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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services' schedule

With Christmas heralding on a Sunday this year, many area churches have Christmas Eve services, as well as Sunday Christmas service opportunities for everyone to take part in. They include:

Christmas Eve
Christian Fellowship Church- 5:30 p.m.
Concordia Lutheran Church- 6:30 p.m. (Children's program)
First Christian Church- 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church- 11:00 p.m.
New Liberty Baptist- 5:00 p.m.
River of Hope- 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Day
Christian Fellowship Church- 10:00 a.m.
Concordia Lutheran Church- 10:30 a.m.
First Christian Church- 10:30 a.m. (Followed by the Community Christmas Dinner)
Methodist Church- 10:00 a.m.
River of Hope- 10:30 a.m.
Sharp's Grove- 8:45 a.m.

Community Christmas Dinner to be held this Sunday

The 3rd Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be held at the First Christian Church in Mound City on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. The dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.

This free event will be hosted by Dennis and Cindy Reule in memory of their parents, Herb and Bea Reule and Junior and Betty Yocum.

To ensure that enough ham and turkey are cooked, please call the First Christian Church office, 660-442-3104, and leave your name, phone number, number of people who will be attending, and your address if you will need transportation. Diners can be delivered, but since this is about sharing the day together, all are encouraged to join with others at the church.



What will be inside your present this Christmas season?

Abby Drew, daughter of Shawn and Kate Drew of Mound City- Was one of the students at Mound City Elementary to dress up during spirit week on 'Present Day'. She looked like a present anyone would want to take home!

A sleeping giant wakes

Holt County Christmas Toy Fund

When the sleeping bear rose, it was after a mighty roar, that citizens responded to the gentle giant. The hibernating Holt County Christmas Toy Fund Committee rose in September of 2011, after a four-year slumber, and was received with anxious open arms by the people of Holt County.

Edwin Jones and Terry Martin co-chaired the committee and spearheaded the awakening of the toy fund. Many others jumped in to help. As is customary of this county, committee members were greeted with a 'How can I help' attitude, that mobilized the communities into action to provide food and toys to every kid in Holt County.

"I was impressed by the

dedication of Edwin and several others on the committee who worked so diligently from beginning to end to make this happen," commented Crystal Karr, committee member.

"The support we received from the community was amazing," stated committee member, Norma McCurry. "God saw our need and filled it."

Through the generous support of many people and businesses, the Christmas Toy Fund grew to \$5,800. The cost of the toys, spending roughly \$30 per child, was \$3,230.55. The remainder was spent on food for 57 families (6 senior families) in the county. Committee members assisted families

throughout the county in shopping for toys and necessities for 115 children.

"The shoppers were very gracious and thankful. It was fun to do and I appreciated the enjoyment of giving to others," stated committee member, Cindy Heck.

In addition to the many local monetary donations, the First Christian Church of Mound City donated wrapping paper, Dollar General and manager Nathan Munyon donated 10% off on toys, Mound City Thriftway owner Jim O'Neal donated 10% off on food, Miller Realty donated office space to collect donated items, and EverReady Company in Maryville, MO, donated batteries.

U.S. Highway 159 reopens after months of flooding closures

Motorists in Holt County can now drive on U.S. Highway 159 after months of closures due to summer flooding. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) announced the opening of the 2.2-mile section of highway that runs from the Missouri River Bridge to east of Route 111 to traffic Sunday, December 18, after having been closed for several months. Ideker, Inc., of St. Joseph, MO, was the contractor for the project that began October 20.

"We know this has been a long closure for this route and we're excited to get it back open for the public," said Don Wichern, MoDOT's

Northwest District engineer.

The extensive damages to Highway 159 included three large scour holes ranging in size up to 675 feet long, 40 feet wide and 50 feet deep. More than 172,770 tons of rock were used to fill all the holes. The sections over the holes were also resurfaced with asphalt and new guard rails were added to both sides of the road.

For more information about this or other projects being handled by MoDOT, please call the toll-free customer service hotline at: 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/northwest.

NorthwestCell to participate in Verizon Wireless' LTE in Rural America program

NorthwestCell, a wireless provider headquartered in Maryville, MO, recently announced that the company has entered into an agreement with Verizon Wireless to participate in the LTE in Rural America program. Under the LTE in Rural America program, Verizon Wireless seeks to work with rural carriers to jumpstart the delivery of fourth generation Long Term Evolution (LTE) services to rural communities throughout the United States.

Roger Bundridge, General Manager, NorthwestCell, said, "We have a commitment to the communities that we serve, and a dedication to maintain state of the art technologies for those that live in our service areas. We view the LTE in Rural America program as the fastest approach to provide fourth generation nationwide network services to NorthwestCell customers. Rural wireless customers have the need for 4G LTE high-speed wireless data services both at home and when traveling, and this agreement will help us meet those needs and expectations for our customers."

"NorthwestCell has a long track record of providing outstanding wireless service, and we are pleased it has joined the LTE in Rural America program," said Molly Feldman, Vice-President of Business Development for Verizon Wireless. "Working together, NorthwestCell will be able to bring the power of 4G LTE to its customers quickly and efficiently."

Under the agreement, Verizon Wireless will lease to NorthwestCell its 700 MHz upper C block wireless spec-

trum in the NorthwestCell areas where Verizon Wireless has not constructed a network. Using the leased spectrum, NorthwestCell will construct and operate a 4G LTE network in northwest Missouri serving NorthwestCell customers, as well as Verizon Wireless customers and customers of other LTE in Rural America participants traveling in NorthwestCell territory. In addition, NorthwestCell customers will have access to Verizon Wireless' 4G LTE network throughout the United States.

Bundridge said, "As a rural wireless carrier, we take great pride in our current ability to provide voice and 3G advanced data services at service levels that exceed many urban areas. However, without participating in collaborative initiatives such as the LTE in Rural America program, our ability to provide services beyond our current network is limited. Cooperation within the wireless industry is critical to overcome our shared challenges."

NorthwestCell expects 4G LTE speeds to be 5 to 12 megabits per second (Mbps) for downloading data and 2 to 5 Mbps for uploading data to a wireless device. Bundridge said, "For our customers, faster wireless data speeds and response will translate into a better user experience initially for traditional data services such as email and web browsing. As important will be access to devices and services that are just beyond our vision."

More information about NorthwestCell and its products and services can be accessed at www.nwmccl.com.

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Proceeds from Holidays in Holt County donated to Community Services, Inc.

Cathy Davis, Holt County Director of Community Services, Inc., right- Received a check in the amount of \$350, along with approximately 100 pounds of food, from Jennifer Kelly, back left, who coordinated the Holidays in Holt County event. All proceeds from the event, after all bills were paid, were donated along with the food items that were brought in by the event's customers. Also pictured are Lauren Kelly, left, and Landrey Kelly, center.



Quilt raffle winner

Herman Stroud of Forest City, MO- Won the Holt County Cancer Fund, Inc., quilt raffle. His name was drawn at Oregon's Christmas Around the Square on Saturday, December 3. The quilt was donated by Ann E. Derr, Oregon, MO.

Omega Club news

The Omega Club met Thursday, December 8, 2011, for its Christmas party with lunch at the Sportsman's Lodge in Bigelow, MO. Members presented the program with Christmas poems, quizzes, stories and readings.

It was reported individual members and the Omega Club donated to the Holt County Christmas Toy Fund, to be used for food and toys. The club will host the February birthday party at the

Mound City Nutrition Site.

Those present were Janet Burnside, Linda Elton, Phyllis Ball, Linda Hester, Eva Johnson, Helen Derr, Mary Lee Privett, Susan Rippen, Alma Reilly, Verna Young, Delores Smith, Iva VanDeventer and associate member, Dolores Huiatt.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, at the home of Iva VanDeventer of Mound City.



High and lifted up - A house trying to elude more floodwaters

The sight of a house being jacked up, or built well above what would seem normal, has unfortunately become a very normal sight over the years near Big Lake, MO. The home, pictured above, shows the efforts of a rural Holt County farmer attempting to save it because it has been in his family for over 100 years. The home is a 1903 farmhouse near Corning, MO, owned by Michael Peters.

During the Flood of 2011, the small town of Corning sat under several feet of water for over three months. Those same floodwaters inundated this home that sits to the south of Corning. The home had only a few inches of water in it during the great flood of 1952, and despite waters

being close, it has had no water in floods since, until this year.

"Three historic floods were all within a couple inches of each other. This should work to keep the water out," stated Michael Peters. "I'm not leaving. It's where our farm is, and it's my home. They're not going to take that away from me."

The home was built by August Wahler, whose daughter later married Art Peters (Michael's great-uncle). When Art passed away, the home was transferred through the family to Lee Peters (Michael's father). When Michael moved into the home in 1996, the home received a renovation, and now an even more drastic measure has to be taken to

preserve it. The home had sat on a block and mortar base. A swift current ran by the home during the flood and washed the mortar out from between the blocks. Because some repair had to be done to the foundation anyway, Michael decided to move the entire home UP in the process, being sure it is two feet above what FEMA mandates.

Ensor Movers from John-son, NE, began jacking the home up on Wednesday, December 14, in preparation for a new four feet cement foundation. The foundation will elevate the house about two feet higher than FEMA mandates. The house project should be complete in about a month.

Squaw Creek Refuge closed January 7-8, 2012, for deer hunt

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, MO, will be closed to the general public on Saturday, January 7, and Sunday, January 8, 2012, for the annual muzzle loader white-tailed deer hunt. Only those drawn for the hunt will be permitted on the refuge during these days. The refuge ten-mile auto tour will be closed during the deer hunt primarily for visitor safety and hunter success. Refuge hiking trails east of State Highway 159 will be open including the Bluff Trials and Callow Memorial Trail located near the refuge headquarters.

Current headquarters visitor contact station open hours

are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The refuge headquarters is currently closed on weekends for the winter. It will reopen for the spring bird migration in mid-March. The refuge headquarters will close for Christmas (observed) on Monday, December 26, and New Year's Day (observed) on Monday, January 2.

Deer hunts were initiated in January, 1988, to reduce a rapidly expanding deer herd that was causing considerable damage to refuge habitats. In addition, reduction of the deer herd will help reduce deer-vehicle collisions along state highways 118 and 159, and Interstate 29.

The annual firearm muzzle

loading deer hunt is a continuing effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Missouri Department of Conservation to provide quality hunting opportunities through resource management programs. The deer hunt has been a popular event and continues to generate an interest in muzzle loading firearms for deer hunting.

The refuge auto tour and Eagle Pool Overlook hiking trail will be closed at sunset on Friday, January 6, and then reopen at sunrise on Monday, January 9. Information regarding the deer hunt can be obtained by calling the Squaw Creek Refuge at (660) 442-3187.

News from Tiffany Heights

Residents enjoyed the afternoon making another Christmas craft on Monday, December 12, at Tiffany Heights in Mound City. They made Santa ornaments to hang in their rooms or on their doors.

Of course, each Santa had a jolly ol' smile. Shirley Jackson and Joan Smith assisted with the crafts. Joan brought in her Old World Santa painting for all to admire. Shirley

treated everyone with a taste of home in her homemade breads and jellies.

Myrna Field visited residents and made each female resident a beautiful beaded Christmas bracelet.

Well, with many things happening during the month of December, residents were asked to recall at least four things. Most were able to come up with the four well known events and able to guess the many others with well placed clues. Among some of these events was the discovery of the South Pole in 1911. Did you know that in 1791, the first one-way street was used in New York City, and that in 1843, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens was published? On December 24, the Christmas carol, "Silent Night", was created and, in 1818, was penned. The 29th is the birthday of the bowling ball (1862). Residents learned these interesting events and many more during the afternoon on Tuesday.

It just wouldn't be the same without cookies. The residents enjoyed using cookie cutters and making/decorating sugar cookies during the afternoon on Wednesday. Everyone got a chance to choose which cutter to use. The residents also made round ones and decorated them with colored, sugar sprinkles for

their evening meal. After decorating the cut-outs, residents enjoyed eating the ones they made. Shirley Jackson assisted with the cookies.

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

Barbara Hanlon assisted with glamour nails on Friday morning. During the afternoon, the Northwest Missouri Home School Association students visited and sang several carols for the residents. Those attending from the association were Danielle, Courteney and Hunter Gordon; Lauretta, Cameron, Garrett and Lydia Sheldon; Jenny, Juliana, Clayton, Brooklyn and Kristin Binder; Kaaren, Emilie and Kody Browning; Willis Wilson; Marla, Aaron and Alaina Riley; LaShawn, Kallista, Wyatt, Lily-Kate and Weslyn Noel; and Jade, Britney, Blade and Brett Wright. Pastor Crystal Karr presented the third in a series of the Advent Journey during the afternoon on Saturday. Residents also enjoyed games of choice on Saturday afternoon.

Larry Brickey and family provided Sunday morning worship. Afternoon services were conducted by the First Christian Church.

January Specialty Clinics

Cardiac Clinic: Jan. 3, 24-Dr. Coatsworth
Jan. 10, 17-Dr. Whitney
Vascular: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24
ECHO: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24
Nuc. Medicine: Jan. 10, 24
Eye Clinic: Jan. 24-Dr. Madson
Eye Surgery: Jan. 23- Dr. Madson
Neurology: Jan. 25-Dr. Makos
Urology: Jan. 11-Dr. Partamian
Surgery: Jan. 4, 8-Dr. Ryberg
Orthopedic: Jan. 10-Dr. Bredthauer
OB/GYN: Jan. 6-Dr. Dawson
Pulmonology: Jan. 9-Dr. Keim

Cardiac Rehab: By appointment, ext. 229
Sleep Studies: Available Tuesday evenings with appointment, 660-686-2335
Wellness Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri., by appointment, 660-686-2334
Self Management Diabetes
Education-Jan. 19, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Nutritional Counseling: Thursdays, Kay Wing, R.D. L.D., CDE, ext. 332
Services available upon doctor's order
Blood Pressure Clinics: Rock Port: Jan. 2, Tarkio: Jan. 2, Mound City: Jan. 25
Primary Care Clinic: Dr. Fernandez:
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Lana M. Downey

Lana Marie Downey, 48, Big Lake, MO, formerly of Kansas City, MO, died Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Shawnee Mission, KS, after a lengthy battle with idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis. Funeral services were held Monday, December 19, 2011, at Fairview Christian Church in Kansas City, MO. Graveside services were held at Crescent Hill Cemetery in Adrian, MO. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Heartland SPCA or Heartland Hospice.

Lana was born March 10, 1963, in North Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Dickie Gene and Lenora Maxine (Meech) Downey. Her father preceded her in death in 1992.

Lana lived at Lake Waukomis and Tiffany Springs, both in Kansas City, while growing up, graduating from Park Hill High School in Kansas City in 1981. During high school and after her graduation, she ran her own cleaning company and continued doing so while she attended dental assistant school. She worked as a dental assistant for 8 years, then started working for UPS and the Aviation Department. In 1989, Lana changed careers to work for TWA in the overhaul base in Kansas City as an airplane mechanic and was employed there until her medical retirement.

Lana loved to spend time at the lake where she was an active member of the Big Lake Improvement Association. She enjoyed socializing with her friends and family, playing with her dog, reading and learning new information. In her short life, she touched the hearts of many individuals in every facet of her life. She never judged anyone by any scale - people were people and she loved them all. She never knew a stranger and never had an enemy. Lana loved life and loved loving people. She spent her whole life taking care of others. "She was a good person."

Lana is survived by her companion and care giver, Jennifer Watts; her mother, L. Maxine Downey; two sisters, Linda Orth Grzanowicz

and husband, George, and Lisa Miller and husband, Dale, all of Kansas City, MO; one brother, James Charles Hunsicker and wife, Betty, Decatur, IL; nephews, Shawn Cox and wife, Annie, Kansas City, MO, Craig Hunsicker and wife, Jamie, Winchester, CO, and Kevin Hunsicker and wife, Jamie, Decatur, IL; nieces, Latricia Acord and husband, Clint, and Lacie Miller and husband, Tony; and 9 great-nephews and nieces.

Arrangements were under the direction of Atkinson Funeral Home, Harrisonville, MO. Online condolences may be made to atkinsonfuneralhome.com.

Ethel F. Tucker

Ethel F. (Brownlee) Tucker of Savannah, MO, was born in St. Joseph, MO, on November 7, 1926, to Elmer and Maud (Sollars) Brownlee. On September 28, 1944, she married James Tucker, and they became parents of eight children.

Ethel had always been a caretaker to all. She worked as a caregiver at Sister's Hospital, Shady Lawn, and Kendallwood; and also owned and operated the Richelieu rooming house in Savannah for several years.

Ethel passed away on Monday, December 19, 2011, at a Savannah care center at the age of 85.

Survivors include Ethel's husband of 67 years, James, of Savannah; their children and spouses, Anna Tucker of Savannah, Mary (Clayton) Vaught of St. Joseph, Jim (Carol) Tucker of Wichita, KS, John (B.J.) Tucker of Valley Center, KS, Mark (Ginger) Tucker of St. Joseph, Kim (John) Hutchison of Savannah, Bob (Sue) Tucker of Savannah, and David Tucker (Christina McCartney) of Savannah; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; four sisters; and two great-grandchildren.

Ethel enjoyed going to garage sales and auctions, and also enjoyed gambling.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011, at the Chamberlain Funeral Home in Oregon, MO. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the services. Interment will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Oregon. Online condolences may be left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.



Mound City Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club met at the United Methodist Church in Mound City, MO, on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, with 16 members and 2 guests present - Annette Weeks and Carrie Wilson.

Carrie presented a program about Rafter Cross Photography. The Pancake Feed fund raiser for the Nutrition Site is scheduled for the first weekend in March. The circus has made contact with the Kiwanis and may be scheduled in late summer or early fall. There is a possibility for a Pancake Feed at the school with the date to be determined later. Share the Harvest meat still needs to be picked up.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.



Harold Wilkinson

Harold Wilkinson of Cedar Rapids, IA, 74, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2011, after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 12, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. The Rev. Harlan Gillespie officiated. Memorial visitation was held from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids. Private family inurnment took place at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Harold is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Peg; his sons, Mike of Cedar Rapids and Blake (Angie) of Marion, IA; his daughter, Codi, of Denver, CO; his mother, Alois, of Mound City, MO; his sister, Jan (Doug) of Litchfield Park, AZ; his brother, Dean (Jana) of Sanford, NC; many nieces and nephews; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Harold was born on a farm near Mound City in 1937. He grew up on various farms in the community and graduated from Mound City High in 1955. After high school he attended the University of Missouri for one year and then transferred to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Harold lettered three years in football.

In 1960, Harold married Peggy Riley and they moved to Belle Plaine, IA, for their first teaching position. While there, Harold taught junior high science, junior high industrial arts, and boys' and girls' physical education. He was athletic director and assisted conference champion football and basketball teams. In 1962, Harold started the girls' track and field program in Belle Plaine. Belle Plaine quickly rose to fame with a group of talented athletes. In 1964, the team, nicknamed the Blue Streaks by local editor Moe Burrows, won the State Championship in West Des Moines, IA, wearing their blue gym suits.

Harold received his M.A. degree from Northern Colorado University in 1963. In 1965 and 1966, his teams won the state indoor and outdoor meets. During this time, there was only one class for girls' track. Ironically, Belle Plaine did not have a track. Athletes practiced on a 220-yard oval on a playground. They even held meets there!

In 1971, the Wilkinsons moved to Cedar Rapids. Harold worked at Kennedy High School and was a physical education teacher and coached several girls' athletic teams in cross country, track and basketball. He later became the Cougar girls' basketball coach as well. During his tenure at Kennedy, he continued to have outstanding individuals and teams. Harold's 1977 girls' basketball team finished second in the state tournament.

In 1985, Harold was named the National High School

Athletic Coaches' Association's Track and Field Coach of the Year. He was inducted to the Kennedy High School Coaches' Hall of Fame, the National High School Athletic Coaches' Association Hall of Fame, and the Belle Plaine Civil Hall of Fame.

Harold and Peg moved to rural Solon, IA, where Harold continued to coach and enjoyed watching the various athletic programs and activities of the community. They had recently moved back to Cedar Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association, St. Paul's United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Please leave a message, tribute or memory to Harold's family on the Web page, www.cedarmemorial.com under Obituaries.



Lynn L. Elms

Lynn L. Elms, 84, St. Joseph, MO, died Monday, December 19, 2011, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. He was born July 4, 1927, to Harry O. and Lavaughn (Schoonover) Elms in Indiana, NE.

Lynn married Norma Jean Chambers January 1, 1948. She preceded him in death November 23, 1999.

Lynn worked as an over-the-road truck driver and farmer. He was a member of Charity Lodge #331, A.F. & A.M.

Lynn was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wayne and Kenny Elms; and one sister, Evelyn Boston.

Survivors include Lynn's four sons, Terry L. Elms (Mary K.), Glastonbury, CT, Michael D. Elms (Tammy) Elms, St. Joseph, Rodney A. Elms (Brittany), St. Joseph, and David R. Elms (Cori), Gower, MO; sister, Erma Miles, Fredericksburg, VA; six grandchildren, Anna Bailey, Brianna and Marina Hayner, Reed Elms, Catherine Elms, and Victoria Elms; and one great-granddaughter, Jaden Bailey.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, at the Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory in St. Joseph. Interment will be held at the Savannah, MO, Cemetery. The family suggests memorial gifts to the ALS Association. An online guest book and obituary may be found at www.meierhoffer.com.

Arrest in Holt County

Korie L. Ashley, age 28, of Grand Island, NE, was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011, for a Branson, MO, Police Department Misdemeanor Warrant for Driving While Suspended; Speeding; and Operating Motor Vehicle on Highway without Valid License. He was taken to the Holt County Jail in Oregon, MO.



Three boxes of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks- Were collected at the Mound City Nutrition Site for the "Pantry of Plenty" to be distributed to people in need in Holt County. It was a great response from the community. Larry and Carol Brickey, right to left, delivered the items to the pantry.

Nutrition site news

Volunteers at the Nutrition Site in Mound City during the week of December 12, 2011, were: Judy Scroggins, Chris and Linda Boultinghouse, Paul and Yvonne Markt, Tami Paulson, Art Davis, Wayne White, Louella Riley, Marla and Alaina Riley, Paul Grant, Barb Hanlon, Pepe Wright, Marta and Mallory Burton, Jenny Binder and kids, Roma Chaney, Addie Trimmer, Phyllis Parker, Lela Boyd, Gary and DeeAnn Heck, Pat Groves, Sue Schmidt, Yogi Swymeler, Sandra Cowherd, Dallas Kurtz, Linda Elton, Marjorie Field, Mike Picray, Kathy Kreek, Mound City FBLA, Nichole Hux, Bev Kreek, Anne Dudeck, Cindy Heck and Juanita Brickey.

Delivering meals the week of December 26, 2011, will be:

Craig - Monday - Pat Groves and Sue Schmidt.

Mound City - Monday and Tuesday - Larry and Carol Brickey; Wednesday-Open; Thursday and Friday - Methodist Church.

Oregon and Forest City- Monday and Tuesday- Yogi Swymeler; Wednesday and Thursday- Barb Flint; Friday-Open.

The Mound City Nutrition Site has a dumpster in the parking lot to recycle bagged paper, cardboard (broken down) and bagged plastic. The site also recycles cell phones, ink cartridges, aluminum cans for cancer (Helping Hand) in two purple cans by the front door, and VHS tapes for MERIL (Independent Living). There are also drop boxes for box

tops for the school.

The December product of the month is flour. The drawing for the month will be held Friday, December 30.

Upcoming activities at the Mound City Nutrition Site are:

December 26 - Exercises from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; GED classes from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Sandra Cowherd.

December 28 - Exercises from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO, Blood Pressure Screening from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 30 - 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, December 26 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread, peaches or plums and cookies.

Tuesday, December 27 - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit gelatin and pumpkin bars.

Wednesday, December 28 - Pork roast, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, baked apples and pudding.

Thursday, December 29 - Ham and beans, juice, diced tomatoes, corn bread and peach crisp.

Friday, December 30 - Salisbury steak, scalloped corn, spinach or lettuce salad, tropical fruit salad and cinnamon rolls.

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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

Community Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.

No worship service Sunday.

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 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

18080 Hwy. 59 • *Jim Brown, Minister*
Christmas Worship Service, 10:00 a.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 Brickley, 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*
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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

Santa visits children in Craig

The Christmas Season is here, and across the world, plum-cheeked children stand bright-eyed with anticipation of Santa's imminent arrival.

On Saturday December 10, Jolly Ol' St. Nick arrived white haired and full of cheer. Jiggling all the way to his Santa chair and wearing his traditionally celebrated red suit, he greeted the children of Craig, MO.

Children sitting on Santa's lap whispered their Christmas wish list and Santa listened carefully and then replied... "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas", as each child left with a gift and a smile. Each child received a gift bag filled with many yummy delights. Children then crafted their own snowman frame for their special picture of them with Santa.

It was a very pleasant day for both the children and Santa. This event was funded by the Craig Community Committee.

Each year, the children participate in a coloring contest. This year was a great treat as there were several winners: Faith Drewes received a velvet kitten poster; Gracie Szesny received a McDonald's gift certificate; Greffin Kemerling received a McDonald's gift certificate; Jaycee Hill received a Spiral Art; and Daniel Brandon received a large tin of popcorn.

Red Kettle Campaign to wrap up Saturday

The annual Red Kettle Campaign, conducted by the Salvation Army, will wrap up Saturday, December 24, in Holt County. There will be bell ringers located at various locations in the county on Saturday. For other donations, many red kettles are placed throughout the county's businesses.

Donation checks for the Salvation Army may be mailed to: The Salvation Army, c/o Community Services, P.O. Box 284, Mound City, MO 64470.

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The congregations of the
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hosting a candlelight service on
Christmas Eve at 5 p.m.
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conducting the service at the
New Liberty Baptist Church,
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Christmas light winners announced

The battle of the bulbs ensued all across Mound City, as residents hung and placed thousands of lights and decorations on houses, and in yards, on bushes and trees. Mound City Mayor Larry Russell offered cash prizes for three decorated homes, and judges drove throughout Mound City on Sunday, December 18, to cast their votes for the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest.

"The city did an awesome job this year," stated Mayor Russell. "There are so many nice displays all around town."

The first place winner of \$25 was the Chris and Renae Hollis residence at 1319 Savannah Street. There was quite an impressive light display up and down Savannah Street as well.

The second place winner, receiving \$15, was the home of Maurice and Marie Wheeler at 311 E. 5th Street. The third place winner, receiving \$10, was the home of Sean Saxton at 409 E. 5th Street.



The Mayor's Lighting Contest 1st Place Winner- Was the home of Chris and Renae Hollis at 1319 Savannah Street. Icicles drip from the eaves and wraparound porch, Santa and his reindeer prance on the lawn, and giant light bulbs line the walkway. The efforts earned the homeowners \$25 from Mound City Mayor Larry Russell.



(Right)
The Mayor's Lighting Contest 2nd Place Winner- Was the home of Maurice and Marie Wheeler at 311 E. 5th Street. The couple utilized icicle lights to outline the front of their home. The couple received \$15 from Mound City Mayor Larry Russell.



(Left)
The Mayor's Lighting Contest 3rd Place Winner- Was the home of Sean Saxton at 409 E. 5th Street. The home is well lit with a vast array of lights, including having a few trees wrapped. The Christmas lighting earned Sean a \$10 thank you from Mound City Mayor Larry Russell.



Craig Elementary presents winter concert

Elementary students at the Craig, MO, R-3 School- Presented a winter concert on Friday, December 16. The 5th and 6th grade students were featured speakers in "Dear Santa", where the program centered around different letters written to Santa. All the parts and songs were about letters to Santa, which was followed by a song around that letter. Students speaking and singing in the program, with 'letters from Santa' hanging around their necks, were from left to right, back row: Brandon Flint, Ashlynn Stone, Dawson Law, Kaitlyn Panning, Gracie Szensy, Kobe Monroe, Dylon Fallor, Jamison Liles and Brandon Miller. Middle row: Sarah Liles, Kailey Peeks, Angel McCallan, Ryan Lewis, Paige Stoner, Sierra Bliesner, Trevor Livengood, Curtis Welch and Levi Kinney. Front row: Maddie Miller, Emmie Akers, Hallie Grist, Skyllar Bammer, JoJo McClain, Quinton Livengood, Garrett Law and Tony Skeen.

Christmas Eve Service *Oregon Presbyterian Church*

102 S. Main
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3:00 p.m.
Reverend David
Cliburn, Pastor

Christmas Eve Service *Woodville Presbyterian Church*

28523 Hwy. B
Oregon, MO
5:00 p.m.
Reverend David
Cliburn, Pastor



Voltmer graduates Magna Cum Laude

Neal and Karen Voltmer of Bigelow, MO- Would like to announce that their son, Patrick Voltmer, graduated from DeVry University in Kansas City, MO, Saturday, December 17, 2011, at the Overland Park Convention Center with a Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Design and Development. Patrick graduated with the honor of Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.8. He is a 2008 Craig, MO, R-III graduate. Those attending the ceremony were his parents, Neal and Karen Voltmer; Ian, Brandy and Mayson White; Nehemiah and Misty Voltmer; Darrel and Marla Voltmer; Hannah Elton; Bill and Gail Heitman; Ben Voltmer; and Josh Gillingham. Patrick is currently employed at Hiawatha Implement in Mound City, MO.



Deb Hull, diabetes educator, left- With St. Francis Hospital & Health Services- Receives a \$3,000 grant from Multiplan's Network Development Executive, Lori Brown, right.

Grant boosts diabetes prevention project

St. Francis Hospital & Health Services in Maryville, MO, has received a \$3,000 Rural Health Outreach Grant from MultiPlan, the nation's oldest and largest independent PPO network. The grant will allow the hospital to expand its diabetes prevention project to additional county schools to educate 5th and 6th grade students and their families about diabetes and its prevention, and to motivate them to make behavior changes that lower their risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

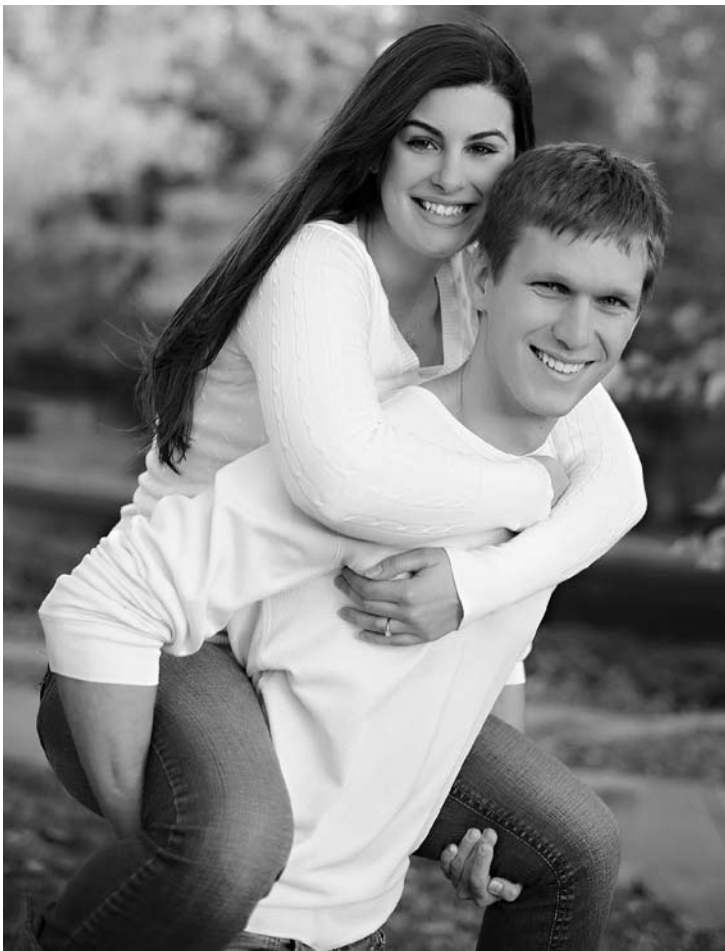
St. Francis was selected from 114 applicants and was one of only 10 to be awarded a grant through this year's program.

"We are honored to be chosen as one of the few recipients to receive a grant from MultiPlan," said diabetes educator and project coordinator, Deb Hull.

"Diabetes is an epidemic," Hull continued. "One out of every three children is expected

to develop diabetes in their lifetime unless something is done to stop it. This grant allows us to take diabetes prevention efforts into every 5th and 6th grade classroom in Atchison, DeKalb, Gentry and Mercer counties. Not only will these classrooms receive *A Journey with Joe into Diabetes* DVD, but each student will receive a DVD to take home and view with their parents. Support in the home is crucial in helping children develop healthy habits. We appreciate the efforts of MultiPlan in recognizing and helping meet the needs and challenges of rural hospitals."

Since 1995, MultiPlan's Rural Health Outreach Grant Program has awarded nearly \$390,000 to help rural hospitals reach out with programs and services that address the health care needs of their communities.



Laura Kay DeShon and Taylor William Sharp

DeShon and Sharp announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Rick DeShon of St. Joseph, MO, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kay DeShon, to Taylor William Sharp, son of Chris and Sheri Sharp of Mound City, MO.

The future bride is a 2008 graduate of Savannah, MO, High School and is currently a student at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph studying graphic design.

The future groom is a 2008 graduate of Mound City High School and will graduate in May, 2012, from Missouri Western with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Business Administration.

A June 9, 2012, wedding at the Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City is planned.



Pictured above, left to right- Are Mound City Pack 71 members: Matthew Grover, Alex Harris, William Rother, Jessie Knapp, James Boyd, Jathan Ungles, Ben Brook and Josiah Foust. Not pictured, but who also sold popcorn, were Benton and Blake Hayworth, Wyatt Kerns, and Landon Poppa.

Pack 71 wraps up popcorn sales

Pack 71 of the Mound City Cub Scouts recently finalized its 2011 popcorn sales and would like to recognize the community for the outstanding support. The group had record sales this year! The scouts sold over \$6,000 worth of popcorn with over \$1,800 going into the Pack 71 fund. Mound City was the 5th highest selling pack in the district.

Mound City scouts reached their sales goal, and had the second highest seller in the council. William Rother of Mound City was the top seller with over \$2,700 in sales. For his efforts, he will

now have a scholarship fund through Trails End, the provider of the popcorn. He will be able to add to that fund each and every year that he sells popcorn. Mound City had three boys (William, Jathan Ungles and Josiah Foust) who sold at least \$100 in military donations that earned them a special patch. The military donations are when someone makes a special donation where popcorn goes to servicemen and women across the world. William, Jathan and Josiah also made enough sales to earn the special prize of a Zynner gun!

CH-F scholarship deadline approaching

Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO (CH-F), Development Council and Auxiliary Scholarship applications are available online at <http://www.chafx.org/index.php/careers/>. Scholarships are available to any student enrolled in a health care related program. Applications are due Saturday, December 31, 2011.

The above link also contains information about the loan programs available at CH-F and an additional opportunity through the Genie Perry Memorial Scholarship. Be sure to read about these opportunities as well.

Please contact Ann Schlueter with questions at anns@fairfaxmed.com.



This Week's History

From the *Mound City News* archives

50 Years Ago - 1961

• Business Christmas ads were posted in the paper by: Davis Fertilizer; Kee Cafe; Griffith's TV; Burger's Grocery; Shopworth Food Stores; Hund and Eger Bottling Co.; Embrey's Washer & Appliance Service; Wilson's Men's Shop; Broker Produce; Duncan Nursing Home; Mound City LP Gas; Dick's Rexall Drugs; Nauman Construction; Perry's Standard Service; Mound City Cleaners; DeLong Plumbing and Heating; Radar Machine Shop; United Tractors, Inc.; McCall Produce; Tarkio Pelleting; Singleton Garage; Gallup Golden Rule Store; Buckle's Repair; Digg's Sinclair Service; Ripley Variety Store; Hall Lumber Co.; Wilson's Repair Shop; Brown's Curve; Richardson Lumber Co.; Moss Hardware and Supply; Exchange Bank; Ken Privett Insurance Agency; Mound City Laundry; The Shunkwilers; Robinson's Cafe; Mound City Implement Co.; Vest Oil Company; Jackson and Kinder Barber Shop; Maitland Farmers Bank; Officer Sisters Beauty Shop; Holt County Coop Elevator; Gordon Bros. Quarry; Bowe's Superette; Farmer's Coal & Grain; St. Joseph Light & Power; Pettijohn & Crawford; Big Lake Dining Lodge; Karen's La Petite Beauty Salon; Bruce & Esther McRae; Exchange Bank; Mound City Flowers and Gifts; The Forney Hardware; Crouse Bros. Motors; Scarbrough Bros. Seed Co.; Cottier & McCormack; McIntire Lumber Co.; Farmers Oil Co.; Hatch Barber Shop; Ideker Motors; Laukemper Motors; Killin Salvage Yard; HyKlas Food Store; Kathryn's Beauty Shop; and Western Auto Association.

25 Years Ago - 1986

• A surprise party was held honoring Shirley Jackson on the last day of business at Shirley's Cafe in Mound City. Shirley had been in the restaurant business for 21 years, working the first five year with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mace Nauman.

• The newly formed Sunshine Generation group of Mound City performed in the Mound City Community Building. Santa also made his appearance at the event.

• The Holt County Sheriff's Department hired a new deputy, Bill Lark of Oregon, MO.

• The Craig elementary students presented their annual Christmas program. The beginning bands performed under the direction of Riley Schenk. Grades one through six performed the musical, "The Case of the Counterfeit Santa".

• The Christmas edition of the paper was chock-full of over a hundred beautiful pictures of local children, as part of the 'Our Most Prized Possessions' pages.

10 Years Ago - 2001

• The Holt County Christmas Toy Fund provided toys and food vouchers for 34 families with 89 children. Donation totals were \$330 shy of the amount needed to purchase the toys and provide the food vouchers.

• Christmas Grinches: A brick was thrown through the front window of Mound City Foods, as a burglar(s) broke in and stole the Salvation Army kettle. Thieves also stole some of the Christmas lights and Christmas tree decorations in Craig that were made possible by donations from individuals and merchants.

• Members of the Paul P. Shutts American Legion delivered 40 Christmas baskets filled with fruit and other goodies to veterans' widows.

• Bud Reilly was the winner of the \$500 McIntire Lumber Shopping Spree Sweepstakes.

• The Holt County Farm Bureau was recognized at the 87th Missouri Farm Bureau meeting, and received six gold stars for excellence in various program areas. It also achieved the 2001 membership quota of 383.



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Geib signs letter of intent

Rebecca Geib, second to right, a senior at Fairfax, MO, R-3 School- Signs a letter of intent to participate in the high jump at Highland Community College in Highland, KS. Rebecca has received a track scholarship from Highland Community College. Also pictured are Dustin Barnes, head girls' basketball coach, left, and Rebecca's parents, Alisa, second to left, and Howard Geib, right.



Abby Haer, second from left, and Taylor Miles, second from right- Of Mound City, MO, participated in five volleyball games as the Missouri High School Volleyball Coaches' Association (MHSVCA) presented the Graphic Edge All-State Volleyball Matches on Saturday, December 17. Pictured with the girls are Assistant Lady Panther Volleyball Coach Debi Clifton (left) and Head Coach Kayla Schoonover (right).

Participate in All-Star games

Abby Haer and Taylor Miles, both of Mound City, MO, participated in five volleyball games on Saturday, December 17, as the Missouri High School Volleyball Coaches' Association (MHSVCA) presented the Graphic Edge All-State Volleyball Matches on the campus of Central Missouri State in Warrensburg, MO.

The Mound City girls were eligible to participate in the matches because of their selection in October to the Missouri Class 1 All-State Volleyball Team, where both were chosen as honorable mentions in Class 1. The matches featured the state's best seniors as determined by the MHSVCA. Over 10,200 student-athletes from 425 Missouri high schools played volleyball in 2011. It was quite an honor to be among the 49 chosen to compete in the games.

The 48 girls who participated in the event were divided into six 8-man teams. The teams spent the morning practicing and getting to know each other. In the afternoon, a round robin was played, with each team playing each of the other 5 teams in highly competitive, but fun games.

Abby played on the Royal Team, that was coached by Nancy Fischer of Valle Catholic. The other seven members were from Jefferson City, Bloomfield, Springfield Catholic, Glendale, Summersville, Windsor and Sacred Heart. Her team finished the day with a 2-3 record.

Taylor played for Chris Bair of St. Pius X Kansas City. Members of her team were seniors from Reeds Spring, Stover, Osceola, Lutheran South, Farmington, Scott City and Ozark. Her team finished the day with a 3-2 record.

Following the matches, athletes, coaches and parents were served a buffet meal prior to the awards' ceremony. All-State athletes from each of the four classes were recognized during the presentations, as well as All-State coaches.

In 2011, the MHSVCA changed the honors' program that recognized coaches with benchmark wins. The benchmarks were changed from 50 win increments to 100 win increments. Mound City's Coach Kayla Schoonover reached the 150 win benchmark this year, and is deserving of the honor.



The Nodaway-Holt Trojans' boys' basketball team- Captured its second championship trophy of the season on Friday, December 16, by defeating the South Nodaway Longhorns 63-60 in the finals of the Northwest Missouri Tournament held in Ravenwood, MO. The Trojans, who had a first round bye, appeared in the championship game after defeating West Nodaway 50-41 in the semifinals. Pictured above, left to right are, back row: Coach Terry Petersen, Devin Albertson, Nick Patterson, Duston Wetzel, Cody Schniedermeyer, Stephen Schniedermeyer, Derek Lemon, Justin Dearthmont, Jackson Beattie, Brian Lance, Gus Coffelt, and Assistant Coaches Kevin Dodson and Dahlmer Davis. Front row: Ryan Ginther, Aaron Saxton, Kurt Shepard, Josh Schafer, Zach Lemar, Brandon Saxton, Brice Shamberger and Zach Callow.

Trojans take title at Northwest Missouri Tournament

The Nodaway-Holt boys and girls were both ranked first in the Northwest Missouri Tournament that took place December 12-16 in Ravenwood, MO. The ranking earned them both a bye in the first round.

The Nodaway-Holt girls played the North Nodaway Lady Mustangs in the second round of the tournament on Wednesday, December 14. Both teams played well in the first quarter with the score being tied 13-13. In the second quarter, the Mustangs warmed up taking a 33-25 lead. In the third quarter, the Lady Mustangs were able to continue shooting well, and lead 45-36 at the close of the period. The Lady Trojans closed the gap to 45-41 with 3 minutes left, but the Lady

Mustangs hit 8 free throws to win the game 55-45.

"We did not shoot the ball well," commented Nodaway-Holt Coach David Carroll on the loss. "North Nodaway is a very talented team that shoots the ball well. To improve, we must start making our shots."

Leading the Lady Trojans was Megan Rosenbohm with 24 points, 9 steals and 6 rebounds. Krysta Beattie added 10 points and 9 rebounds. Amanda O'Riley had 4 points and 5 steals. Darcie Gallagher scored 3 points. Bailee Lance scored 2 points and pulled down 7 rebounds. Kalli Devers also scored 2 points.

Following an opening round bye, the Nodaway-Holt Trojans jumped out to a

quick 11-4 semi-final contest lead over the West Nodaway Rockets. Utilizing an effective press throughout the game, the Trojans maintained an 8-12 point lead throughout the contest. West Nodaway was able to pull within seven points one time in the second half, but a four point run by Nodaway-Holt sealed the game. The Trojans connected on just three of ten free throws in the fourth quarter, preventing the Rockets from increasing their lead. The Trojans won 50-41.

Leading the Trojans in scoring was Brandon Saxton with 18. Zach Lemar scored 9, Nick Patterson 7, Josh Schafer and Derek Lemon had 5 each, Stephen Schniedermeyer 4, and Jackson Beattie 2. The win propelled the Trojans into the championship contest against South Nodaway.

The Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans competed in the third place tournament game against the South Nodaway Lady Longhorns. Nodaway-Holt established a 28-14 halftime lead, before finishing with a 46-23 third place win.

Megan Rosenbohm led the Lady Trojans with 19 points, 9 rebounds and 7 steals. Krysta Beattie recorded her first double double of the year with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Amanda O'Riley added 7 points and also had 4 assists. Kalli Devers scored 4 points and dished out 2 assists. Brittany Shipps and Bailee Lance scored 2 points each.

"This game was a team effort," remarked Nodaway-Holt Coach David Carroll. "We played great defense and moved the ball much better than we did in the last game. Amanda O'Riley really stepped it up on both sides of the ball. This is what we need from Amanda."

In the championship game on Friday, December 16, the Trojans once again got off to

a fast start, taking an early 18-6 lead midway through the first quarter. The Longhorns, however, went on a 7-0 run to close the gap to 18-13 after eight minutes of play. The game remained close after that point, with Nodaway-Holt maintaining a 2-8 point lead throughout the contest. Longhorn guards Cody Burden and Dakota Murphy helped to close the Trojan lead at halftime to just 31-27. The second half was played on even terms as well. Although the Trojans were able to contain the Longhorns' two 6'4" post players, they had a difficult time controlling the Longhorn guards. Going into the final period, the Trojans held a slim 48-45 lead, despite having to withstand a number of South Nodaway runs in the final quarter. Led by Stephen Schniedermeyer's 7 and Nick Patterson's 5 fourth quarter points, the Trojans built a six point lead with just a few seconds remaining. The Longhorns' Dakota Murphy hit a long three point field goal at the buzzer to make the final score 63-60, giving Nodaway-Holt its second tournament championship of the season.

Scoring leaders for the Trojans included Zach Lemar with 18, Nick Patterson 12, Stephen Schniedermeyer 11, Brandon Saxton and Josh Schafer with 8 apiece, Justin Dearthmont 5, and Derek Lemon 1.

"Our team fought hard throughout the tournament. We failed to convert on numerous layup opportunities and free throws in both contests. Those are things we'll have to clean up as we continue to progress throughout the season," Nodaway-Holt Coach Terry Petersen stated about the win. "We are certainly doing a lot of things well, though, and I'm extremely proud of the way our guys have responded to a new system in the first half of the season."



Senior Zach Lemar- Drained this shot for the Trojans in the semifinal game of the Northwest Missouri Tournament held in Ravenwood, MO, against the West Nodaway Rockets. Zach scored 9 points in the 50-41 win.



Lady Trojan Megan Rosenbohm- Headed down the floor in Nodaway-Holt's first game of the Northwest Missouri Tournament at Ravenwood, MO, against North Nodaway on Wednesday, December 14. Megan scored 24 points in the 55-45 Nodaway-Holt loss.

Lady Knights defeat Tarkio

The South Holt Lady Knights entertained the Tarkio Lady Indians on Friday, December 16. After a staggering scoring debut, the Lady Knights claimed a 70-63 win.

The Lady Knights jumped out to a 17-8 first quarter lead that continued through the second period, giving South Holt a 41-22 lead at the break. The Lady Indians took control in the third frame, and added 26 points to close in on the Lady Knight lead. South Holt held onto its 56-48 lead going into the final quarter and finished with a 70-63 win.

Emily Cox led the Lady Knights with 24 points and Blair Million added 17 points. McKenzie Prussman added 9 points, and Cami Scroggins and Chelsea Acton had 7 points each. Darian Kurtz had 4 points, and Sarah Costello had 2 points.



Senior Cami Scroggins- Pushed the ball up the floor in South Holt's game against the Tarkio Indians on Friday, December 16. The Lady Knights finished with a 70-63 win.



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CRAIG COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

Jan. 1, 2012 - New Year's Day

Jan. 6 - High School Basketball at West Nodaway - 5 p.m.

January 14 - Craig City Council Meeting at City Hall - 9 a.m.

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Lady Panther Haylee Clifton- Looked to make a move in Mound City's game with the Jefferson Eagles on Tuesday, December 13. Haylee scored 9 points in the game that finished with a last minute 40-39 Mound City loss to the Lady Eagles.



Brett Johnson, #5- Finished this drive off of a steal, with a basket for the Panthers. A Jefferson defender attempted to block the shot in the game held at Mound City on Tuesday, December 13, with the Jefferson Eagles. The Panthers suffered a 52-41 loss.



Senior Panther- Ben Luna soared to the basket on this shot during Mound City's game with the Jefferson Eagles on Tuesday, December 13, at Mound City. Ben scored six points in the 52-41 Mound City loss.

Panthers suffer losses at North Andrew

The Mound City Panther teams travelled to Rosendale, MO, on Friday, December 16, to play the North Andrew Cardinals. The junior varsity boys started the evening with basketball action.

The girls' game started off with the Lady Panthers getting into foul trouble. Mound City climbed to a 13-4 lead, despite three starters finding ample time on the bench. The Lady Cardinals picked up the pace in the second quarter, as they tacked up 15 points to trail the Lady Panthers 23-19 at the break. North Andrew mounted a 28-27 comeback in the third period, as the Lady Panthers continued to struggle. The Lady Cardinals ended with a 39-33 win over the Lady Panthers.

"We need to learn to value the basketball to win big games," remarked Mound City Coach Brooke Crawford on the Lady Panthers' disappointing performance. Whisper Parrish led the Lady Panthers with 12 points, 9 rebounds and 2 steals. Haylee Clifton had 8 points, a rebound and an assist. Tori Ingram had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Abby Haer, Taylor Miles and Alex Phillips added 2 points each. Abby added a rebound, Taylor a steal, and Alex 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Josie Bomar had a point, a rebound and a steal. Jordyn Pankau had a rebound and a steal.

The Panthers started the game with a 15-13 first quarter lead that carried over to the half. The Panthers led at the break 27-21. The Cardinals came out strong in the third period, as Mound City took a couple rough breaks and trailed, 33-32. The Cardinals tossed in a 21 point final period to finish with a 54-46 win.

Lucas Schawang led Mound City with 20 points. Jeff Atkins had 12, Luke Sanders 7, Ben Luna 3, and Kase Newcomb and James Walker 2 each.



1st grade class rides the Polar Express

Mrs. Forehand's 1st grade students at Mound City- Were decked out in their pajamas on Thursday, December 15, for a ride on the Polar Express. Following the reading of the book, the class spent the entire week doing activities that centered around the book. Then, on Thursday, the students watched the movie, *Polar Express*, with the third grade class, while enjoying hot chocolate, brownies, cinnamon roll cake and other goodies. The students shown above were working on creating Polar Express pop-up books, complete with story line and colored pictures. Pictured at the front table assembling the books were, left to right, Bryson Tenney, Mrs. Laura Forehand, Elizabeth Laukemper and Joseph Wheeler. The class also submitted letters to Santa that can be found in this issue of the *Mound City News*.

Mound City drops two to Jefferson

The Mound City Panthers entertained the Jefferson Eagles in basketball on Tuesday, December 13, in Mound City, MO. The teams finished the evening splitting the wins.

In the girls' game, the Lady Panthers took a 13-9 first quarter lead, which they extended to 28-21 by the half. The Lady Panthers continued to control the lead, sometimes by as much as ten points in the third quarter, and finished the pe-

riod with a 35-27 lead. In the final frame, Jefferson began to pick up the pressure, and began a scoring drive that put them to within one point with a little over a minute left in the game. The battle ended with Jefferson pulling out a 40-39 win.

Haylee Clifton and Alex Phillips led the Lady Panthers with 9 points each. Haylee stole the ball 3 times and had a block. Alex added 2 rebounds and a steal. Whisper Parrish had 8 points,

pulled down 12 rebounds and had 2 steals. Abby Haer added 7 points, an assist and 2 steals. Tori Ingram had 6 points, a block and 5 steals. Josie Bomar had 2 rebounds and Jordyn Pankau added a steal.

In the boys' contest, the Jefferson Eagles took a 15-12 first quarter lead. Mound City outscored Jefferson 7-6 in the second period, but trailed by two at the break, 21-19. A back and forth third quarter added 13 points for

each team, but the Eagles dominated the final period to drop the Panthers by a final score of 52-41.

Lucas Schawang led the Panthers with 21 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. He also had 3 steals and 5 assists. Ben Luna had 6 points, 3 rebounds and a steal. Jeff Atkins had 5 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 assists. Hayden Marrs added 3 points and 2 rebounds. James Walker, Brett Johnson and Kase Newcomb had 2 points each. James added a rebound and a steal. Brett added a rebound and 4 steals and Kase added 2 rebounds and a block. Luke Sanders had 2 assists. Hayston Wilson had 2 rebounds.

The losses take the Lady Panthers to 5-1 and the Panthers to 6-6 on the year.

Panthers split with St. Joe Christian

The Mound City Panthers added a basketball game to the schedule and took on St. Joe Christian on Thursday, December 15, in St. Joseph, MO. The non-conference game was a good contest for both teams, as they battled for a win. The Mound City girls succeeded taking home a 38-28 win, but the boys fell 68-49.

The Lady Panthers jumped out to an 11-7 first quarter lead and, playing tough defense, maintained an 18-13 halftime lead. The Lady Panthers and Lady Lions played a back and forth third quarter. The Lady Lions picked up the pressure in the final frame, but Mound City pre-

vailed 38-28.

The Lady Panthers were led by Whisper Parrish with 12 points and by Tori Ingram with 12 rebounds. Whisper also had 6 rebounds, and a steal. Tori added 7 points, 2 blocks and 3 steals. Haylee Clifton had 9 points, 2 rebounds and a steal. Alex Phillips had 6 points, 3 rebounds and a steal. Abby Haer had 4 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Jordyn Pankau added a rebound.

The Mound City Panthers played the Lions tough from the onset, trailing just 17-15 after the first quarter and 31-25 at the half. The Lions used their height to their advantage in the second half,

to extend their lead to 50-38 by the end of three periods. The Lions coasted to a 68-49 win.


Scoring 17 points for the Panthers was Lucas Schawang, who also had 2 rebounds, 4 steals and 4 assists. Jeff Atkins tossed in 13 points, and had 4 rebounds, a block, 2 steals and 1 assist. Luke Sanders had 8 points, a rebound, 3 steals and an assist. James Walker had 7 points and 8 rebounds. Ben Luna and Kase Newcomb added two points and 3 rebounds each. Brett Johnson had 2 rebounds and 2 steals, and Hayston Wilson had a rebound.

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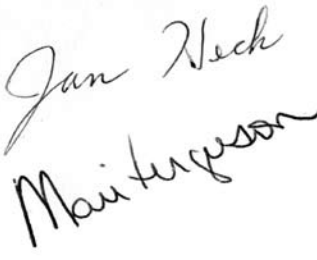
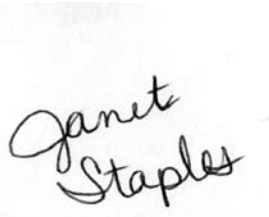
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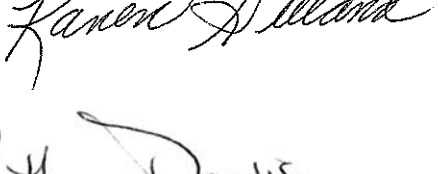
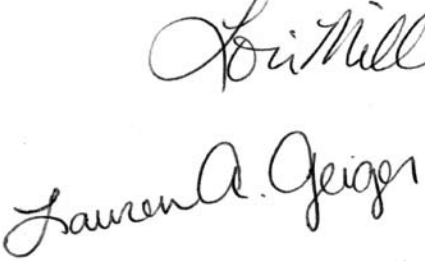

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Let it snow! MoDOT is ready

The weather outside may be frightful, but the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is ready to plow once the snow starts to fall, so hopefully roads will be delightful.

"With accumulations expected in parts of the Northwest, our crews will be out in full force treating and clearing the state's highways," said Don Wichern, MoDOT Northwest District Engineer. "We urge drivers to be very cautious and avoid travel in bad weather unless necessary."

With 10,770 lane miles in northwest Missouri to plow, crews and equipment have been ready since early November to keep motorists safe during the winter season. MoDOT's Northwest crews have checked and made any necessary repairs to the 190 trucks, plows and other available equipment, stockpiled supplies and tested emergency preparedness operations to ensure motorists get where they're going safely when the snow begins to fly.

Crews focus on getting roads drivable in bad weather by treating the highest-traveled major roads and regionally significant roads first, until they are mostly clear. All the remaining less-traveled roads will be plowed to allow for two-way traffic, concentrating on hills, curves and intersections. MoDOT crews will again be using plows that can cover more roads in a single pass such as TowPlows, wing plows and 14-foot plows.

"We're doing everything we can to keep everyone safe on the roads, but we still need you to do your part to keep safe," Wichern said. "Please check road

conditions before you leave and allow extra time for travel. Always buckle up, and drive slower."

Drivers can consult MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org/northwest when winter weather hits. When snow and ice are falling, the map lets travelers know whether a highway is closed, covered, partly covered, mostly clear or clear.

For information on road conditions across the state, road condition pictures, safe traveling tips and a diagram on driveway clearing techniques, visit www.modot.org/northwest or call

888-ASK MODOT (888-275-6636), any time day or night to talk to a customer service representative.

Always remember SAFETY:

- Slow down for wet, snowy, icy conditions.
- Avoid quick braking or acceleration.
- Find out about driving conditions before you go at www.modot.org/northwest.
- Every time you travel - Buckle Up to Arrive Alive.
- Turn signals, brake lights, and windows need to be clear of snow.
- You should never use cruise control in winter weather conditions.

St. Francis Hospital and Foundation receives \$730,000 donation

St. Francis Hospital & Health Services and St. Francis Hospital Foundation in Maryville, MO, are the recipients of \$730,000 in donations from Lorena Stoll, who died at the hospital on September 30, 2011. The gift is restricted to medical equipment and a nursing scholarship fund.

Alvin Luke and Maxine Crail, successor trustees for Mrs. Stoll's estate, made the presentation to John Yancey, president of the foundation's Board of Directors, and Gray Cox, hospital president.

"The mission of St. Francis is: Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God," said Yancey. "Through this amazing gift from exceptional people, Bob and Lorena Stoll, exceptional health care services can and will continue for many, many years to come in their loving memory."

Although the majority of the funds are designated for

medical equipment at the hospital, St. Francis Hospital Foundation will establish the "Robert J. Stoll and Lorena A. Stoll Scholarship Fund" for Nodaway County residents studying to become registered nurses or licensed practical nurses.

Mrs. Stoll's husband, Robert, passed away in 1990. The Stolls were longtime farmers in the Conception, MO, area and then later lived in Arkoe, MO, and Maryville. Mrs. Stoll had previously donated \$17,000 to the foundation.

"A gift such as this is extraordinarily rare and is obviously a symbol of special people," said Cox. "It's going to be used in a way not just for days, months or years, but for decades. This donation will be used wisely and will be for the great benefit of our community."

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

John M. Anderson - Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Mph). Case filed on November 15, 2011. Case disposed on December 9, 2011. Fine Amount: \$249.50.

Melody K. Groezinger- Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on November 18, 2011. Case disposed on December 9, 2011. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Michael V. Atkins- Of St. Joseph, MO, Pursuing/ Taking/Killing/Possessing Or Disposing Of Wildlife Illegally. Case filed on May 1, 2011. Case disposed on December 12, 2011. Fine Amount: \$24.50.

Gary C. Boswell- Of Savannah, MO, Littering. Case filed on November 4, 2011. Case disposed on December 13, 2011. Fine Amount: \$79.50.

Derrell Deaundra Davis- Of Kansas City, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on October 9, 2011. Case disposed on December 13, 2011. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

Derrell Deaundra Davis- Of Kansas City, MO, Operate Motor Vehicle W/Vis Reducing Material Applied to Windshield/Excess Vision Reducing Material Applied to Side Window. Case filed on October 9, 2011. Case disposed on December 13, 2011. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Arthur William Dillinger- Of Grain Valley, MO, Failed to Register Comm Vehicle for Beyond Local Operation. Case filed on October 21, 2011. Case disposed on December 12, 2011. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Ronald M. Fleming- Of Parsons, KS, Pursuing/Tak-

ing/Killing/Possessing Or Disposing Of Wildlife Illegally. Case filed on November 19, 2011. Case disposed on December 9, 2011. Fine Amount: \$249.50.

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You may notice an increase in the charge on your bill called "Federal Universal Service Charge or FUSC" that pays for the Federal Universal Service Fund. The Federal Communications Commission has approved an increase in this charge from 15.3% to 17.9% of your monthly interstate access charges for residential and business customers effective January 1, 2012. This charge contributes to the national universal service fund, which helps keep local telephone service rates affordable for low-income customers and customers in high cost rural areas, and also provides assistance to customers with disabilities. If you have any questions about this change, please call American Broadband at 1-888-588-4447. 24/1tc

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

The Fortescue Special Road District of Holt County will hold an election for one Board Member position for a two-year term at the General Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The first day to file a Declaration of Candidacy for the Board Member position is Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. Filing will remain open through Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone qualified to file for the position shall file by calling Tom Bullock at 660-442-3382.

By Order of the Road District Board, Tom Bullock

23/2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, MISSOURI - PROBATE DIVISION

To all persons interested in the estate of **BEVERLY A. GRAHAM, a disabled person.**

In the Estate of: Beverly A. Graham Estate No. 11HO-PR00030

On the 1st day of December, 2011, Edward S. Meng was appointed conservator of the estate of Beverly A. Graham, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Holt County, Missouri. The business address of the conservator is 30094 Holt 300, Oregon, MO 64473. All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

Date of first publication: December 8, 2011.

Karen L. Frede, Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Holt County, Missouri

22/4tc

Tips for driving in a winter wonderland

With some snow accumulation in the forecast, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is reminding motorists that even light precipitation can cause roads to become slick. While MoDOT works hard to treat and clear roads to make them safe, it's still important to allow extra time for travel and to check out road conditions before you head out.

That's where MoDOT's online Traveler Information Map comes in handy. Located at <http://www.modot.org/northwest>, the map gives drivers an up-to-the-minute view of weather-related road conditions for major Missouri highways. Conditions for major routes across the state are color-coded to give visitors the information they need at a glance.

The map shows road conditions for major Missouri cities, counties and other travel destinations. Individual routes can also be selected. A text report and links to road condition maps for surrounding states are also available.

This is the first winter weather of the season for many northwest Missouri drivers, and there are ways to be prepared for driving on wet or snowy roadways:

- Before the trip, make sure your car is winterized with fresh antifreeze, correct tire pressure, a good battery, and oil that will withstand the rigors of cold weather.
- Equip your car with a first aid kit, a flashlight, extra blankets, sand to use for traction under your wheels, and other items to help in an emergency.

- If possible, consider postponing your trip until precipitation has ended and roads are clear.
- If you do have to travel, adjust your speed to suit driving conditions, always wear your seat belt, and double the space you leave between you and the next vehicle.
- Give snow plows plenty of room. Remember that a salt spreader attached to the back of the truck is most likely distributing material as the truck moves along a route.

Motorists can also call MoDOT's customer service center for road conditions at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (888-275-6636). The toll-free phone line is answered 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

KCP&L offers customers winter preparation tips

Before extreme winter weather hits the Kansas City, MO, region, KCP&L is reminding its customers to be prepared and offering tips to keep in mind throughout the season.

There are simple, low-cost steps that all customers can take to make their homes more energy efficient. From stopping air leaks in walls, to ensuring a furnace is working efficiently, to making saving a daily routine. To learn energy savings tips specific to a home, use KCP&L's Home Energy Analyzer at www.kcpl.com/tools. The Home Energy Analyzer will evaluate electricity usage and give suggestions to help consumers use less energy and save money. In addition to the personalized tips the program will provide, the following are easy energy efficiency measures to take in any home:

- Install a programmable thermostat. Thermostats maintain the comfort of a home when there and reduce energy costs when not there. They can save from 12-25 percent on energy costs. To balance comfort and efficiency, set thermostats between 68-70° F when heating a home.
- Caulk and install weather stripping around windows and doors to close air gaps.
- Open shades and drapes on the south and west sides during the day and close them at night.

- Close fireplace dampers when not in use. A significant amount of heat can escape when they are not closed. Closing them will help heat a home more efficiently.

"It's important for our customers to know that becoming more energy efficient can be as easy as replacing an incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL)," said Allen Dennis, KCP&L director of Energy Solutions. "In addition to preparing their homes for winter, customers should keep in mind some basic safety tips to better prepare for potential outages from winter storms."

Make sure to keep the following tips in mind to stay safe and prepared throughout the winter season:

- Prepare a storm kit by gathering extra supplies for homes and cars. View the Be Storm Ready: Make a Storm Kit video on KCP&L's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/KCPandL) that explains everything needed for a storm kit. Some supplies include:

- First-aid kit and essential medications.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Canned food and can opener.
- Bottled water.
- Warm clothing, blanket, coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots for each family member.

- Walk carefully on snowy and icy surfaces. Avoid traveling by car and risk being stranded, but if one must travel:
- Carry a "disaster kit" in the trunk.
- Keep the car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Always let someone know destination, route of travel and expected time of arrival.
- Carry a cell phone if possible.
- For family members on a life support system, plan for arrangements to get them to a location where their needs can be met in the case of a power outage. In addition, contact KCP&L at 888-471-5275 to make sure it has noted that a electrically-powered life support system exists at that service location.
- In the event of a power outage, call 1-888-LIGHTKC (1-888-544-4852), the automated outage reporting line. Keep the following in mind:
- Never touch or attempt to pick up a fallen power line. Assume any downed power line is energized. If seeing a downed power line, call KCP&L immediately at 1-888-LIGHTKC (1-888-544-4852).
- If there is access to the Internet, visit the KCP&L Storm Center at www.kcpl.com/stormcenter for storm information and additional safety tips.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

Final date for names to appear on the Bigelow Independent Road District annual election ballot for board members will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Candidates' names must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board, Tom Tubbs, at 22906 Farmers Dr., Bigelow, MO 64437; or by calling 660-442-5678.

By Order of the Bigelow Independent Road District

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

The South Union Independent Road District of Holt County will hold an election for one Board Member position for a two-year term at the General Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The first day to file a Declaration of Candidacy for the Board Member position was Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. Filing will remain open through Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone qualified to file for the position shall file by contacting Robert Drewes or Larry Wright.

By Order of the South Union Independent Road District Board

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER

Notice is hereby given to the landowners lying, being and situate within the boundary limits of the Holt County Drainage District #2, of Holt County, Missouri, that the annual meeting of the landowners of said district and election has been called and will be Friday, December 30, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Killin Salvage, 300 Cherry Street, Bigelow, Missouri 64437, for the election of one Board Member, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

That the polls will open at 10:30 a.m. at the place and date specified herein and will close when the object of the meeting has been accomplished.

By Order of the Board, Mark Sitherwood, President, and Jeff Livengood, Secretary-Treasurer

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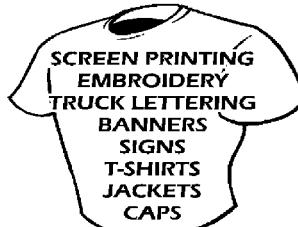
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I personally would like to thank Edwin and Lavina Jones, Crystal and Joel Karr, Roger and Sue Rowlett, Norma McCurry, Sharon Sollars, Brian Lemcke, Cindy Heck, David Showalter and Misty Stadalman. This is a wonderful group of people. They have worked hard to make this Christmas a lot better for the families in Holt County.

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Children present “Christmas in Reverse”

Parents, grandparents, visitors and members- At the Christian Fellowship Church in Mound City, MO, were delighted to hear the message, “Christmas in Reverse”, during the worship service on Sunday, December 18. A play, filled with a nativity and the story behind Christmas, was shared through speaking parts, songs and solos. Kindergarten through sixth grade students shared the message and included, left to right, back row: Angels- Cameron Laukemper, Elizabeth Laukemper, Sydney Meadows, Courteney Gordon and Kindall Morris; Star-Sianna Meadows; and speakers- Cameron Sheldon and Britany Wright. Front row: Shepherds- Tyler Phillips, Blade Wright, Isaac Dudeck and Jadon Griffin; Joseph-Parker Staples; Mary- Lydia Sheldon; Wisemen- Bryson Tenney, Hunter Gordon and Bentley Wright.

Ten facts you won’t hear at the Capitol

By: Roger Kurtz, *Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) Executive Director*

One of the great jobs I have as Executive Director is being able to attend MASA district meetings and hear the concerns, issues, and yes, joys, that school administrators are experiencing across this state. This year, I have been sharing with administrators some facts that they will not hear in the halls of the state Capitol.

There is a lot of talk about how to improve schools. There is a significant disdain for any discussion regarding financing schools or even letting the local patrons approve a bond issue by a simple majority or increasing the bonding limits so schools can construct the kind of facilities that truly do provide the world class education Missouri is striving to provide.

Most of these statistics that I am sharing come from the National Conference of State Legislatures. Some of the other information comes from Dan Domenech, Executive Director of American Association of School Administrators (AASA), who has a presentation on what he calls the 95/5 dilemma. Other information came from a newly formed group, the Missouri Public School Advocates. So here are my top ten facts you won’t hear at the Missouri State Capitol.

1. Missouri schools receive an average of \$844 per student from the federal government. This is \$315 below the national average and only nine states receive less than Missouri.

Alaska receives the most at \$2,401.

2. The state of Missouri provides \$4,370 per student on average. This includes formula funding and all of the categorical. This amount is \$1,355 below the national average and only nine states contribute less to their elementary and secondary school systems than Missouri. Vermont is the highest as it contributes \$15,169 to its schools.

3. Missouri ranked 47th in average salary of public school teachers. This is \$10,100 below the national average. See points 1 and 2.

4. Missouri ranked 46th in corporate taxes last year and this was prior to the elimination of the corporate franchise tax which the legislature approved in 2011.

5. The percent of students scoring proficient or advanced rose in all grades and subjects except for 8th grade math, which stayed flat but rose the past two years.

6. High school math scores rose by 2.4 points this year and high school science rose by 3.9 points. Missouri ranked 11th in the nation in ACT scores this past year.

7. Only four states in the nation scored better than Missouri with National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores last year.

8. Of those who took the Advanced Placement exams in Missouri, the number earning college credit was 5th in the nation. Missouri had a 59% success rate this year compared to the national average of 56%.

9. The graduation rate in Missouri has increased from 75.3% in 1994 to 85.1% in 2008. We are keeping kids in school and graduating more students.

10. The 42nd annual Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll of the public’s attitudes toward public schools said that 77% of America’s parents gave the school their oldest child attends either an “A” or “B”. These are the highest grades parents have assigned to their oldest child’s school since the poll began. During the past 25 years, parent grades assigned to schools have continued to improve.

The bottom line is that Missouri public schools are doing a great job with resources that they have. Funding levels for education should match achievement expectations.

A lot of time is spent talking about how Missouri is going to prorate the formula to distribute less and less money to school districts across the state, but I have not attended one meeting at the Capital in which the topic was focused on how the foundation formula could be fully funded to meet the needs of Missouri students.

An entire special session was devoted almost entirely to the discussion on economic development, but not a minute was spent talking about the most important economic development tool in this state, public schools. The conversation needs to begin at the local level. Share this information with everyone, they won’t hear it anywhere else.

Missouri River Flood Task Force wraps up second meeting

Following the historic flooding in the Missouri River Basin, a coalition of federal, state, tribal and non-profit groups have formed to address both immediate and long-term floodplain management challenges. The task force recently wrapped up its second meeting held December 12 in Overland Park, KS, with a clear path forward.

The goal of the Missouri River Flood Task Force (MRFTF) is simple: communicate, coordinate, collaborate and cooperate to reduce flood-associated risks as much as possible by the beginning of the runoff season and conduct long-term recovery activities in the Missouri River Basin.

"We have to understand the environment that we’re operating in - one where national resources and time are both limited," said Brig. Gen. John McMahon, the commander of the Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and one of three co-chairs on the Missouri River Flood Task Force, "so we must be purposeful in each of our choices and leverage what capacity we can to maximize the results of those choices. That’s why the Missouri River Flood Task Force exists."

The task force is formed from many federal agencies, representatives of each of the eight states and various tribes in the Missouri River Basin. Participating as partners and contributors to the Task Force is an array of non-profit organizations and industry groups that represent a spectrum of interests impacted by the flooding this past summer.

"The Task Force creates an open forum for the exchange of information, ideas and approaches related to the Missouri River Flood Recovery and longer-term solutions," said Thomas Christensen, a co-chair of the MRFTF from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a subsidiary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "It brings together tribes, state and federal agencies, and other partners, to foster collaborative approaches that will optimize the use of available technical and financial resources to assist local communities, ag producers, tribes and others in the recovery process."

The Missouri River Flood Task Force is chaired by three federal agencies: the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Regions 7; the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division.

The December 12 MRFTF meeting allowed the various members and stakeholders to gage flood recovery efforts to date. Through the collaborative efforts of task force members, some key progress made includes:

- "Farming After the Flood" - a public webinar on available federal financial assistance programs for farmers broadcast live at more than 20 sites from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 14 at <http://flood.unl.edu/crops>.

- Creation of a 7-state NRCS Farm Bill Wetland Compliance Guidance <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/mrftf/docs/NRCS%20WetlandComplianceGuidanceFlooding%208Nov2011.pdf>.

- Prioritized list of USACE Missouri River rehabilitation projects at [http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/mrftf/docs/9Dec2011%20MR%20List%20of%20Levee%20Rehabs%20\(v2\).pdf](http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/mrftf/docs/9Dec2011%20MR%20List%20of%20Levee%20Rehabs%20(v2).pdf).

"The task force reflects the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Whole Community approach

to emergency management. Incorporating multiple organizations and agencies, at all levels, into recovery planning strengthens our ability to recover more rapidly," said Beth Freeman, FEMA Region VII Administrator. "We are building relationships so the next time this happens we won’t have to start from scratch. The conversations we had during the December 12 meeting should lead to a clearer path ahead."

As the people of the basin move forward this winter and spring, a variety of entities bear responsibilities to repair and maintain impacted infrastructure, recover damaged lands, restore soil health and productivity, and assist communities. Beyond them, there are groups and members of the public interested in helping to see that work accomplished.

"Success for the Task Force would equate to timely results on the ground related to flood recovery," Christensen said, noting communication with the greater public in the Missouri River Basin

will be essential. "Transparency must be a foundational operating principal for the Task Force. The Task Force exists to foster sound solutions and timely action, and this will occur most effectively when the Task Force operates with transparency."

The transparency of the task force will help bind its members and the collective goals of the group into a concerted effort under the watchful eye of the public.

"By bringing those entities and people together in a collaborative environment, we can foster communication and coordination as we work cooperatively to tackle the many challenges facing the floodplain of the Missouri River Basin," said Brig. Gen. McMahon.

For more information or resources on the ongoing efforts to address both the short-term and continuing floodplain management challenges for the Missouri River Basin, go to <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/mrftf/>.

Mound City hires new policeman



by Joe Martin.

Police Chief John Panning and Alderman Robert Heck recommended the hire after interviewing three applicants. Buckles was hired at an annual salary of \$21,500. The police department has Grant Gillett as a reserve officer, but still needs another reserve officer.

Buckles graduated from Missouri Western Law Enforcement Academy in December of 2000. He worked for the Tarkio Police Department until 2002 and has since been employed as a policeman for the Kansas City Airport. Buckles is an Oregon, MO, native, and has moved back recently to take care of family.

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