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All subscriptions to the Mound City News are due January 1, 2012, for the coming year. Subscription stickers include the date of when subscriptions are due in the bottom right-hand corner.

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Area schools to resume

The Mound City R-2 School will resume at the regularly scheduled time on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. There will be a teacher in-service on Monday, January 2.

The Craig R-3 School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at the regular scheduled time. There will be a teacher in-service on Monday, January 2.

South Holt R-1 will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at the regular scheduled time.

Nodaway-Holt R-VII will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at the regular scheduled time. A teacher in-service is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3.

Squaw Creek Refuge to be 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 Trails and Callow Memorial Trail located near the refuge headquarters.

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.

A GLANCE BACK AT 2011

Check out pages 6-11 for a look back at 2011.

Below is the front page from June 2, 2011 - When the flood of 2011 was first gearing up.

Our staff voted this one of the bigger news stories of the year.



DAM WATER HEADED OUR WAY

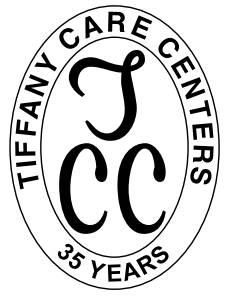
Govins Point Dam in South Dakota expected to release record water flow

Heavy rain events in the northern half of the United States, as well as rapidly changing weather conditions in the northern states, are expected to cause the Govins Point Dam in South Dakota to release record water flow into the Missouri River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is predicting that the dam will be opened to release water into the river. The Corps is predicting that the dam will be opened to release water into the river. The Corps is predicting that the dam will be opened to release water into the river.

Will you be making a New Year's resolution this year?

With Christmas over and the new year fast approaching, one's attention turns to creating ways to make 2012 a better year. People begin making resolutions that usually put pressure on themselves to attain a goal that was often unattainable. Resolutions about weight loss, exercise, smoke-free life, and money management/debt reduction are usually at the top of the list.

Tiffany Care Centers, Inc., celebrates 35 years



December, 2011, marked the 35th anniversary of the founding of Tiffany Care Centers (TCC), Inc., in Mound City, MO. It was late in 1976 when David Duncan and his wife, Wava, returned from Colorado to jointly purchase with Garth Sharp, Tiffany Heights in Mound City, MO, Manor, which began the long-standing history of quality care by people who care.

David Duncan's experience with nursing homes started at a young age. His mother, Ruth Duncan, was a nurse and took people into their home to care for them. She and her husband, Howard, started a nursing home business that was later purchased by Bethesda. Bethesda built the present day Tiffany Heights facility. David was asked by Bethesda to move to Colorado to be the administrator of a home there, and two years later, he moved back and began Tiffany Care Centers, Inc.

TCC started with two facilities, 120 beds and 80 employees. From the initial two home purchase in 1976, the company grew to operate 13 nursing homes by the early 90's. Maintaining an attitude of 'non-compromising care', various business decisions led the company to downsize over the years, until by 2006, it operated just six homes with 360 beds and 350 employees. The six homes presently owned or operated by TCC include: Tiffany Heights in Mound City, MO; Oregon Care Center in Oregon, MO; Pleasant View in Rock Port, MO; Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville, MO; McLarney Manor in Brookfield, MO; and Katy Manor in Pilot Grove, MO.

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Jenny Stevens, nurses' aide Tiffany Heights in Mound City- Is utilizing one of the CareTracker kiosks that have been installed at the facility. The new technology is touch screen and allows staff to quickly and easily update and track resident conditions. The system is part of the overall plan for monitoring and providing quality care for residents. CareTracker kiosks have been installed at each of the Tiffany Care Center facilities.

The goal of TCC is to have full electronic health records at each of the six homes in 2012. CareTracker will be an integral piece of that plan. Staff training will be necessary, but from a morale standpoint, the system helps keep everyone accountable and shows staff what they have accomplished during the day.

With an increased level of regulations, increased costs and paperwork, the company has done an outstanding job in its field. To its credit, of the 385 nursing home employees, 119 have 5 or more years of service. Tiffany Heights has 17 employees with 10 or more years of service, and Oregon Care Center has 12 employees with 10 or more years of service. In addition, Tiffany Heights received a 5 star rating in February of 2011, which is the second time for the award. TCC also has other homes that have received a 4 star rating in their groups. Pleasant View celebrated 2 years accident free, and within the past 5 years, several homes have been deficiency free on the state inspections. The longevity of the company and the accolades it possesses speak volumes about the care and services that TCC has and will continue to provide.

Locals share New Year's resolutions

Research by an opinion corporation revealed these interesting facts:

- 45% of Americans usually set New Year's Resolutions; 17% infrequently set resolutions; 38% absolutely never set resolutions.
- Only 8% of people are always successful in achieving their resolutions. 19% achieve their resolutions every other year. 49% have infrequent success. 24% (one in four people) NEVER succeed and have failed on every resolution every year.

With those statistics, it was no surprise that when asked about a New Year's resolution on Tuesday, December 27, a large majority responded with "I don't have one, or I don't make any because I never keep them."

There were a few out there who were willing to share and, after much deliberation, gave these responses:

Jennifer Voltmer- "To have more fun this year than I had last year."

Rhonda Roseman- "To continue getting to my weight loss goal."

Kelly Graves- "To treat my wife better."

Chuck Fox- "My New Year's resolution is to not make a resolution because I never have."

Janelle Kerns- "To be more patient."

Bev Callow and Teresa Weber- "Try to make healthier choices."

Marc Scarbrough- "My New Year's resolution is to quit smoking... for the 30th year in a row!"

Kirby Felumb- "I just want world peace."

Peggy Wilson- "I don't have any New Year's resolutions, but I have a big bucket list."

Lisa Coker- "To have a healthier year."

Duane Nauman- "To recuperate from surgeries well."

Nicole Brown- "I resolve to go camping this summer."

Gailen Robbins- "I'd make a resolution, but I'd forget it by morning!"

CH-F scholarship deadline is this Saturday

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 this 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 Schluter with questions at anns@fairfaxmed.com.

Remembering

By Eugene Poynter

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is my check for \$35 to pay for another year of subscription. Look forward to getting the news each week.

So many changes have taken place up there. It's sad the flood has destroyed so much. It will never be the same. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has ruined a lot of that area. Seems it could of found a better way of letting all that water released by doing so in smaller amounts at different times before it got to be so much up north. Good luck to those who are trying to get something done.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Anna Surritte
Midwest City, OK

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to my old neighbor and good friend, Col. Robert Smith. He certainly has a chest full of ribbons on that military blouse. He certainly did his part in protecting us and our country and I thank him for it.

He needs to write a book about his career. Give him my regards.

Sincerely,
Bill Buntz

First knee scope performed at CH-F

December has been a month of firsts for Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO (CH-F). Nancy Peters, a patient of Dr. Bryan Bredthauer's clinic at CH-F, underwent the first knee scope at CH-F.

A Corning, MO, native, Nancy has had a very busy summer dealing with issues from the flood. Along with moving out of her home this summer, she began to experience increased pain in her knee. She was referred to Dr. Bredthauer's clinic by her Primary Care Physician, Dr. Aron Burke. After several appointments to receive cortisone shots for the pain, Dr. Bredthauer decided a scope was necessary. When she heard the news, Nancy was concerned that she would have to travel to Omaha, NE, to get the procedure she needed.

"I was very concerned about traveling to Omaha for surgery. My family is very busy this time of year and the added travel could be very inconvenient," stated Nancy.

Nancy lives just 20 minutes from Community Hospital-Fairfax. The procedure took approximately 45 minutes with no prolonged hospital stay required. She was admitted, underwent surgery and returned home

before she would even have had time to drive back and forth to Omaha!

Nancy has been pleased with the care that she received from Community Hospital-Fairfax - from her first X-ray, her clinic appointments, MRI and now a scope in the hospital she has come to know and love through her 11-year tenure on the CH-F Board of Directors.

Dr. Bredthauer, an Orthopedic Surgeon, has been seeing patients in the CH-F Outpatient Clinic since January, 2009. He also performs carpal tunnel releases at CH-F.



Mound City Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club met at the United Methodist Church in Mound City, MO, on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, with 12 members and 1 guest present - Kent Brown.

Kent Brown - Cedar Ridge Honey Bees, presented a program about honey bee rescue and relocation. The Kiwanis received a thank you note from Shelly Donahue, Gwen Knowles and Shelley Easton for donating toward the Parents as Teachers.

The Share the Harvest deer meat was delivered to the Pantry of Plenty and canned goods donated by members were also delivered. There was a gun raffle with proceeds to help a local family.

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

"Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holiday", I'm for the Merry Christmas only. That's just what I was brought up saying and believing and I'm going to continue, even though the move is on to change it all. True, we, like others, strayed from the original meaning and joined in on the trend for mostly giving gifts. We would never miss Christmas religious services and programs put on by the different churches, and we always ended up with old Santa coming in with a sack on his back. True, it was hard to get someone to play Santa, but it was a practice that was looked forward to even by the older children. Everyone enjoyed getting a few gifts. Watching the little ones' eyes light up was worth going to all the trouble and time it took to put it all on.

I expect no one put in anymore time than us kids. My sister, younger brother and I spent a lot of time looking to see where Mom and Dad had hidden our presents. I know now that Dad and Mom had gone through the same thing as we kids did trying to find their folks' hiding places, so they were experienced. I'm sure we all passed that experience on to our kids.

My most memorable Christmas gift was when I got by first rifle. Times were hard and it was a used single shot, Springfield, 22 caliber (my only grandson has it now). There was a couple boxes of ammo with it and I was ready to go out and shoot up all the tin cans I could line up, but Dad wouldn't let me keep the ammo and

would only give me a few when he or my older brother were there to get me started right. Later on, after I had proven I was safety-minded and knew what to do and what not to do, I got to keep the ammo myself. I didn't think that was too good of a thing to do to me, but later on I did.

My saddist Christmas was when I was a kid and some friends of ours lost their mother on Christmas Eve, while she was upstairs finishing the wrapping of their gifts. The three boys came by about midnight and stayed with us. We didn't care that we had to put off our Christmas for a few days because it was a sad time for all of us. I'm sure that time of year has always bothered them, because I can still remember it and it does me.

We had Christmas trees from all kinds of things. If we could afford it, we purchased a tree, but if not, we would make do with what we could find. One year Dad put together some bushes and, after the decorations were on, it looked like a real tree. Of course, back then, almost all decorations were made by hand from different things. Our trees always looked great, especially after doing all the work, and putting a lot of the presents there. Then, one could sit back and look and think about what it all meant.

Down in Louisiana, I went with a friend who had permission to cut down a tree in one of the forests there. There were a lot of small pines everywhere, but he de-

cidated to climb a big tree and cut the top out of it. I don't think they were too happy about the top being cut out, and I never went with him again.

Our Christmas dinners varied over time from an old hen baked with noodles, etc., to fresh turkeys and pre-cooked ones. The best was the kind we called ahead and went to pick up, ready to eat. I think that was for sure Betty's choice. The folks always had someone over during Christmas either for just that day or for longer - usually it was some relative or a person in the neighborhood that was alone.

Our daughter, Sharon, while having Christmas with her family, decided they needed to have roasted chestnuts on the fireplace. You know what? They sounded better in the song than they tasted roasted in the fireplace. It was a good experience though. For several years, when the kids came home for Christmas, when other relatives would arrive, or when we went to one of the kids' houses, Betty would fix a traditional breakfast everyone looked forward to. Bubble bread and a large bowl of a variety of fruit stirred up in a vanilla pudding mix would be set out for everyone to enjoy whenever they wanted. It was a way for all to enjoy the Christmas morning.

However one goes about it, there will always be fond memories and maybe some sad ones, too, that will never be forgotten.

Happy New Year!!

News from Tiffany Heights

Residents enjoyed the afternoon making their last seasonal craft for the month on Monday, December 19, at Tiffany Heights in Mound City. They made candy cane pins to wear the rest of the month. Each pin was made of beads and glued to a wooden craft stick that the residents painted green. They topped it off with a green ribbon and a pin back. Shirley Jackson and Joan Smith assisted with the craft. Shirley provided her extra special homemade breads and jellies for residents to enjoy. Joan gifted the residents with a beautiful hand painted Christmas ornament that she personalized for each attending resident.

On Tuesday, the residents enjoyed a game of jingo. They played Christmas jingo. This game included holiday questions about the whole month and that included the "New Year". Winners of the game were Inez VanOrman, Lucyle Benne, Delores Howard and Alice McCartney.

On Wednesday morning, the residents received a spa treatment with hair care and nails. Barbara Hanlon assisted with the glamor nails. The annual Christmas Tea was held during the afternoon on Wednesday. Terry Campbell of Falls City, NE, provided the entertainment with his exceptional singing. He sang both traditional and modern Christmas carols. Santa made his appearance and brought Mrs. Claus to assist. The young and young at heart were delighted. Anyone wishing to give that last minute reminder was welcome to sit on Santa's lap. Everyone enjoyed punch and cupcakes and the warmth of the holiday spirit together. There were around 130 who gathered for the event. The Christian Fellowship Church members caroled during the dinner hour on Wednesday evening. The Maitland Christian Church Youth Group

visited during the evening on Wednesday. They provided the residents with spiritual inspiration.

Birthday bingo was held on Thursday afternoon. Tiffany Heights provided the monthly birthday party. Volunteers assisting were Jean McCall and Jennifer Golden, along with staff members. Residents having December birthdays were Eva Ruth Andes, Dora Routh and Frances Martin. Everyone enjoyed cupcakes and punch together. Residents with birthdays received a special birthday gift.

Barbara Hanlon and Pastor Paul Grant provided Bible study during the morning on Friday.

Pastor Crystal Karr and

the Mound City Methodist Church reviewed the last leg of the Advent Journey on Christmas Eve, Saturday afternoon, December 24. Residents were offered games of choice later in the afternoon. During the evening, the River of Hope Fellowship provided caroling in the hallways.

Residents enjoyed gifts on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, provided by the Mound City FCCLA and the Circle of Ruth.

The residents of Tiffany Heights wish to recognize the community for acts of kindness and fellowship provided during this past year and pray that all had a "Merry Christmas" and will have a blessed "New Year"!

St. Joseph man receives serious injuries in two-vehicle accident

Travis W. Hunt, age 35, of St. Joseph, MO, and Tyson T. Brandon, age 35, and Shaun T. Kent, age 29, both of Mound City, MO, were involved in a two-vehicle accident at 3:45 p.m. on US Highway 59, three miles south of Oregon, MO, on Saturday, December 24, 2011. The accident occurred as Hunt was traveling south in a 1998 Chevrolet in the northbound lane on US Highway 59. Kent, the driver of a 2011 Ford, and passenger, Brandon, were traveling north in the northbound lane of Highway 59. Kent crested a hill and the front of Hunt's vehicle struck the front of Kent's vehicle. Both vehicles came to rest on Highway 59. No occupants were wearing seat belts.

Hunt was transported by LifeNet to the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KS.

Both Kent and Brandon were treated for minor injuries by the Atchison-Holt Ambulance and were released at the scene. Both vehicles were totaled and were towed from the scene by R & W Towing of Mound City.

Tpr. A. S. Rice of the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigated the accident. Assisting were the Holt County Sheriff's Office and the Holt County First Responders.

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Fred E. Burnett

Fred E. Burnett, 88, of Kansas City, MO, passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, after several years of declining health. Fred Edward Burnett was born on February 21, 1923, to Dwight and Leta Burnett on a farm outside of Mound City, MO.

Fred will be sadly missed by his sister, Dorothy Jean Moore of Mound City; son, Mark Burnett and daughter-in-law, Joann Burnett, of Noblesville, IN; as well as his grandchildren, David Burnett (Indianapolis) and Elizabeth (Minneapolis). Fred is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Cooper and Charlotte Burnett (Indianapolis) and Graham and Jocelyn Snow (Minneapolis).

Fred was preceded in death by his loving wife, Simone, and son, Bruce.

Fred grew up on a farm outside of Mound City and graduated from Mound City High School. Fred ran every running event on the track team; played the baritone horn in the high school band; and was the class valedictorian. Fred graduated from high school in 1941, and began attending Tarkio College later that fall. At Tarkio, Fred continued running track and lettered in that sport.

In 1942, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was called to active duty in 1943. He was chosen to be a pilot and, upon completion of his training, he graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant. In 1944, Fred was assigned to the 422nd Night Fighter Squadron in Florennes, Belgium (near Bastogne). During his assignment in Belgium, Fred met Simone, and they were married in 1946. Prior to his discharge, Fred was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Upon returning home, Fred returned to Tarkio College, where he was elected to class president and graduated as class valedictorian, with an accounting degree.

After graduation, Fred was selected by General Electric to attend its Management Training Program in New York. In 1953, Fred accepted a position with General Motors in Kansas City, KS. Two years later, Fred was transferred to a Labor Relations position in Doraville, GA. In 1960, he was transferred back to Kansas City, where he progressed through multiple positions of increasing responsibility and ultimately advanced to the Labor Relations Manager. Fred retired in 1986.

Fred had numerous personal interests to which he devoted time and energy. He sang in the Gashland United Methodist Church choir, was an avid bridge player, enjoyed sporting activities and served as accountant for Boy Scout Troop 417. He also assisted as a leader on many Boy Scout camping trips and outings.

Fred will be greatly missed by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials to "Honor Flight Network - Kansas City", in care of Kendallwood Hospice at 8559 North Line Creek Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64154.



Smith sisters, Lori Miller, left, and Marci Gillis, right, of Mound City, MO- Sang three holiday songs for a full house at the Mound City Nutrition Site during the December birthday party on Wednesday, December 21.

Nutrition site news

Volunteers at the Nutrition Site in Mound City during the week of December 19, 2011, were: Kenneth and Irene Caton, 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, Ed Meng, Phil Harris, Greg Biermann and Dave King.

Delivering meals the week of January 2, 2012, will be:

Craig - Tuesday - Pat Groves and Sue Schmidt.

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

Oregon and Forest City - Tuesday through Friday - Alita Meyer.

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 and donations to the food pantry.

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

The Nutrition Site held its birthday celebration on Wednesday, December 21. Those celebrating were Joan Smith, Evelyn Haefele, Colene White, J.C. Strobel, Wilbur Wright, Jeanie Ohlenshelen and Karen Gilland. Smith sisters, Lori Miller and Marci Gillis, sang three holiday songs. Dorothy

and Dave King sponsored the birthday party. Dorothy King made the cake.

Upcoming activities at the Mound City Nutrition Site are:

January 2 - Closed for New Year's; GED classes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with Sandra Cowherd.

January 3 - GED classes from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Sandra Cowherd.

January 4 - Exercises from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

January 6 - Cinnamon rolls and donuts, 8:00 a.m. until gone.

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

The upcoming menu at the site is:

Monday, January 2 - Closed for New Year's.

Tuesday, January 3 - Sausage gravy on a biscuit, sausage pattie, hash browns, juice and apple cobbler.

Wednesday, January 4 - Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad and oatmeal raisin cookies.

Thursday, January 5 - Beef stew or chili, applesauce, hot rolls and peanut butter cookies.

Friday, January 6 - Fish portions, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread and apricots.

Chapter HP P.E.O. to hold meeting

Chapter HP P.E.O. will meet Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Cindy Grant in Mound City, MO.

Jeanie Young will present the program, "Remembering Ancestors".



Photo by Bill Graham, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

On snow white wings, trumpeter swans are back

Trumpeter swans offer advantages for people who enjoy watching wildlife in winter. They're big, beautiful, and bright white and they will often frequent easily accessible lakes at public conservation areas or city parks.

The trumpeters, once considered almost extinct, are the largest native waterfowl species in North America with wing spans up to seven feet, long necks, snow white plumage on adults and graceful motions on the water.

Trumpeters are being reported at wetlands this winter in both northwest and west central Missouri. They will stay as long as they have open water and access to aquatic vegetation to eat such as leaves, seeds and roots. Swans will also feed on grain on the ground in harvested fields. Where geese are flocked up on a lake in winter, swans often join them.

Adult trumpeter swans are habitual in frequenting nesting sites in northern states and wintering grounds to the south. Some bear identification collars with letters and numbers that biologists use to track populations and movement. It's not unusual for the same swans to be sighted on the same lake each winter.

Young swans, called cygnets, have a gray tint to plumage and are usually with their parents. It is believed that they learn about

nesting and wintering sites from the parents.

Earlier this winter, Conservation Agent Donald Tiller spotted trumpeter swans in Bates County with neck collars and identification numbers. Those swans are part of an effort to re-establish a trumpeter swan winter migration route between Iowa and Arkansas. Swans hatched in Iowa have been transported to release sites in Arkansas in hopes that during winter they would imprint on the area and then migrate back north in the spring.

Trumpeter swans were once fairly common in much of North America, but habitat destruction and unregulated market hunting in the 1800s destroyed most flocks in the lower 48 states. In 1932, only 69 trumpeters were documented and they were in the Yellowstone Park area in the West. A refuge was established for them in that area in 1935.

Protections and restoration efforts have helped populations bounce back with trumpeter swans now nesting in northern states including those north of Missouri. In winter, those birds migrate southward along with other waterfowl.

Swan sightings, including neck band information, can be reported to the Trumpeter Swan Society at <http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/csp-trumpeter-watch.html>.

State voters created the Missouri Department of Conservation 75 years ago, in 1936, merely a year after a refuge was established to protect the few remaining trumpeter swans in the lower 48. Today, the successful recovery of the majestic swans continues and wetlands and lakes at conservation areas in Missouri help by providing winter havens for the swans and places for wildlife watchers to enjoy them.

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Area Church Information

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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

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

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River of Hope Fellowship

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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

Rafter Cross Photography to offer photography class

Bucking broncos, bountiful birds and bouncing babies aren't the only focus of local photographer, Carrie Wilson, owner of Rafter Cross Photography. Carrie, a 'teacher at heart', is once again offering her photography knowledge to 'students of the camera'.

With the advancement and affordability of the digital camera, many people have purchased digital single-lens reflex (SLR) cameras for their own enjoyment. All too often though, the knowledge about how to take really good photos eludes them. Understanding the settings on the cameras can be quite complex, but Carrie Wilson is offering the class to help SLR camera owners better understand and utilize their cameras.

Carrie has enjoyed photography from her youth. She has been an avid photographer for 10 years, professionally shooting the past two years. Carrie set up her photography work under the name Rafter Cross Photography and currently works out of her photography studio in Mound City, MO,

as well as on location. Rafter Cross Photography, along with her husband's business, Rafter Cross Veterinary Services, were so named when the couple returned to their farm south of Craig, MO, and decided on a legal brand for their cattle. The design, which incorporates roof rafters and a cross, depicts their desire for God to uphold their home and businesses.

Carrie can often be seen taking photos at Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge near Mound City. She has offered a class three years running at the Women in the Outdoors event there. She has also been a 4-H photography judge, presented programs for various groups and offered this photography class two other times.

The photography class will be a five week session, and will begin on Saturday, January 7. The classes will be held in Mound City. Students of prior classes are invited back for one free class of choice. Interested photographers should call Carrie at 660-572-0102 for more information.

Activities underway for historical society

Several members of the Holt County Historical Society Board and the Wednesday Research Committee gathered on December 7, at the Sportsman's Lodge in Bigelow, MO, for dinner.

Society board members for 2012 are Mike Girdner, president; Jill Asher, vice president; Karen Frede, treasurer; Elizabeth Burnside, secretary; and board members, Dennis Buckles, Ed Woolsey, Mike Freeman, Kathy Daly, Helen "Becky" Smith and Lora Pierson.

The society's research and genealogy materials are now located in the former Benne Law office building, owned by the Nodaway Valley Bank, at 612 State St., in Mound City. Volunteers Donna Heck, Linda Elton, Carolyn Fansher, or Elizabeth Burnside open the building every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Researchers can call 660-442-5949 to be certain that the building is open. Society properties at Fortescue, MO, the farmstead, schoolhouse and church museum, are all closed during the winter months.

A \$4,000 gift will be received from the Messick

Trust at US Bank in St. Joseph, MO, to be used for the replacement of the roof on the Hinkle home at the farmstead. Other funding is being applied for and donations are being received to preserve the historic 1869 brick home.

The large neon cross that was on the Methodist Church Museum is being repaired and put back on the building through donations from Gene and Betty Poynter in memory of Betty's brother, the late J.W. Stone. The sign was taken to Roderick's in St. Joseph, MO, and repairs are expected to be completed soon.

Attending the meeting were Nancy Nauman, Jill Asher, and David and Karen Frede of Mound City; John and Kathy Daly of St. Joseph, MO; Steve, Helen "Becky", and Hunter Smith and Elizabeth Burnside of Maryville, MO; and Donna and Roger Heck of Maitland, MO.

Program planning for the coming year will soon be complete. The society represents all of Holt County and efforts are made to note historical areas and early day events throughout the entire area. Anyone interested is always welcome to attend.



Daniel J. Montgomery and Faith E. Wagers

Wagers and Montgomery unite in marriage

Faith E. Wagers and Daniel J. Montgomery were married August 27, 2011, at Grace Evangelical Church in St. Joseph, MO, with the Reverend Ken Maxey officiating. The bride is the daughter of Randy and Marcia Wagers of St. Joseph. She is a graduate of Savannah High School and is employed by Bank Midwest.

The groom is the son of David and Sarah Montgomery of Mound City, MO. He is a graduate of Mound City High School and is a student at Missouri Western State University and employed at Olive Garden.

The maid of honor was Katie Jones, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rebekah Montgomery, sister-in-law of the groom; Dara Hiatt, friend of the couple; and An-

drea Montgomery, sister-in-law of the groom. The flower girls were Melody Montgomery, niece of the groom, and Raelee Jones, niece of the bride.

The best man was Timothy Montgomery, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Samuel Montgomery, brother of the groom; Benjamin Montgomery, brother of the groom; and Gage Rosier, friend of the groom. The ring bearers were Gideon Montgomery, nephew of the groom, and Alex Wagers, nephew of the bride.

The ushers were Than Wagers, brother of the bride; Gabe Wagers, brother of the bride; Ben Wagers, brother of the bride; and Jathon Jones, brother-in-law of the bride. The couple resides in St. Joseph.

Lauren Rosier graduates

Lauren Rosier of Mound City, MO, graduated magna cum laude from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Lauren is a 2008 graduate of Mound City High School.

The winter commencement ceremony took place on Friday, December 16, at Bearcat Arena. More than 330 undergraduate students from Northwest's three colleges received bachelor's degrees, and more than 100 candidates received master's degrees or education specialist degrees through the university's graduate school. The ceremony was able to be viewed for the first time through live video stream.

Lauren is the daughter of Alan and Lisa Yocum of



Mound City. She and her husband, Dylan, live near Mound City. Lauren will fill a maternity leave position for the Savannah, MO, School District in January.

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Tuesday Club holds Christmas party

Members of the Tuesday Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 13, at the Klub in Mound City, MO. After a delicious meal at festively decorated tables, members exchanged gifts with a fun game led by Jeanne Moore. Members also enjoyed singing carols and visiting. They held a collection for a holiday donation for Evans Circle residents, an annual project.

Attending were Leisa Biermann, Linda Boultinghouse, Patty Davis, Wava Duncan, Maria Espejo, Sandra Fuhrman, Kris Gibson, Cindy Grant, Barb Heitman, Susan Laukemper, Judith Long, Debbie Loucks, Jane Meadows, Sheri Meadows, Judy McIntire, Kasey Miles, Jeanne Moore, Phyllis Parker and Kay Sitherwood.



Squaw Creek Refuge completes deer hunt for wheelchair confined hunters

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) near Mound City, MO, completed a managed muzzleloading deer hunt for persons with disabilities who are confined to a wheelchair. The hunt was held on Saturday, December 17, and Sunday, December 18, 2011. This was the 3rd annual managed deer hunt for persons confined to a wheelchair. Six hunters participated in the two-day hunt hosted by the refuge in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The six deer hunters experienced great weather for late season deer hunting.

Seven deer were harvested by the six hunters from around the state. The largest deer was harvested by Patrick Henry of Huntsville, MO. The 14 point buck was 4.5 years old weighing 140 pounds. Tyler Rohr of St. Joseph, MO, harvested a nice 3.5 year-old 11 point buck eighing 120 pounds. The staff of Squaw Creek NWR would like to recognize local organizations that assisted with the hunt including Forest City Lions Club, Women in the Outdoors Committee, and the Wildlife Society from Missouri Western State University.

Independent Review Panel releases post-flood findings

Following more than two months of analysis, interviews and research, the Missouri River Independent Expert Review Panel released its findings on December 20. As part of post-flood assessment efforts, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Northwestern Division, enlisted the assistance of experts in meteorology, hydrology, stream-flow forecasting and reservoir system operations to review, analyze and assess the Corps' operation of the six main stem dams along the Missouri River leading up to, and during, the Flood of 2011.

The review panel members included:

- Bill Lawrence, Meteorologist/Hydrologist in charge for the Arkansas-Red Basin River Forecast Center, National Weather Service
- Darwin Ockerman, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
- Cara McCarthy, Senior Forecast Hydrologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service National Water and Climate Center
- Neil Grigg, PhD, Professor of Civil Engineering, Colorado State University

During October and November, the panel reviewed documents and studies, interviewed staff of the Corps and other agencies and offices as well as members of the public, visited

reservoir sites, and attended public meetings. The expertise of each member of the panel was applied to the assessment of elements of Corps' operations, and the panel members considered the full report as a group. In addition to this cross-evaluation of the panel's work, the report was subjected to independent technical peer review arranged by the U.S. Geological Survey. The Corps also was asked to respond to the draft report of the panel by checking for factual errors, breadth of coverage, and whether the report responds fully to the charter presented given to the panel.

The panel reviewed and assessed a number of questions, including whether water management decisions made during the Flood of 2011 were appropriate and aligned with the Missouri River Master Manual, the water control plan that guides the operation of the Missouri River. The team also looked at whether the Corps could have prevented or reduced the impact of flooding by taking other management actions prior to the flood. Factors reviewed included: 1) If long-term regulation forecasts properly accounted for the runoff into the main stem system; 2) The effects, if any, that climate change might have played in this year's record runoff; and 3) The role that

floodplain development played in reservoir system operations before and during the 2011 flood event.

"We appreciate the work the panel has done to help us improve our management of the Missouri River main stem reservoir system," said Brig. Gen. John R. McMahon, Northwestern Division Commander. "We look forward to reviewing its recommendations in detail for areas of improvement."

Corps officials will review the report to determine what elements of the panel's recommendations can be incorporated into the 2012 Annual Operating Plan scheduled for public release in early January.

"Some of the recommendations may take time to implement, but we are paying close attention to the 2012 water situation as it develops and the status of levee and other infrastructure repairs along the Missouri River," McMahon said.

The panel began its independent review on Oct. 4, 2011.

The panel's 93 page report can be found at <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/docs/MRIndependentReview-Panel.pdf>

Following a short list of recommendations for the USACE, the panel made concluding remarks. An excerpt from the summary portion is listed below:

By combining improved data and forecasting systems with operational procedures and more flexible controlling of flood storage space, a system-wide decision support system is recommended to include status information on tributary reservoirs and inflows and linked to a modern interactive graphic forecast system.

The record runoff of 2011 created high stress on the main stem reservoir system and placed demands on the Corps to manage the floodwaters to protect public safety and minimize downstream damage. The Corps ultimately had to balance the cost of elevated reservoir releases and the accompanying losses versus dam safety and the implications of a dam break. The panel heard testimonies about the destruction and witnessed devastating losses as a result of the high releases. After studying the conditions, the panel believes the Corps had few options. The panel found no evidence that Corps personnel were attempting to do anything other than to operate the system using the best available methods and to minimize the overall negative consequences. The flood in 2011 was a record-breaking event with unprecedented levels of runoff that could not be predicted in advance, and the Corps responded well to a difficult test of historic dimensions.

Mark your calendar for summer camp

The State Theater Arts Council in Mound City, MO, is already making preparations for a theater camp that will be held June 11-22, 2012. The camp will most likely include middle and high school-age students.

The camp will be conducted by Carl Crumb, who teaches theater, stagecraft and acting at the Atchison, KS, High School. Mr. Crumb coaches the competitive acting team and the debate team; and directs two shows each year, one regular play and one musical. Mr. Crumb lives near Amazonia, MO.

"It's the first time in several years we have held a theater camp, so we're looking forward to providing this fun summer activity and opportunity for area students," commented Linda Boultinghouse, State Theater Arts Council member, who met with Mr. Crumb on Monday, December 26. "Mr. Crumb is a really nice, enthusiastic, knowledgeable teacher, and I think it will be a great experience for area students who are interested in participating."

The theater camp will conclude with a production that will be open to the public.

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This Week's History

From the Mound City News archives

50 Years Ago - 1961

- A pre-Christmas snowstorm left the area paralyzed just as people were headed out for Christmas visits. Before the blizzard left 10 inches on the ground, there had already been an accumulation of several inches. The snow and blowing winds left thousands of people stranded away from home.

- Jim Colwell, a Bellevue High School graduate, was showing improvement with the 3-1 Tarkio College Owls' basketball team. His assets were tremendous jumping ability and board play.

- Employees at the Duncan Nursing Home were entertained with a buffet dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Duncan. Mrs. Alpha Mann won the turkey. The next evening, the patients held the annual Christmas party. Mrs. Dick Yount led the singing of hymns and carols, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Duncan. Dancing by the elderly residents included one at the age of ninety-one.

- Twenty commercial washers and seven dryers were to be installed at the new coin operated laundry facility that was being opened at 410 State Street by Don Hall.

- A six step photo captioned advertisement depicted the 'Easiest way to put on tire chains'. It could be done in 6 minutes and without a jack.

25 Years Ago - 1986

- A retired elementary school teacher was the victim of a burglary and assault by an intruder in her home in the early morning hours.

- Elizabeth Elam was appointed the executive director of the 12-county Northwest Missouri Health Consortium. She had previously served as assistant director of Northwest Health Services.

- Dick Roberts of Bigelow, MO, was one of a few who bagged a turkey during archery season that ended on December 31. He was pictured on the front page with his young tom.

- Senator Pat Danner (D) from Smithville, MO, was selected by the *Missouri Ruralist* magazine as its "Woman of the Year". Danner was instrumental in helping start the Frito-Lay pilot potato project in Maryville, MO.

- Over 80 people attended the Maitland, MO, Nutrition Site Christmas Party. Mrs. Floyd Hefner played Christmas carols and gave readings. After a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, Mrs. Clarelina Jasper gave a reading. A gift exchange was held.

10 Years Ago - 2001

- Linda Allen, agent for the Drivers' License Bureau, was quitting after 4 years of service. Linda's mother-in-law, Wilma Allen, preceded her as a longtime agent. The government appointed people to the position, and there was only one office in Holt County.

- The junior high lockers at Mound City were getting a fresh coat of paint by six 7th and 8th grade students and family members, as part of a "Building Communities with Character" workshop.

- Local Mound City author, Cynthia Pederson, was featured as a writer of poems in children's books. She is a writer, teacher and storyteller.

- The cover of the 2002 Northwest Missouri Sprint Yellow Pages featured a Mound City area scene, an eagle flying over a snow-covered field at Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge.

- Temperatures plummeted to 4 degrees on the last day of December, 2001. A picture of the Missouri River at Rulo, NE, showed heavy ice rings.

Is it really winter in Mound City?



An extreme weather change had Holt County residents wondering what kind of weather may be lurking around the corner. They would soon find out.

Temperatures soared to around 66 degrees or more by midday on Thursday, December 30. *Mound City News* staff had just been commenting about how there had been no real win-

ter pictures yet for the paper. So, instead of snow pictures for our readers (especially those who have flown south), we decided to document the nice weather here in Mound City! The warm temperatures must have been the reason a large flock of robins were spotted in Mound City on Tuesday, December 28.

To everyone's dismay, however, and in true Missouri fashion, 12 hours later the temperatures dropped to 28 degrees. Seventeen hours later, it was thundering, raining, sleet and dropping pellets of snow. The covering of crunchy white on the ground by Friday morning, December 31, really shouldn't have been of much surprise to Holt County residents. The recent changes in weather serve as examples of learning to appreciate the day as it comes, because you never know about tomorrow.

A GLANCE BACK AT 2011

Mound City grapes in locally distributed wines

The Mound City Development Corporation Vineyards are pleased to have a part in wine that will be distributed locally and that will be featured in the next wine tasting event in Mound City.

SchillingBridge Winery and Microbrewery in Pawnee City, NE, has purchased Chambourcin grapes from the Mound City Vineyards for the past three years and is pleased to have used the grapes in four different red wines.

"We are very proud of the Mound City growers," re-

marked Sharon Schilling of SchillingBridge Winery. "We were attracted to them because of their desire to boost local economic development. There is a great relationship between the winery and the vineyard and we are planning great things for the future."

Each of the four wines were made with 75% of Nebraska grapes, but Mound City's grapes are mingled in the remainder. SchillingBridge Winery has been authorized to sell to stores throughout northwest Missouri.

Four day week for Mound City School being discussed

The Mound City School Board is considering going to a four day school week for 2011-2012. Mound City Superintendent Ken Eaton, who had initially been opposed to the idea, proposed the change after intensely looking at the statistics from this kind of schedule and seeing many benefits.

Currently, there are around 120 school districts nationwide, 30 of which have been on this schedule for 20 years or more, that are using the four day school week. Missouri legislature passed a measure allowing Missouri school districts to adopt this kind of schedule in 2009. Only one school in Missouri,

Lathrop, is currently using the schedule.

A safety net has also been built into the state statute. It states that if the schools' annual performance scores fall off for two consecutive years, the school will be required to revert back to the five day schedule.

There seems to be several reasons why the Mound City School Board and community members are being asked to consider the proposal and are being encouraged to think 'outside the box' on the matter.

The school board will be making a decision on the matter no later than the April meeting.

New apartments and office space for former Northwest Health buildings

Russ and Rita Northup, owners of Sharp Flats, LLC, decided to invest in the future of Mound City and in its historic buildings by purchasing the buildings at the corner of State Street and Highway 59 in November, 2010. Jonathan Miller, the Northups' son-in-law, is the manager of the corporation.

Seeing the potential in the nearly 9,000 square feet of combined building spaces and, following a complete professional inspection, a plan for the two buildings was formulated.

"Our principal concern or purpose in making the purchase was to help save the

buildings," commented Russ Northup. "We wanted to take action to preserve the buildings and keep them from falling into disrepair, like so many other buildings have on State Street."

Both buildings were renovated 25 years ago in 1986, from their function as Dr. McRae's offices, upstairs apartments and the Production Credit Association, to the Northwest Health Complex, which included doctor's offices, exam rooms, a pharmacy and corporate office space.

A new roof has been put on the two-story building, as well as installation of new windows in the entire upstairs and new wiring and plumbing throughout. The somewhat hodgepodge of walls, electrical and plumbing issues will be eradicated and the fresh new look will

Tiffany Heights earns Five-Star rating

Tiffany Heights in Mound City received the Five-Star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Five-Star is the highest rating a skilled nursing facility can achieve under the rating system. Nursing home ratings are based on: Nursing Home Inspections, Staffing, and Quality Measures.

"We are deeply honored to have received the Five-Star rating for the second time, it is a testament of the dedication and commitment by our team to provide quality care," said Tammy Yocum, Administrator of Tiffany Heights. Tammy Yocum has been a member of the

Tiffany Care Centers, Inc., leadership team for 19 years. Tammy has been the Administrator of Tiffany Heights for 17 years.

Tiffany Heights provides 24-hour skilled nursing services, transportation, activities and social services to meet the needs of residents. Tiffany Heights offers in-patient and out-patient therapy by TCC Rehab.

Tiffany Heights, owned and operated by Tiffany Care Centers, Inc., is on its 35th year of providing long-term care to Northwest Missouri. Its commitment to residents is a long established tradition.

Golden Triangle Energy, LLC, celebrates 10th anniversary

The Golden Triangle Energy, LLC, plant in Craig, MO, celebrated its 10th year of production on Friday, February 18.

The nearly \$24 million plant was projected to produce 15 million gallons of denatured alcohol for ethanol from six million bushels of corn each year. Ethanol is blended with gasoline and sold at the pump for roughly the same price as unleaded gasoline.

The plant started as a grass roots cooperative with subsidiaries involved. The company dissolved the coop in December of 2010, with everyone

now being an investor in the LLC.

The plant diversified in 2008 when it expanded with a \$16 million industrial/beverage grade alcohol plant facility. With this specialization, the plant manufactures roughly 20 million gallons per year. Seventy-five percent of the production is used for high quality alcohol. The remaining 25% remains in the fuel market, carrying away the impurities.

Charlie Martin, plant manager for the past eight years, commented on the quality of the alcohol, "We make the cleanest food/beverage grade alcohol in the world. It is second to none. Our product is sold nationally to well-known beverage companies."

The plant, which operates 24 hours a day seven days a week, has 37 full-time employees. The plant processes over 7,000,000 bushels of corn a year, the majority of which is hauled in from a 20-30 mile radius.

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Mound City Lady Panthers claim 275 Conference Championship

The Mound City Lady Panthers- Claimed the 275 Conference Championship with a 63-31 victory over the Craig/Fairfax Bulldogs in Mound City on Friday, February 25. The Lady Panthers were undefeated in the conference and hold a 7-0 record. The team is coached by Brooke Crawford and assisted by Brian Messer. The last conference title was earned by the 2007-2008 team. This year's 2010-2011 team members include, left to right: Back row - Tori Ingram, Abby Haer, Alex Phillips, Josie Bomar and Eryn Acton; and front row - Haylee Clifton, Emilee Messer, Carina Metzgar and Taylor Miles.

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Gordon Autobody utilizing new paint booth

Corey Gordon, owner of Gordon Autobody in Mound City, MO, has finished the modernization of the company's paint booth. The new paint booth, finished in early February, was built to comply with all the new EPA laws. A new Freedom Prep Station was installed that filters the air using 36 charcoal filters before being refiltered back into the booth. The process also assists in maintaining the booth's temperature, helping with heating costs. When the paint job is finished, quality air is all that is left in the room.

Another upgrade that the company added was switching to water-based paint instead of solvents. All new vehicles are now painted with water-based paints at

the factory, which will make this switch easier for color matching. It is believed that there is only one other shop in Northwest Missouri that has made the switch to water-based paints. It is in St. Joseph, MO.

"It's like teaching an old dog new tricks," stated owner Corey Gordon. "The process has benefits that will take getting used to."

The new booth will expedite the painting process, allowing better return time to customers. Corey and his employees will also be able to do more painting in a day. An additional advantage is that the booth will create less waste and is a safer environment for the company's employees.

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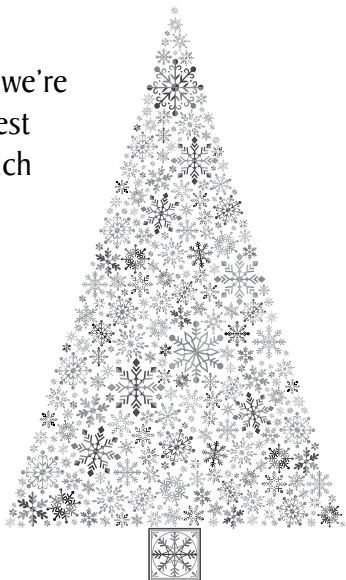
T.J. Hall Building in Oregon seeing major improvements

The T. J. Hall Building in Oregon, MO- Is undergoing a series of needed improvements. With a \$25,000 goal, the Oregon City Council and the ACE Club are still in the process of collecting funds to renovate many aspects of the 1983 building, which is used in a multitude of ways by the community. The first of the improvements were the new doors, pictured above, replaced in February.

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Big Lake Association begins construction of its new Conference and Event Center

Footings were poured the week of March 7 for Big Lake Improvement Association's new Conference and Event Center along the east side of the lake on Highway 111. The new building is being built on the cement foundation of the old association building.

The new 1,600 square foot Conference and Event Center is being elevated on an 8 foot basement and replaces the old association building that was torn down in February. The walls, poured around the original foundation, were completed the week of March 14. The project is being built by local contractor, Dennis McCarthy, of Craig, MO. The wooden second floor structure will begin taking shape in a couple of weeks after the cement cures.

The Conference and Event Center will feature a 33x33 foot conference room, a kitchen, men's and women's rest-

rooms, deck areas and several storage areas. The facility will be handicap accessible, as a chairlift will be installed near one of the two second floor entrances.

The basement level will remain empty, but two garage doors will provide the association with easy storage access. Beige metal siding and a green metal roof will wrap the new center.

The project is estimated to cost between \$85,000 and \$92,000. Much of the money for the project has been procured through donations, memberships and through the fundraising endeavors of the association.

The association hopes to utilize, as well as rent out, the facility this summer. It was originally estimated the project would take 120 days to complete, weather permitting.

THURSDAY • MARCH 31 • 2011



Lakeshore Grill to open April 1

Lakeshore Grill- Located at the north end of Big Lake along Highway 111, will open its doors on Friday, April 1, offering a wide variety of foods, beverages and sweet treats.

THURSDAY • APRIL 14 • 2011



The new bridge over the Missouri River- Is beginning to take shape as concrete pillars are constructed. The bridge is to be completed by September of 2012.

New Rulo Bridge a concrete reality

The new bridge at Rulo, NE, is beginning to take shape as workers are pouring tons of concrete into piers that will serve as the base for the 1,026' span over the main channel of the Missouri River. The project, which was originally slated to be replaced in 2014, became a current reality due to a letter writing campaign in 2007 and the diligence of the Tri-State Corridor Alliance. Now, it is becoming a concrete reality as anyone navigating across the Rulo Bridge can observe.

The new \$25 million bridge is being constructed as three projects just 650' south of the 1938 old bridge on Highway 159. Two projects, the Nebraska approach at a cost of roughly \$4.78 million, and the Missouri approach, at a cost of roughly \$4.69 million, are being built by Commercial Construction Inc. The main span portion (river portion) of the bridge is being constructed by Cramer & Associates of Grimes, IA, at a cost of \$16.2 million.

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Michael Gallagher is new president of Citizens Bank in Oregon

Longtime banker Barry Kreek sold his shares of the Citizens Bank of Oregon to Bedison Bancshares, Inc. After Kreek's resignation, Michael Gallagher was elected President and Robert Barmann of Platte City, MO, was elected Chairman of the Board at the bank in Oregon.

Gallagher is a Ravenwood native and Barmann is a Maryville native. Both Gal-

lagher and Barmann have long-term banking ties to northwest Missouri.

Gallagher started his banking career in 1982 at Farmers Bank in Sheridan, MO. For the last 20 years, he, his wife Susie, and their two children have resided in Savannah, MO, where he served the Andrew and Buchanan county banking needs.

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Roy Sims, Jr., former longtime editor and publisher of the Mound City News-Independent, passes away

Lawrence Roy Sims, Jr., longtime editor and publisher of the *Mound City News-Independent*, passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2011, after a short illness.

L. Roy Sims, Jr., began his newspaper pursuit soon after his discharge from the U.S. Army at the end of World War II. Roy was associated with his brother, Earle E. Sims, and his father, L. Roy Sims, Sr., in publishing the *Fairfax Forum* of Fairfax, MO, for 23 years.

Later, Roy and his brother, Earle, became the owners of the *Mound City News-Independent* on June 9, 1959. They purchased the business from the estate of the late Ray Taylor, who had passed away while still publishing, and took immediate possession. At the time of the *Mound City News-Independent* purchase, Earle remained publisher of the *Fairfax Forum* and Roy man-

aged the *News-Independent*.

Roy Sims, Jr., in his own words, said he had a "total business cooperation" at the paper business with both his first wife, Vada (who died unexpectedly), as well as his second wife, Evelyn.

In his farewell, entitled *Time to Pass the Torch* in the April 5, 1990, edition of the *Mound City News-Independent*, Roy stated he "was glad to be terminating active business life in a 'vertical' position instead of a 'horizontal' position and was hoping to enjoy a few more good years in casual living".

After retirement, Roy's 'casual living' afforded both he and his wife, Evelyn, the pleasure of an abundance of trips. The couple enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Niagara Falls, The Statue of Liberty, a Northeast Fall Foliage Tour, and a southern cruise to San Juan, just to name a few.

THURSDAY • MAY 12 • 2011

Mound City Scholar Bowl team is state runner-up after overtime finish

The Mound City Scholar Bowl team travelled to Columbia, MO, on Thursday, May 5, for the State Scholar Bowl Competition on Friday, May 6. Team members were accompanied by their coach, David Reiter; assistant, Joel Karr; and several parents.

Each team member has a broad spectrum of knowledge, but four members of the team competed in the state competition. Those competing and having expertise in the following subjects were Paul Grant- literature, Jake Meyer- history/geography, Chelsea Killin- art,

and Paige Kunkel- pop culture/movie/music.

The championship game was against the defending 2010 state champion Heartland team. In an exhilarating game, the Mound City team held a 40 point lead, with only one toss-up/bonus question remaining. Heartland buzzed in, and answered the toss-up and bonus questions correctly to tie the game at 340-340. In overtime, the team to correctly answer three sequential questions gets the win. The Heartland team accomplished that feat defeating the Mound City team by a score of 343-340. The Panthers were awarded the second place trophy.

Mound City's Paul Grant tied with a student from Heartland for top individual average and was named to the All-State team. Eight students were chosen to the state team.

THURSDAY • MAY 19 • 2011

Terry Petersen takes job at Nodaway-Holt

Craig, MO, High School Principal Terry Petersen has accepted the position as grades 7-12 high school principal in the Nodaway-Holt School District at Graham, MO. The decision to hire Petersen was made at the regular board meeting of Nodaway-Holt R-VII on Tuesday evening, May 17.

Petersen will be replacing Ethan Sickels. Sickels served two years as elementary principal in the Nodaway-Holt School District and, this past year, as high school principal there. He also did some coaching while at Nodaway-Holt. Sickels is leaving the field of education to take a job in

Texas.

Petersen, who resides just outside Mound City, has been at Craig for the past seven years, serving as kindergarten through 12th grade principal, athletic director and coach. Prior to that, he spent 16 years at Mound City R-2 teaching social studies, coaching and serving as athletic director.

Petersen will assume his new duties on August 1.

THURSDAY • JUNE 2 • 2011

DAM WATER HEADED OUR WAY

Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota expected to release record water flow

It appears that Holt County is headed for another devastating flood. With large amounts of water from the north heading down the Missouri River, the entire county, as well as counties to the north and south, is preparing for the worst. Levees all along the Missouri River have been repaired from the flood of 2010. Most of these levees and the newly constructed levees have been built to contain a 28' river. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to send record amounts of water south, however, may sabotage the vehement efforts by farmers and levee districts to protect homes and livelihoods here in Holt County. The anticipated magnitude and longevity of this flood may also test the freshly made and repaired levees, which may prove no match for the Mighty Missouri or the fierce winds that are indicative of Missouri weather. The combination of the inevitable flood factors may ultimately erode this county's strong agricultural vestige and recreation area.

THURSDAY • JUNE 9 • 2011

Craig Walker hired as Craig Principal

Craig Walker, North Andrew K-12 physical education instructor and coach, was hired by the Craig R-III Board of Education on Thursday, June 2, to fill the K-12 principal position vacated by Terry Petersen in May.

Craig Walker isn't new to the area, as he had been the K-12 physical education instructor and coach at Mound City for nine years before taking a similar position at North Andrew in Rosendale, MO, for the past four years.

The position as K-12 principal will be his first. Walker obtained his master in education with a concentration in elementary education in March of this year from William Woods University.

"I wanted to get back to the community feel, where the community is about the

school," stated Walker about the change.

Although not approved by the Fairfax school board, Walker may also be hired to assume the athletic director position for Craig and Fairfax, a position that Petersen filled as well.

Walker was chosen out of 15 formal candidate applications.

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New statue personifies Doc Humphrey

A beautiful new bronze statue was placed on the front lawn of the Mound City R-2 School in memory of Dr. James Humphrey on Tuesday, June 7. The statue was purchased by Doc's wife, June Ann, and donated to the school. The statue commemorates the appreciation of life that Doc exemplified. June is pictured above during the installation, next to the statue which depicts an older gentleman painting a picture (Doc loved art) sitting beside a young girl who appears enamored by the man's work. Doc's love for the youth of this community and his childlike heart are both reflected in this multigenerational statue. An engraved plaque will be added at a later date with the inscription:

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THURSDAY • JUNE 16 • 2011

Levees breach- Residents evacuate - Highways close

A full breach occurred Monday morning, June 13, on the Missouri River federal levee L-575 just 1.25 miles south of the Iowa line, just south of the previous partial breaches at river mile 552 in Atchison County, MO.

The initial breach occurred in just five minutes as the 50 feet wide breach quickly widened to 300 feet. The breach sent water spilling over acres of farmland and toward nearly a dozen homes. The water also caused the Missouri Department of Transportation to close portions of Interstate 29 between Rock Port, MO, and Hamburg, IA.

A second breach occurred along the 506 mile marker of the Missouri River, west of Holt County Road 180, in the Union Township Levee District, southwest of Craig, MO. The breach was approximately 75 yards and sent water spilling over 1,600 acres of farmland between the Missouri River channel and the privately constructed high bank levee.

The breach compelled officials at Big Lake to call for a mandatory evacuation, as property was in imminent danger should the privately constructed levee breach.

These two breaches are anticipated to be the first of many breaches or overtoppages along the Missouri River in Holt County as the river continues to climb to 25 feet or above and remain at that level for an unforeseen amount of time.

THURSDAY • JUNE 23 • 2011

MoDOT announces Interstate 29 closure due to flooding

As water released from reservoirs upstream makes its way down the Missouri River system, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is making preparations to safely route travelers and freight around flood-closed roads while it works to minimize possible damage to road and bridge assets.

Interstate 29 is closed at its intersection with U.S. Route 136 at Rock Port, MO. MoDOT encourages travelers to use Interstate 35. Water is not expected to affect this route.

Motorists can find the location of highways closed by water on MoDOT's Traveler Information Map, available at www.modot.org. Detours

for closures on interstates and U.S. routes can be found at www.modot.org/flooding, along with other flood facts.

MoDOT has moved flood fighting assets to the Missouri River corridor to guide travelers and protect roads and bridges. Some road barriers, portable message signs and other equipment used during this spring's Mississippi River flooding are now positioned for deployment in northern and central Missouri communities.

Klub addition progressing nicely

The 20' x 40' addition that is being added at the back of the Klub in Mound City, adjacent to the kitchen, has made extensive progress over the past few weeks.

The footings, foundation and exterior framing were completed by Thursday, June 30. An electrician had the electrical work done by Friday, July 1. The 800 square feet addition was then totally enclosed to begin interior work.

The addition will house the walk-in cooler, dry storage and an office area. The spaces currently used for those purposes will be transformed in the second phase of the project.

The walk-in cooler space at the front of the building will be remodeled to provide a permanent, dedicated space for the Waterfowlers' Hall of Fame. In conjunction with all the improvements, a new entrance to The Klub will allow patrons a view of the Waterfowlers' Hall of Fame as they enter the restaurant, and in 2012, the board has plans to remodel and expand the restrooms in the restaurant/bar area.

The \$24,000 improvement project is a joint effort of the Waterfowlers' Hall of Fame and the Mound City Community Building Association. Anyone wishing to assist financially with the project can contact Jonathan Miller or Matt Phillips.

THURSDAY • AUGUST 4 • 2011

FLOOD CLAIMING LIVES AS WELL AS FARMLAND, HOMES, AND BUSINESSES

Missouri trooper swept away at Big Lake, National Guardsman loses life on return home from Holt County

The floodwaters in Holt County are not only claiming farmland, homes, and businesses, but are now the reason for two recent deaths.

Recovery efforts were underway as of press time on Wednesday, August 3, for Missouri Highway Patrol/Water Patrol Trooper Frederick "Fred" F. Guthrie, Jr., age 46, of Platte City, MO. On Monday, August 1, Trooper Guthrie and his Patrol K-9 German Shepherd, Reed, were working Missouri River flood duty in the area of Big Lake, MO, on Highway 118 in Holt County when they were apparently swept away by swift floodwater in the area.

Trooper Guthrie and K-9 Reed were last seen at 1 p.m. on Monday when authorities on flood duty in the area went back to work after lunch. Guthrie's truck was found around 3 p.m. on Highway 118, northeast of Big Lake.

In addition to the missing trooper, a member of the Missouri National Guard, Pfc. Jordan House of Independence, MO, lost his life in an automobile accident on Monday, July 25, on his way home from state emergency flood duty in Holt County, where his last mission included providing security at flood checkpoints in the county. He had been on duty in the area since June 26. He served on several sandbagging missions to include the effort to protect the water treatment facility in Forest City, MO.

House, age 19, was a front seat passenger in a Toyota that ran off the roadway and struck the rear of a trailer parked on the shoulder of southbound Interstate 435 near N.E. 108th Street in Kansas City North,

MO, at about 1 p.m. on July 25. The driver of the Toyota and a passenger in the rear seat, also members of the Missouri National Guard, were transported to hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. None of the occupants of the truck that pulled the trailer were injured.



Wright Electric and Hardware ends quarter century of business

Denny and Lillian Wright, co-owners of Wright Electric and Hardware in Craig, MO- Stand among buyers at the couple's Retirement Auction held on Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24, at the Heck Implement Building in Mound City, MO. Denny and Lillian, who have owned and operated the business for 25 years, sold all the merchandise after moving it from the business' store front location in Craig because of potential flooding in June.

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Northwest Graphix opens for business

Northwest Graphix owners and sisters- Joey Schueth (right) and Samantha Miles (left) have opened their new business at 504 State Street in Mound City. The new 't-shirt shop' offers a wide variety of the latest techniques including sublimation, embroidery, rhinestones and heat transfers.



Unique opportunity for patrons at McRae Community Building

This architectural rendering- Of the improvements to be done in the near future at the front entrance to the McRae Community Building in Mound City show how aesthetically pleasing the new entrance will be. Steve McRae worked with an architect in Kansas City, MO, to develop the renderings that showcase the significant donation made by the McRae family to build the new front entrance.

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Hanging up her apron

DeeAnn Heck plans to 'hang up her apron'- After over a quarter century of food service that has taken on a variety of forms throughout the years, the latest of which was her restaurant, Josephine's Eatery in Mound City. DeeAnn stands adjacent to some of her family's memorabilia on walls in her restaurant. She is planning her last day to be Saturday, October 29.

Aftermath of 90-day flood rears its ugly head



The gaping channel- Cut in Highway 111, west of the junction of Highway 111 and 118, is becoming more visible as floodwaters continue to recede. The total extent of the damage, already severe even at this point, will not be completely determined until the channel becomes dry. The channel, where the highway once was, is reported to be over 20 feet deep. To the south of the cut, on the south side of the highway, the hole is reportedly 50 feet deep.



Leona Crump (Carolyn Hall, right)- Retaliated from the scare she got from Turner (Jonathan Miller, left) by placing a cream pie in his face. The premeditated antics of the neighbors of the community play, "Love Thy Neighbor", kept the crowd laughing.

Play draws large crowds

The community play performance of "Love Thy Neighbor" drew large crowds that filled the State Theater in Mound City on both Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, September 24 and 25. The Saturday evening crowd tabulated 275 people, which nearly filled the 300 capacity building. Sunday's attendance showed 165 audience members.

Crowds laughed their way through the over two hour performance of the neighborhood comedy. The group of local performers, who spent two months practicing, kept the audience in stitches, and delivered a high-quality performance that went off without a hitch.

Jan Seitz, Mound City elementary and middle school principal, directed the play.

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2011 Craig Fest... finishes with a smile

This young lady- Was being transformed at the face painting booth at the 2011 Craig Fest in Craig, MO, on Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2. Many youth enjoyed the booth and received some great new 'looks'.



1991 State Football Champions honored

The 1991 Nodaway-Holt 8-Man State Football Championship Team- Was honored following the final home game of the 2011 Nodaway-Holt Trojans on Friday, October 21. The 1991 head coach, Bill Baldwin, was present for the recognition, as well as 13 players from the team and six of the 1991 cheerleaders. The team amassed a 9-0 record going into the playoffs. Following a 60-14 semifinal win over North Nodaway, the Trojans played the South Nodaway Longhorns in the state championship game and finished with a 27-14 victory. Being honored were, left to right: back row: Jerrod Plummer (Graham, MO), Clint Callow (Savannah, MO), Casey Callow (Platte City, MO), Jeff Madden (Maryville, MO), Coach Bill Baldwin (Maryville, MO), Cory Anderson (Graham) and Seth Ashford (Maitland, MO). Middle row: Athletic Trainer Gayle Bond (Graham), Ben Marion (Springfield, MO), Tim Heitman (Maitland, MO), Nathan Hayes (Mound City, MO), Mike Hanson (Graham, MO), Heath Goff (Maitland), Chris Clement (Maitland) and Ray Bohannon (Barnard, MO). The front row are the 1991 cheerleaders, including: Amber Kenny Sloniker (Maitland), Amy Clement Gregory (Mayetta, KS), Jennifer Clement Mathes (Lawson, MO), Beth Brookshier (St. Louis, MO), Leigh Ann Karsten Williams (Excelsior Springs, MO), and Heidi Law Keller (Seymour, IA).

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County Commission approves formation of Levee District #15

A formal hearing was held at the Holt County Courthouse in Oregon, MO, on Monday, November 7, for the purpose of approving the new proposed Levee District #15. Brian Tubbs, attorney for the proposed district, addressed the Holt County Commissioners. A small group of interested landowners were also present at the hearing.

Attorney Tubbs shared the purpose and the description of the new levee district with those present. A map depicting the boundaries of the new levee was shown. The northern end of the levee begins where Interstate 29 meets the Big Tarkio River (north of Craig, MO) and, as the westerly boundary, the levee runs south to Highway 118. On the eastern side, the boundary of the levee follows the interstate southeast of Craig to the

Little Tarkio River and then follows the Little Tarkio River down to Highway 118 near Bigelow. Highway 118 forms the southern border of the new district. The city of Craig will be left out of the new levee district, as the city builds its own levee of protection.

The request for establishment of the new levee district by the Holt County Commissioners was voted on and unanimously approved. Johnny Haer, Eddie Drewes and Steve Cunningham were nominated and approved as the Board of Directors for Levee District #15.

Following a full engineers' study and report, and the spectrum of studies and laws that are required, a bid will be let for the work. The hope of the board is that the temporary fixes will be in place by the time of spring planting.

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 17 • 2011

Explosion at Golden Triangle Energy

A noontime automated 911 call from Golden Triangle Energy in Craig, MO, on Wednesday, November 9, alerted emergency personnel that an explosion had occurred at the plant that manufactures grain neutral spirits and other ethanol products.

The explosion occurred in a dryer in the processing building. The dryer was off at the time, but a hot ember is believed to have come in contact with the very dry recycled product, resulting in a dust explosion. The dryer doors came off in the explosion. The fire suppression and sprinkler systems then worked as they were designed. The concus-

sion of the explosion also resulted in damage to the building doors. Only one employee was in the area at the time, but no injuries occurred.

"It was an injury to pride," commented General Manager, Roger Hill, on the explosion. "We've not had anything like this in 10 years of operation. It is not unusual, however, for this kind of thing to happen. All the safety devices worked and we have simply changed the shutdown procedure as another safeguard."

Golden Triangle Energy was only shut down for 12-14 hours while the repairs were made.

Missouri Sports Hall of Fame to induct Mound City 8-Man Football Program

The Mound City 8-Man Football Program will be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame at a special enshrinement ceremony in St. Joseph, MO, on Wednesday, November 30. The ceremony, which will begin at 5:30 p.m., will be the first of its kind to be conducted away from its home base in Springfield, MO.

The Mound City 8-Man Football Program has experienced a wealth of success since 1999. The 1999 team began a football dynasty by winning the school's first state football championship in thrilling style in a come from behind 62-60 win over the North Andrew Cardinals. The tradition has continued to present, as the Panthers have added five state titles in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2010 and will be returning to the dome on November 25 in St. Louis for a chance at a fourth consecutive 8-Man State title. The program has won its district and been in the playoffs in 13 of the past 14 seasons.

In addition to the Mound City football program, seven individuals will be inducted. They include: Julius Hochman, Herb Webster, Harold "Doc" Childress, Vic Eaton, Richard Flanagan, Nan Carter and Doug Minnis.

The enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Holiday Inn-Riverfront at 102 S. 3rd Street.

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 24 • 2011

Principal Sharp to retire

Mound City High School Principal Chris Sharp turned in his resignation for the 2012-2013 school year at the Wednesday, November 16, Mound City R-2 Board of Education meeting.

Sharp has been the high school principal at Mound City for the past five years, and taught history 9 years prior to the administrative position. "I loved being able to work in the same building as and have access to my own boys," stated Sharp about working at the Mound City District.

Over a span of 27 years in the education field, Sharp has coached football, basketball and track, at all age levels and among both girls' and boys' teams. His teams' success over the years have ranged from teams with no wins, to winning a state championship. "I enjoyed coaching and teaching the most during my years," stated Sharp.

With Sharp's kids grown up now, he plans to spend his retirement with his kids and grandkids. Finding something constructive to do and not being idle is Sharp's goal for retirement. "It's gone by fast, but I'm excited to move on to the next chapter in my life," he commented.

The board plans to fill the position at a later time.

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 15 • 2011

Funeral services held for Trooper Fred Guthrie, Jr.

A public funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, for Missouri State Highway Patrol Water Division Trooper Fred Guthrie, Jr., age 46, and his K-9 partner, Reed, at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty, MO. A procession to the Knob Noster Cemetery in Knob Noster, MO, followed the service.

Trooper Guthrie and his K-9 partner, Reed, disappeared while on flood duty near Big Lake, MO, on August 1. Trooper Guthrie's patrol truck was found, still running, near where a huge portion of State Highway 118 had been carved out by swift floodwaters that had inundated the area since June.

K-9 Reed's body was recovered a day after the incident, located approximately 100 yards from where Tpr. Guthrie's patrol truck and boat were located. On September 28, 2011, Colonel Ronald K. Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, regrettably announced the official death of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie, Jr., following court procedures recognizing his demise.

Exhaustive searches for Trooper Guthrie were executed by the patrol and volunteers in the weeks and months that followed, with the searches often occurring from daylight to dark.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011

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.

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 1 • 2011



Mound City finishes second at state

Senior Panther quarterback Lucas Schawang, #7- Pushed his way past Worth County defender, Eli Mullock, #32, in the 8-man state championship game on Friday, November 25, in St. Louis, MO. Lucas rushed for 130 yards in the 50-20 Mound City loss.



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Pictured above, left to right- Are Michael Brown, Marc Rosenbohm and Patrick O'Riley who received the American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Nodaway-Holt FFA members receive FFA's highest degree

Nodaway-Holt FFA members Michael Brown, son of Jerry and Tracy Brown of Skidmore, MO; Marc Rosenbohm, son of Mike and Marsha Rosenbohm of Graham, MO; and Patrick O'Riley, son of Lila and the late Bobby O'Riley of Graham, recently received the American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, IN, this past October.

The American FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level

of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs).

Approximately 3,500 American FFA Degrees are handed out each year at the National FFA Convention. That number represents less than half of one percent of all FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. In addition to their degree, each recipient received a gold American FFA Degree key.

Secretarial Disaster Declaration

The Secretary of Agriculture designated seven Missouri counties as primary agricultural natural disaster areas, making certain farmers and other agricultural producers in the counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), in addition to other disaster programs. The following counties were designated as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by severe storms with hail and high winds on August 18 through August 22, 2011: Andrew, Atchison, Gentry, Lafayette, Nodaway, Pettis and Platte.

Seventeen counties were designated as contiguous natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by severe storms with hail and high winds which occurred August 18 through August 22, 2011. Producers in contiguous counties may also be eligible for programs based on this designation. The contiguous counties are: Benton, Buchanan, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Jackson, Johnson, Morgan, Ray, Saline and Worth.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on December 8, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of

their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Loans for physical losses must be used to replace or repair damage to buildings, fences or to compensate the farmer for losses of basic livestock, stored crops, or supplies on hand, equipment, etc., that was lost due to the disaster. Loans for production losses may also be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate or chattel debts. Generally, loans for production losses cannot be approved until crops have completed their production cycle or have been harvested.

In order to qualify, a farmer must have suffered a 30% loss in production or an actual physical loss that was essential to the successful operation of the farm.

USDA also has made a variety of other programs available to assist farmers in recovering from the disaster, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP); Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact the Atchison County FSA office at (660) 744-5328 for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Nodaway-Holt participates in North Central Missouri College Classic

Both Nodaway-Holt basketball teams departed Graham, MO, early on Friday, December 23, to travel to Trenton, MO, for participation in the North Central Missouri College Classic.

The Nodaway-Holt ladies doubled up on scoring in the first frame against the Lady Owls of Ridgeway, MO. The Lady Trojans extended the lead to 34-12 by the half. The Lady Owls outscored the Lady Trojans 10-7 in the third frame. Nodaway-Holt finished with a strong 20 point fourth quarter to finish with a 61-38 win.

Megan Rosenbohm led the Lady Trojans with 18 points. Kalli Devers added 11, Darcie Gallagher 10, Brittany Shipp and Bailea Plummer 6 each, Bailee Lance and Krysta Beattie 4 each, and Amanda O'Riley had 2.

The Nodaway-Holt boys played at 10:30 in the morning against an athletic Ridgeway Owls' team. As has been the case over the past few weeks, Nodaway-Holt was once again able to jump out to an early lead. The Trojans led 11-4 midway through the first quarter and maintained that margin for a 20-13 lead after eight minutes of play. Six Trojan players scored in the first quarter. Scoring slowed down for both teams in the second period. Although Nodaway-Holt missed on a number of good scoring opportunities, the Trojans were able to build a 30-21 lead heading into intermission.

The third period saw the Trojans put the game away. Four Trojan players hit for at least four points in the

quarter, and Nodaway-Holt led 48-29 going into the final frame. The Trojan men were able to expand the lead to 24 points midway through the fourth quarter, and all fifteen players saw action in the final five minutes of play. The Nodaway-Holt defensive pressure resulted in 29 Owl turnovers in the game. The final tally read 64-45.

Nine Trojan players scored during the game. Zach Lemar had 14 points and 5 assists, Brandon Saxton had 13 to go with 7 rebounds, Nick Patterson added 12 along with five assists, Stephen Schniedermeier had 8 points, Cody Schniedermeier had 5, Derek Lemon had 4, Jackson Beattie and Brice Shamberger added 3 apiece, and Josh Schafer collected 2. The Trojans finished the first half of their season with a 7-1 record.

Nodaway-Holt Coach Terry Petersen stated, "This was a good opportunity to keep some momentum going heading into the Christmas break. We now have two weeks to prepare for a tough conference schedule in the second half of the season. There are five or six teams that could win the conference title this year, which should make for a lot of good Friday night games in January and February. The Fairfax Tournament, which also includes St. Joseph Christian, should also prove to be a good measuring stick to where we are midway through January. We just need to continue to work hard and improve, especially in our half court defense."

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9 Scrambled Eggs with Ham & Cheese Toast Juice	10 Pancakes Canadian Bacon Juice	11 Biscuits & Gravy Juice	12 Breakfast Burrito Hash Brown Juice	13 Breakfast Pizza Juice
16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	17 French Toast Sausage Patty Juice	18 Biscuits & Gravy Juice	19 Blueberry Muffin Hash Brown Juice	20 Breakfast Pizza Juice
23 Pancake & Sausage Stick Hash Brown Juice	24 Sausage Patty on Toast Tator Tots Juice	25 Biscuits & Gravy Juice	26 Cereal or Yogurt Toast Juice	27 Breakfast Pizza Juice
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Christmas cupcakes, nuts, mints and punch- Were served to residents and guests at Tiffany Heights in Mound City on Wednesday, December 21, at the annual Christmas Party. Enjoying some of the refreshments were, left to right, Hugh Wallace, Lauren Loucks, Darcy Howard and Amy Townsend.



Santa and Mrs. Claus- Visited with many residents and guests during the annual Christmas party at Tiffany Heights Nursing Home in Mound City, MO, on Wednesday, December 21. Santa took time to have 'young' ones sit on his lap and tell him their Christmas wishes, and listened to and greeted the 'mature' ones. Pictured above, enjoying their time with Santa were, left to right, Helen Hatch, Sheri Wright, Mrs. Claus, Santa Claus and, sitting on Santa's lap, Kenna Morris (Sheri's granddaughter).



Jeane Crouse, left- May be giving Santa Claus a little help with the 'Naughty and Nice'. Santa was paying good attention. The visit with Santa came during the Tiffany Heights Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21, in Mound City.



Tiffany Heights resident, Amy Dittmars- Posed with Santa during the annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21. Amy was enjoying some of the refreshments offered during the time of gift giving and Santa visits. Residents enjoyed a concert by Terry Campbell of Falls City, NE, prior to Santa's visit.

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*By Order of the Board,
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23/3tc

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22/4tc

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

Notice Of Offices For Which Candidates Are To Be Nominated At The August 7, 2012, Primary Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to persons wishing to file a declaration of candidacy to appear as a candidate for nomination at the primary election that filing will open on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

Given under my hand and official seal at the Capitol in the City of Jefferson, State of Missouri, this 16th day of December, A.D., 2011.

(SEAL)

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

I, Kathy J. Kunkel, County Clerk & Election Authority within and for the county of Holt, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list as certified to me by ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of State, State of Missouri, of the offices for which candidates are to be nominated or elected at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held August 7, 2012.

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Tiffany Heights hosts annual Christmas party

The employees at Tiffany Heights hosted the annual Christmas Party for residents, guests and staff on Wednesday, December 21, at Tiffany Heights Nursing Home in Mound City, MO.

The Christmas Party began with musical entertainment by Terry Campbell of Falls City, NE. Over 120 people enjoyed listening to Christmas songs and joined in singing several Christmas carols.

Following the program, those assembled were greeted by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Tiffany Heights employees passed out presents to the residents, as Santa made his rounds visiting and listening to the residents and guests.

Those gathered enjoyed Christmas cupcakes, nuts, mints and punch provided and served by the staff at Tiffany Heights.