to state officials for that matter, citing that he has been thanked numerous times for his work in this county.

Holstine plans to continue his farming pursuits, as well as take up a little fishing. Holstine stated that he and his wife, Joan, will begin to do a little travelling as well.



Mound City's new weight room nears completion

A vision to offer better facilities for students working in weights has come nearly full circle. The new 30'x40' addition is nearly complete and ready for use. Mound City teacher and coach, Ryan Osburn, spearheaded the project of building a new weight room at the Mound City School because of the increased interest in weightlifting and the small space in which the weight room was located. Plans were drawn, support garnered and donations collected.

"I can't believe how fast it all happened," stated Ryan Osburn. "The volunteers, along with the money, supplies and labor that were donated, have been incredible. The kids really stepped up and helped raise funds too."

Work on the new metal building began late summer of 2012. It was positioned on the upper playground at the school. The old asphalt was removed, cement poured, and a new metal structure erected. Mound City's maintenance director, Paul Panning, allowed the ag construction class to assist in a myriad of projects needed to complete the room, such as electrical wiring, plumbing, insulation, wall construction, window and door framing, painting, etc. The weight room will be air-conditioned and heated by a new heat pump.

Double doors lead out of the room onto the playground, and a single door was cut through the exterior of the brick school to allow access from inside the building to the weight room. Two large windows look out across the playground.

"I think this space is great for the kids," remarked Osburn. "I've already had 20 or more kids using it at a time, and there's plenty of room. The space also gives Coach Petty options when his classroom, the gym, has to be used for other events. The interest in weights is there, and it will make a difference."

In excess of \$29,000 has been raised to build and furnish the space. There are hopes of purchasing new dumbbells, bars and rubber weights. At present, no new equipment has been purchased. A new 3/4" rubber mat flooring has already been installed, a perk no one had expected, but an anonymous donor made happen. St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, MO, donated a used whirlpool jacuzzi for the facility.

Osburn plans to continue fund raisers that were invoked in 2012, in order to generate funds to continue updating the facility's equipment. An elementary basketball tournament and the little kids' track meet in the spring are already being planned.



Paul Panning, left, and Kyle Staples, right- Continue work at the breaker box in the new Mound City weight room facility on Thursday, December 27. Maintenance director, Paul Panning, along with other custodial employees and ag students, has worked on every facet of the inside of the new space.

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