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### Decked out for the Holidays

Hiawatha Implement- In Mound City is decked out for the Holidays. Drive by at night to see this combine lit up with Christmas lights.

## Elvin Ungles inducted into Hall of Fame



Elvin Ungles, retired Mound City track coach, was among five individuals inducted into the MTCCCA Hall of Fame, December 12, at the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association annual clinic in Columbia, MO.

Elvin began teaching math at Mound City High School in 1966. In addition to teaching, he became a basketball, football, track and volleyball coach of junior and senior high students.

In all, Elvin coached 175 teams through the years, each of which are pictured on his walls at home.

Elvin had a passion for track and field events and it started during his school days at Skidmore. When given a chance to speak at the Hall of Fame Banquet, Elvin told of digging a pit at the farm and filling it with saw dust so he could high jump

and long jump. He would cut a circle out in the pasture and practice throwing the shot and discus (around the cow piles). He also participated in the low hurdles, sprints, shot, discus, high jump and long jump during his high school track days.

Elvin coached the boys' high school track team from 1973-1998 and the high school girls' track team from 1989-1998. During that span of time, his teams brought home eight state trophies at the 1A level.

During those 26 years, the boys' track teams placed second in 1975, second in 1981, third in 1990, second in 1991 and second in 1998 at state. His teams had six conference championships, eight district championships and 94 individual and 30 relay placers in the state meets.

During those 10 years, the girls' track teams placed

second in 1989, third in 1990 and fourth in 1998 at state. His teams had four conference championships, three district championships and 33 individual and seven relay placers in state meets.

Over the years, athletes under his tutelage earned over 280 medals, a total exceeded overall by only three other Hall of Fame members throughout the state. These numbers include 25 state champions in relay and individual events at the class 1 level.

During Elvin's speech he said, "I accept this on behalf of all the Mound City track athletes that I had the privilege of coaching. Without them, I wouldn't be accepting this award."

His love for the sport and the enjoyment of working with the kids is what Elvin remembers most. "The most exciting times were winning the conference or district meet and placing at state in the top four," Elvin commented. In all of his years of track coaching, Elvin went to state with at least one participant every year in boys' and girls'.

The kinds of stats that merited him the Hall of Fame status that he received.

The MTCCCA honored four other new inductees into the Hall of Fame on that date: Harriet Bland Green, Gold Medalist in the 400 meter relay in the 1936 Berlin Olympics; Harry Lineberry, track and cross coach at Neosho High School; Jim Vaughn, a 52 year veteran track and cross country coach from Springfield Hillcrest High School; and retired cross country coach, Tom O'Brien of St. Joe Central High School.

## Eagle Days report from Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge completed the 30th Annual Eagle Days Celebration held on the weekend of December 6 and 7.

The Eagle Days festival is a cooperative venture with the Missouri Department of Conservation, World Bird Sanctuary-St. Louis, Friends of Squaw Creek, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and Midland Empire Audubon Society, St. Joseph.

Visitor attendance was the highest for the event since 1996. Attendance for the office this year was 3,484 compared to last year's 1,656. The eagle show saw 2,013, compared to last year's 1,235, the auto tour loop ran 7,154 with last year's numbers at 2,190, and the bus tour had 679 visitors compared to 337 last year.

The World Bird Sanctuary's live eagle program highlighted the two-day event drawing a good crowd.

The weather was great, just a bit windy and cold but no precipitation with temperatures in the high and low 40's.

The 25 foot inflatable eagle was present towering the crowds visiting the festival thanks to the Iowa

Tribe. There were excellent wildlife viewing opportunities during the entire Eagle Days festival.

Bald eagles numbered more than 260 birds and geese more than 250,000. Freezing temperatures at night developed ice in most open water pools causing duck numbers to drop to 22,000 more or less.

Squaw Creek Refuge staff members conducted bus tours on the auto tour route for visitors. Volunteers staffed interpretive stops along the tour route assisting travelers in viewing bald eagles using telescopes. Auto traffic enjoyed the spectacular wildlife observations from the comfort of their vehicle or from interpretive viewing pull-offs along the 10-mile auto tour route.

Visitors stopped in the visitor contact station purchasing gift shop items, viewing exhibits, receiving eagle posters and gathering Eagle Day information. Bird carver, Mike Moseman from St. Joseph, displayed several unique wood carvings including demonstrating his carving skills on Sunday.

Eagle Day for school students was hosted by the refuge and held on Friday, December 5. Missouri De-

partment of Conservation coordinated the event for the 17 schools totaling 930 students plus teachers and parents. Schools attended from the local area, Kansas City and surrounding Northwest Missouri school districts. The World Bird Sanctuary gave talks with captive birds to the schools attending on Friday's field trips.

Students were given a bus tour stopping along the auto tour route to visit outdoor classroom stations staffed by volunteers and state conservation officials. The station speakers discussed wildlife topics and provided hands-on items related to eagles, waterfowl and furbearers.

Refuge migration bird numbers are available at the website: [www.fws.gov/squawcreek/midwest/waterfowl\\_surveys](http://www.fws.gov/squawcreek/midwest/waterfowl_surveys). The Refuge Visitor Contact Station is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refuge trails and the 10-mile auto tour route are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Trails and the auto tour route may be closed if severe weather conditions occur. Please contact the Squaw Creek Refuge at (660) 442-3187 for further information.



### Ice storm blows through without major ordeal

Thursday, December 18th's ice storm warnings- Had many pulling out generators and stocking up on essentials in case of another major event. However, the storm blew through leaving less than one quarter of an inch of coating on trees and powerlines. The interstate was clean Friday morning, but the out-lying roads still had some hazardous conditions. In the end, the ice just added a bit of daytime Christmas glisten to an already snow-coated scene.



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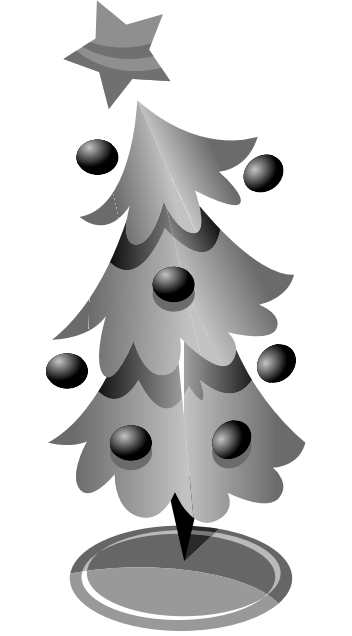
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# Letter to the Editor

Citizens of Southeast Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, & Northeast Kansas:

The public response was fantastic! An estimated 376 persons attended the December 2nd public hearing on replacement of the U.S. Highway 159 Bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo and all who spoke expressed support for the project!  
 This project demonstrates how much people living in a democratic society can accomplish when they work together. Just a short 12 months ago prospects for a new bridge in the near term looked dim. Plans now call for construction to begin on a new bridge in 2011 and for the span to open in 2013.  
 As was stated at Rulo, this new bridge will vastly improve access of the area to the interstate highway system and will become a bridge to a brighter future for Southeast Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, and Northeast Kansas. It is a 32-million dollar infrastructure investment that will aid in recruitment of business and industry, have a positive impact on retail trade, and help the area realize its recreational and tourism potential. Imagine, by contrast, the awful negative consequences should we not embrace the opportunity to build a new bridge and because of a structural deficiency it would need to be closed down.  
 Thank you again for your steadfast support of this very important project.

Sincerely,  
**Charlie Radatz & Beth Sickel**  
 Co-Chairs Tri-State Corridor Alliance

P.S. And please remember to thank your public officials when you see them for their continued support and leadership of the bridge replacement.

## Snowfall causes three vehicle accident involving snow plow

Tuesday, December 16, saw approximately four inches of snow that caused many to stay at home early in the day and by mid-morning the Atchison-Holt Ambulance District had ambulances strategically placed along I-29 in preparation for possible accidents.  
 A major three-vehicle accident occurred six miles south of Mound City on I-29 at 8:45 a.m. prompting responses from the MO Highway Patrol, Mound City Police, Oregon Police, Mound City Rescue, South Holt Rescue and the Missouri DOT.  
 The accident occurred when a 2007 Chevy boxtruck (FedEx) driven by Lucas C. Plymell, 24, of Cameron, MO, was southbound on I-29 and approached the DOT snowplow from behind while it was plowing in the passing lane. The FedEx truck struck the snowplow driven by William Kieffer, 56, of Mound City in the rear.  
 After the impact, the FedEx truck crossed the median and went into the northbound lanes where it was struck by a 2007 Freightliner driven by Alan E. Weyant, 55, Monticello, KY.  
 The FedEx truck came to rest on the east side of I-29 while the snowplow came to a stop partly blocking the southbound lanes and the Freightliner was left partly blocking the northbound roadway.  
 The FedEx truck was totaled and the driver, Lucas C. Plymell, was transported to Heartland Regional Medical Center in serious condition.  
 Both the DOT snowplow and the Freightliner suffered extensive damage, however the drivers appeared to be free from injury.  
 The incident has left one DOT snowplow out of service for the time being, just in time for additional winter weather.

## Ag Update for Holt County in January

Area growers should plan to attend the Holt County Extension Ag Update scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, at the Squaw Creek Truck stop upstairs dining area. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude by noon.  
 The morning will start with latest information regarding crops. Fungicide use, new herbicide products, GMO crops and new technology will be just a few of the topics handled by Wayne Flanary. Attendance of this portion of the meeting will also satisfy requirements for Private Pesticide Applicator training with additional discussion of labeling.  
 At 11:00 a.m., Bob Kelly, Ag Business, will discuss high input prices and Tom Fowler, horticulturalist, will update the group on Emerald Ash Borer.  
 For more information, contact Wayne Flanary, Regional Agronomist, University of Missouri Extension, at 660-446-3724.

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<b>ECHO Clinic:</b> Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Wellness Program:</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday-Appt. #262
<b>Nuclear Medicine:</b> Jan. 13, 27	<b>Bone Densitometry Clinic:</b> Jan. 6
<b>Pulmonology Clinic:</b> Jan. 12-Dr. Keim	<b>Evening Mammos:</b> Jan. 15 and daytime appointments
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## Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge closed for annual deer hunt

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge will be closed to the general public on Saturday, January 3, and Sunday, January 4, 2009, for the annual muzzle loader white-tailed deer hunt.

Only those drawn for the hunt will be permitted on the Refuge during these days. Bluff Trial and Callow Memorial Trail are located near the refuge headquarters and both trails will remain open during the deer hunt. The Refuge auto tour will be closed primarily for visitor safety and hunter success.

The refuge headquarters is currently closed on weekends for the winter, then reopens for the spring bird migration in mid-March. Current Visitor Contact Station open hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Deer hunts were initiated in January 1988 to reduce a

rapidly expanding deer herd that was causing considerable damage to refuge habitats. In addition, reduction of the deer herd will help reduce deer-vehicle collisions along State Highways 118, 159, and Interstate-29.

The annual firearm muzzle loading deer hunt is a continuing effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Missouri Department of Conservation to provide quality hunting opportunities through resource management programs.

The deer hunt has been a popular event and continues to generate an interest in primitive firearm deer hunting.

The Squaw Creek Refuge will close at sunset Friday, January 2, and reopen at sunrise on Monday, January 5. Information regarding the deer hunt can be obtained by calling the Squaw Creek Refuge at (660) 442-3187.

## Kansas State 2008-2009 scholarship list

More than 5,000 Kansas State University students have been awarded academic scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. In all, students received nearly \$14.8 million in scholarships.

Most of the scholarships are made possible through donations and gifts to the Kansas State University Foundation.

K-State students receiving

scholarships totaling more than \$1,000 include:

**Bethany Joel Graves-Fairfax**, recipient of the Anderson Scholarship, The Golda M. Crawford Scholarship and Millennium Scholarship

**Catherine Jean Metzgar**- Mound City, recipient of the Kathy Grunewald Scholarship in Sports Nutrition.

## Mound City Kiwanis news

The Mound City Kiwanis Club met at The Klub on Wednesday, December 17, with 13 members present.

A program followed the meal. Club member Paul Grant presented a program on Christmas folk songs and spirituals and led the members in singing.

There will be no meeting December 24. The December 31 and four Wednesday meetings in January will be at Mound City Foods.

A membership committee consisting of Herb Turnbull, Larry Thomas and Paul Grant was formed in an attempt to recruit more members. There is also a need for a fund raising committee. Several fund raising ideas were discussed.

# Keeping livestock and pets safe through this holiday season

By Dr. Roy Wilson, DVM  
Animals have special needs during the cold winter months.

Appropriate shelter, feed, and water are critically important this time of year. Livestock, including cattle and horses, need shelter. Although a covering is nice, most animals need to at least be able to get out of the wind, especially when an animal is damp or wet, they have more trouble staying warm than when dry (because the hair loses its insulation ability). So during wet times, the ability to get to shelter is even more important.

Animals get their energy to produce heat for themselves from their food. High quality nutrition is essential during the winter. For horses and cows, this means high quality roughage (e.g. high quality grass hay) to feed the microbes in the gut. Grain is often good to add to help with the energy needs, but it is not a replacement for the roughage.

Water is more often overlooked in the winter than in the summer, although water needs can actually increase

as the temperatures drop and the humidity drops, also.

An adult cow or horse can require 5 to 10 gallons or more of water each day. Free choice water is the ideal.

Be careful with electric water heaters. Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions on installation and use. Be aware that electricity and water can be a hazardous and even fatal combination. Even though water is being offered, make sure the animals are drinking it. Owners have had dehydrated and dying animals need treatment that had access to water, but the water was contaminated or was shocking the animals and they could not drink.

Make sure your animals have access to clean, safe water at all times.

Here are a few other tips for your indoor and outdoor pet's safety during the Christmas season.

**Tip #1-** Although turkey is wonderful for Christmas dinner, it is not good for your pet.

Every year, pets are unintentionally sickened from Christmas leftovers. Remember that turkey skin and fat

can cause upset stomachs and even pancreatitis (a potentially life-threatening disease) in your pets, and bones are notorious for intestinal blockages and perforations (e.g. bad news requiring potential surgery).

**Tip #2-** Cats and kittens are attracted to strings, but the strings can get caught in their intestinal tract. Be careful with the strings from the turkeys and hams and dispose of them safely.

**Tip #3-** Walking the dog is a great way to relax and work off a little of that Christmas dinner.

During this cold time, be aware of your dog's feet. When you come in the house, you generally take your shoes off, but most dogs do not get to do that. The snow and chemicals used to "salt" the roadways and sidewalks can be irritating and damaging to your pet's feet.

It is good to wipe your pets paws when you come in. Special attention should be paid to the folds between the toes. Unscented, alcohol free baby wipes work well, but a cleaned, moistened cloth will work also.

**Tip #4-** If you are going

to take a holiday horseback ride, think about making it an enjoyable day for you and your equine partner.

Make sure your horse is well-fed and watered. Check his legs and hooves before going out.

Slowly warm him up with a nice brisk walk. Be careful of the footing. Slips and slides can be dangerous for you as well as for your horse. Remember not to overdo it.


Snow and cold weather require your horse to work harder. After your ride, take time to cool down your horse properly. A horse is not cooled out until he is dry and cool to the touch.

Finally, make sure his feet are cleaned out, and that he has good, high quality feed (especially good roughage--preferably good quality grass hay), and clean, fresh water.

These tips will help you and your pet have a pleasant holiday without developing any emergency situations.

For more information go to the following links: [http://www.avma.org/animal\\_health/pawforpets/winter.asp](http://www.avma.org/animal_health/pawforpets/winter.asp) or [http://www.avma.org/animal\\_health/brochures/hazards/household\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.avma.org/animal_health/brochures/hazards/household_brochure.pdf)

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Jan. 5 - School resumes  
Jan. 6 - Varsity Basketball at Fairfax vs. Osborn - 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 8 - JV Varsity Basketball at Hamburg, IA - 4:45 p.m.  
Jan. 12-17 - Varsity Basketball Tournament at Fairfax - TBA  
Jan. 19 - Craig School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 20 - JV Varsity Basketball at West Nodaway - 5:00 p.m.

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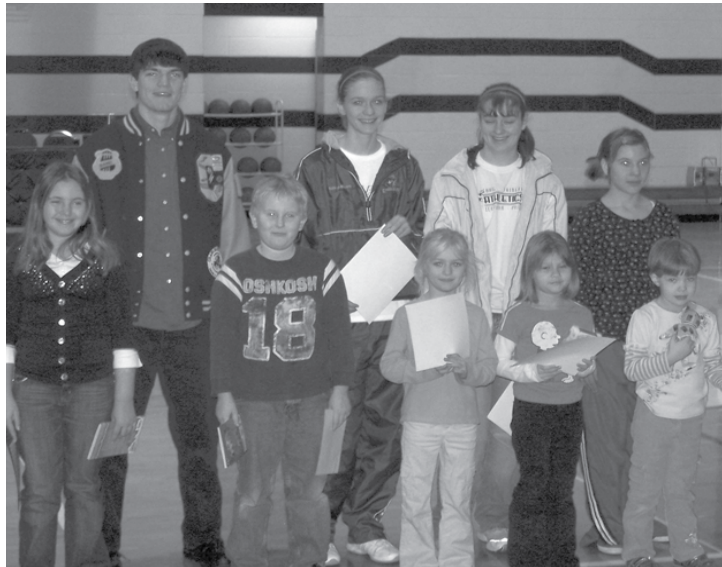
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**Craig R-III Character education award winners-** For citizenship and compassion are from left to right, front row: Ashley Tudor, Ryan Long, Desiree Hufford, Jaelynn Hill and Angel McCallan; back row: Kevin Dodson, Kelsie Sipes, Kelly Dougherty and Richelle Meyer. High school students received a certificate and a Hangar movie pass. Elementary students received a prize and certificate.



**School Bus Courtesy Award winners-** At Craig are from left to right: Richelle Meyer and Tristan McClain. Both students received \$10 and a certificate.



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**Mound City School Board minutes**

The regular Board of Education meeting was held Monday, December 15. Those present were Mitchell Corbin, Jeff Holstine, Jayson Johnson, Alan Yocum, Karma Metzgar, Kirby Rosier, David Reiter, Debbie Reed, Jan Seitz, Chris Sharp, Ken Eaton and Debbie Loucks. Staff input for the meeting was from Mr. Reiter, Music and Band teacher, and Debbie Reed, Reading teacher. Mr. Reiter stated the band received a second place trophy at the Missouri Western parade. The band enjoyed performing at halftime for the State Football Championship at the St. Louis Dome. Mr. Reiter also teaches a dual credit class in Music Theory. Debbie Reed, Reading teacher, discussed her activities with teachers and students. During the Board Policy Updates session, Mitchell Corbin moved and Karma Metzgar seconded to adopt all Policies presented except Policy 1475. Policies for approval are: Policies 2210, 3113, 4120, 4125, 4335, 4732 and 6180. The motion carried. Mrs. Seitz reported on holiday activities planned for the week. The elementary leadership team has been working on the effectiveness of the math program and will report at the in-service on January 2. Mr. Eaton recommended increasing the district's liability insurance for another million dollars at a cost of \$294/year. Board agreed and the cost will be added to bills for next month. Mr. Eaton discussed the possible wind farm project in the district. He recommended hosting a community meeting in January. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m.

**Spiced Nuts**

- Ingredients**  
2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter or margarine  
1 cup pecan halves  
1 cup whole almonds  
1 cup dry-roasted unsalted peanuts  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper


**Step 1:**  
Preheat the oven to 300°. In a 13- by 9-inch baking pan, place butter; set the pan in the oven to melt the butter. Remove the pan from the oven; add pecans, almonds, peanuts, and Worcestershire sauce to the melted butter. Stir until well mixed.

**Step 2:**  
Bake the nut mixture until it is toasted, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes. Remove the nuts from the oven and sprinkle the mixture evenly with chili powder, garlic salt, and cayenne pepper. Toss until well mixed. Transfer the warm nuts to a bowl and serve immediately, or let cool and store them at room temperature in an airtight container until ready to serve. Serve with a cooling drink. Makes 3 cups.

**Sangria**

- Ingredients**  
2 bottles (750 ml. each) dry red wine (with or without alcohol, chilled)  
2 cups fresh orange juice (chilled)  
1/4 cup superfine sugar  
4 large peaches (2 pounds, peeled and thinly sliced)  
2 medium-size, unpeeled oranges (thinly sliced)  
1 large unpeeled lemon (thinly sliced)  
1 cup club soda (chilled)  
2 tablespoons Spanish brandy (optional)
- In a large pitcher, stir together the wine, juice, sugar, peaches, oranges, and lemon. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight. To serve, stir in the club soda, plus the brandy if you wish. Pour into tall glasses filled with ice. Makes about 2 quarts or 10 6-ounce servings.

**HAVE A BALL!**



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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.

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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School, 2 p.m.  
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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Dinner, 4th Sunday of month following church

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207 W. George  
Rob Self, Pastor  
Sunday School, 8 a.m.  
Worship Service, 9 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
303 Grand, Forest City  
Father Peter Ullrich, OSB  
Pastor and Parish Administrator

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
15371 Amber Dr.  
Pastor W.J. Lowmaster  
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9:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
10:15 a.m. Bible Class  
Wed. 9 a.m. T-P Women's Bible Study - Cancelled  
Wed. 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (J)  
Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Service (C)

**Craig Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. Robert Ceperley, pastor  
Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

**Sharp's Grove United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Crystal Karr  
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Worship Service 8:45 a.m.

**Craig Community Church of the Nazarene**  
105 S. Ensworth St.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Church of God**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

**CORNING**

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112 Waters Street  
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Pastor W.J. Lowmaster  
Divine Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Classes 10:15 a.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (J)  
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## Healthy holiday tips from Community Hospital-Fairfax

For most people, Christmas celebrations mean a lot of extra food and treats during the season. It is not uncommon to eat more than one holiday dinner and more than your share of cookies and cake.

The dietary department at Community Hospital-Fairfax and Karen Wedlock, a Certified Diabetes Educator, work together to give patients the tools needed to live a healthy lifestyle even during the holiday season. Karen Wedlock also gives the following reminders.

"Healthy tips for eating and entertaining during the holidays include choosing lower fat items like raw veggies rather than chips for dips and using fruit in place of 'heavy' desserts."

Wedlock also explains that portion control is key and to remember that you will probably eat again in three to four hours.

Individuals with diabetes may want to take advantage

of the hospital's Diabetes Self Management classes to learn about healthy eating choices. For more information on the Diabetes Self Management classes in Mound City and Fairfax, contact Holt County Outpatient Services at 660-442-5134 or Community Hospital-Fairfax at 660-686-2211.

The United States Department of Agriculture's website features tips and shopping lists for a health-conscious holiday meal. Suggestions include adding low-sodium broth or pan drippings with the fat skimmed off instead of lard or butter for dressing and stuffing and using herbs and spices and whole grain bread for added flavor. The website also recommends eating a meal before going to a party where there will be snacks and finger foods so that you are not tempted to overeat.

Visit [www.FairfaxMed.com](http://www.FairfaxMed.com) for a link to USDA's website for more helpful tips.



### Snowman filled with winter accessories donated

**Maria Wright is adding socks-** To the "Snowman" donated to the Pantry of Plenty by the Mound City Nutrition Site. Patrons of the site filled the snowman with gloves, mittens, socks, scarves and hats. This is the third year they have done this. Roma Chaney made the snowman.

## Nutrition site news

Volunteers for the week of December 15, were Addie Trimmer, Larry and Carol Brickley, Herb and Mary Ann Beggs, Gordon and Sandra Robbins, Judy Scroggins, Bill and Donna Golden, Virginia Oppenlander, Kenneth and Irene Caton, Yogi Swymeler, Mound City Elementary Student Council and Jan Seitz, Joe Laukemper, Bob McCrory, McIntire Lumber, Debby Dougherty, Walter and Pat Groves, Bonnie Scarbrough, Lois Deatz, and Roma Chaney.

Home delivery schedule for the week of December 29:

**Craig-** Monday and Tuesday- Sue Schmidt, Wednesday- Herb and Mary Ann Beggs, Thursday- Closed for New Year's, Friday Gene and Bev Miller

**Mound City-** Monday and Tuesday- open, Wednesday-Yogi Swymeler, Thursday- Closed for New Year's, Friday- Kiwanis

The December product of the month is green beans. A drawing will be held December 31.

The December Birthday Party was Wednesday, the 17. Those celebrating birthdays were Wilbur Wright, J.C. Strobel, Pat Barnes, Karen Gilland, Avery Davis and Evelyn Haeffle. Each person received a gold dollar. The candy centerpiece (made by Carolyn Edwards)

was won by Karen Gilland. Katheryn Swymeler read the history of "Mistletoe" and Ida Soto helped serve the honorees. The Mound City Elementary Student Council sang Christmas carols for the party. TOPS #1163 sponsored the party. The January party will be January 21.

For the third year the Site presented a large "Snowman" filled with gloves, mittens, scarves, socks and hats to the Pantry of Plenty thanks to the patrons of the site.

The site recycles cell phones, ink cartridges, newspapers, magazines and aluminum cans for cancer. There is also a drop box for labels and boxtops for the school. There is also a rummage room that is open to the public.

If you can volunteer preparing or serving cinnamon rolls and donuts, please call Addie Trimmer at 442-5889. To volunteer at the site or deliver meals please call 442-3324.

#### Site Schedule

**December 29-** Exercises 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**December 31-** Exercises 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., "New Year's Resolutions- Yes or No?" 11:45 a.m.

**January 1-** Closed for New Year's Day

**January 2-** Coffee and sweets, 8:30 a.m.

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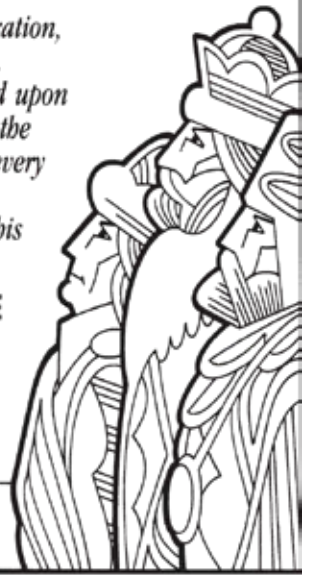
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## Christmas Blessings

In this season of wonder and celebration, we wish love and peace to all. We appreciate the blessings bestowed upon us, and look forward to wishing the happiest of holidays to each and every one of you, personally. Many thanks and best wishes, this most joyous of seasons.

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I want the Hannah Montana MP3 player. I have been good.

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Courtney Gordon

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman basketball.

Hunter Gordon

Dear Santa,  
I like to hear the sleigh bells on your sleigh. I would like to have the Scream Banshee, the big dirt track Lightning McQueen. I would like to have Thomas and the Big Mountain. I would really like lots of John Deere stuff. I have been trying really hard to be good this year because I'm a big boy this year.

Love always,  
Zachary Smith  
P.S. Please tell Rudolph "Hi". He's my favorite. I love him so much.

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a tini puppini puppy, Bratz diary that only opens if it is the drawing I wrote for it to open up to, and a black cat.

Love, a good girl,  
Shandy Rauch  
8 years old  
Third grade  
P.S. How is Rudolf doing? What kind of cookies do you like? How are you doing?

**Mound City Preschool**

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want goodies and presents. Bring goodies for Becca, James, Mom and Dad too! Thank you for giving goodies to Becca and James.

Love  
Joseph Wheeler

Dear Santa,  
I like the Reindeer. I like Dasher and Rudolf. I would like a remote control monster truck and electric guitar and a rocket with aliens. Maggie would like a doll. Thank you a lot!

Your friend,  
Tony Osburn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you. I like to share my toys and food with you. I would like some toys. My sisters like babies. I would like to ride with you and the reindeer. I would like to go to the North Pole.

Love,  
Mathew Grover

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of presents please. I like and love Rudolf the most and I love all the other reindeer too. I like Rudolf's red nose. I wish you came to Mound City Preschool to see all my friends. Have a Good Merry Christmas!!! Tell the reindeer to "Have a Good Merry Christmas!!!"

Love,  
William Rother

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer. I will do a puzzle with you. I would like a motorcycle toy that goes by itself. Please, bring Becca, my mom, Julius, D.J. and my dad something. Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend,  
Kieffer Berney

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring me Power Rangers, please. I like Transformers, the toys, cars and games. My sister likes to play the Wii. Are the reindeer having a snow fight? Merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Your friend,  
William Heck

Dear Santa,  
May I please have a toy Light Saber and a red bat, a red truck, a red man and a red helicopter with a hook. May you please give Alex the magnet thing that makes cars and boats and motorcycles come together. I like your reindeer, your house and most of all your sleigh. Have a safe trip coming to

our city.  
Love,  
Cari Carver

Dear Santa,  
You are a good Santa Claus. My dad likes Santa Claus a lot. I would be so happy if I got a Barbie. Mommy would like a girl Barbie. Next year would you like a birthday party with me on my birthday?

Love,  
Shailea Panning

Dear Santa,  
You are nice. Can you bring toys to all the kids who are nice? Your reindeer have shiny noses. I love your reindeers. I want a Hannah Montana bunk bed for me and my dad. Can you see the lights and bells on Christmas night? You are really fun and take care of the reindeer.

Love,  
Bailey Long

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love the reindeers and I love you too. For Christmas I would like an MP3 player. I hope you bring me one then I would like a play piano, some earrings (play ones), and handcuffs so I can handcuff my dad, a baby doll, and a real texting phone. I like all of the reindeer. They are cute. Can you get yourself something? Like a new phone so you can call people when you are giving presents out like Mrs. Claus, your wife. Can you give the reindeer paperclips for their bells so they don't lose them? I love you Santa.

Love,  
Kendall Elaine Hux

Dear Santa,  
Please, can you give me some Bratz dolls and new Barbie dolls? I wish I could have a brand new play kitchen to share with my sister. Phoebe would like Elmo. She likes Elmo books for the reindeer and cookies

for you Santa. I would like beanbags for me, my sister and Hannah. Hannah wants Barbie's and clothes. I love you Santa.

Love  
Kindall Morris

Dear Santa,  
I want to go to the North Pole to see you. I would like drums for Christmas. Chance would like an excavator. Kennedy would like a remote control bus. I think I'll feed the reindeer some seeds. I like your reindeers.

Love,  
Gavin Summers

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring some presents, like a big gun to shoot some deer. I want to see the reindeer. I think you are nice because you bring me a present when I am sleeping.

Love,  
Caden Bomar

Dear Santa,  
I like your sleigh. I would like an elevator and a bulldozer for Christmas. Conner wants some baby toys and Trevor wants a tractor. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.

Love,  
Brendan Tubbs

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I like you. I like the way the reindeer fly. I would like a real live lizard. I will give it real lizard food. I will hold it nice and take care of it. I will teach him to do back flips and handstands. Merry Christmas and have a good Christmas too. Have a good trip riding in your sleigh.

Love,  
Wil Young

Dear Santa,  
I want to ride on your reindeer. I want a white horse with Dora on it, please! I want a new puppy dog with Diego. I like the reindeer flying all over the world like to California and Mound City. I love you. Please get my baby a baby book.

Love,  
Emma Long

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to know how they start your sleigh? I would like a combine for Christmas. Julie, my sister, would like a doghouse because she likes cats and dogs. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

Love,  
Corbin Miles

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like Barbies for Christmas. You would be proud of me. I would like a singing Barbie. Thank you. Are your reindeer being good?  
Love,  
Kishia Panning

Dear Santa,  
I have a Santa doll. I love it! I want a tool bench really bad. Can you bring it to me? Thank you! I love you. I'm listening to the teachers at school. I love you! Bring presents for people. Bring Mommy a big huge TV in my room. Bring Daddy medicine. Bring Maggie girl stuff. Bring Gracie girl stuff too. I love your reindeer so much and I like the reindeer's red nose.  
Love,  
Eli Caton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Boy and from Santa I want a Rose Petal Cottage. Could you please bring Paige a pair of clip-on earrings? Have you been doing anything? Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi!  
Love,  
Taylor Quilty

**Mrs. Edward's fourth grade, Mound City**  
Dear Santa,  
I want an I-pod shuffle because they play good songs. I want more magnetix (original). I want one PS2 game and please make it a good one. I also want new cars. I also want one remote control car. The last thing I want is to have a Helties Havoc Stinger.  
Sincerely,  
Sean Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric guitar, Guitar Hero World Tour, nerf gun and an I-pod. I want these because they are really cool. P.S. I have been good.  
Sincerely,  
Austin

Dear Santa,  
There isn't a whole lot that I could pick but the few things are some scary books but not Steven King. I can't read those yet and some really soft pajamas, I need. I don't want anything, like Twilight maybe. I need a big teddy bear and a tooth tunes that sings 'All Summer Long' (that's my favorite song) and a frog necklace with a diamond on it and my name engraved into it and may I also have an MP3 player or an I-pod. May I also have a trampoline.  
Love,  
Carley Baker  
P.S. Can I also have a Nintendo DS and some games with it.

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is.... a moon chair, an I-pod shuffle, a lava lamp, Narnia Prince Caspian and a bunch of Hannah Montana stuff. I also want a Wii and a Nintendo DS. I want to know what your favorite kind of cookies are.  
I really want a puppy with a kennel and toys for it.  
Sincerely,

Maggie Jo Caton  
P.S. I've been good.

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a new Nintendo, a PSP, some more Nintendo games, PSP games, a chocolate fountain and a pack of balloons so I can put water in them and throw them at my brother! Also I would like lots of Double Bubble so I can be in a competition with Riley and Savannah on blowing bubbles!  
Sincerely,  
Kimberly

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year, but sometimes I pick on my brother. Everyone says that I have been good.  
May I have a four foot chocolate fountain, I-pod nano, I-pod classic, money for vacation, loads of cupcakes, Mizzou and Northwest things and Wii and Nintendo games.  
You are real to me, even if some people don't think so.  
Love your friend,  
Savanah Derr  
P.S. Can your elves get my mom and dad those nuts?

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a PSP and PSP games. I also want a rat. This will be a good pet for me. I will take good care of it.  
Sincerely,  
Jordan  
P.S. I have been good this year.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a scooter, some toe socks a bean bag and a lava lamp.  
Thank you.  
P.S. I've been good.  
From,  
Joeigh

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Wii system, Game Boy DS, games for my Game Boy, many, many movies and an I-pod or an I-pod shuffle. I have been a good girl this year, even my mom says I have been a good girl, but sometimes I've picked on my brother.  
I like sugar cookies and snickerdoodle cookies with milk. That's my favorite cookies and milk. Our family

has three Christmas trees. There is one in William's room that's all decorated. There's one in the living room that is everyone's and it is decorated.

Mine in my room is decorated. There isn't any presents under the three Christmas trees. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Gabrielle Heck

Dear Santa,  
I want Gamecube games for Christmas. I would like a lava lamp or a pet mouse with a wheel and a cage the most. I wish it would snow so I could sled down the big hill at my grandma's. I've been really, really good.  
From,  
Riley  
P.S. I want a 12 foot chocolate fountain, don't tell my mom, she might take it away.

Dear Santa,  
I want a PSP, I-pod, Xbox 360, Play Station 2 or 3, Xbox MP3 player, dirt bike, four wheeler, a remote control car- like a muscle car, a buck, toys, guitar strings, Hancock, movies, books, truck and an angel for the top of the tree.  
Your friend,  
Charles Hurst

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Nintendo DS and Wii games. If I do get a Nintendo DS. I want games for it. I really want pets games for the Wii and Nintendo. I've been really good this year! Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely,  
Sydney Ireland  
P.S. I will be in Colorado for Christmas.

Dear Santa,  
I want a PSP, I-pod, a Milinnum Falcon from Walmart at 1:32 scale, construction equipment, Pokemon cards and Bakugan.  
P.S. I've been good.  
Sincerely,  
Brendon

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Nintendo DS for Christmas. I would really like to have a white one please with at

least one game for it. I also want a lava lamp and I would also like a rabbit with a cage.  
Your friend,  
Adrienne

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year! I want a Nintendo DS, a new bike and some cute new winter clothes. Also about the bike, can you get it in Hannah Montana style?  
Love your friend,  
Tess

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a pet rat, a pet snake or a turtle. I would also like a skateboard, a basketball, a football and a Nintendo.  
Sincerely,  
Ben  
P.S. Give Blake coal because he is bad and I am good.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Guitar Hero on Tour for Nintendo DS, a set of two radios, a MP3 player and that my whole family has a Merry Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Blake  
P.S. Ben lied. I am good and he is bad. Give him coal.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Wii or Zone, Nintendo games, a new four wheeler battery, maybe a bigger four wheeler and a baby doll plus a lava lamp.  
Sincerely,  
Kaitie  
P.S. I've been good this year.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Nintendo DS and games for it. The games I want are Hannah Montana and Puppies game. I also want the drums and all new batter stuff for softball. I would also want Nike Shox and I also want to have a great Christmas.  
By: Brittany Webster

Santa,  
All I want for X-mas is a Bakuga set and a Pokemon game for my Game Boy.  
Love,  
James Wheeler

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## Hot Chocolate Espresso

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup strong hot coffee
- 1 to 3 teaspoons sugar (optional)
- 1/2 cup cream, or 1/4 cup half-and-half and 1/4 cup milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa
- Whipped cream
- 1 tablespoon milk chocolate, grated cinnamon stick

In a large cup or mug, mix the coffee and sugar, if desired. In a small saucepan over low heat, warm the cream. Add the cocoa and mix well. Add the cream mixture to the coffee and top with a dollop of whipped cream and the grated chocolate. Serve with a cinnamon stick. Makes about 1 cup.

## Sausage Bites

### Ingredients

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups buttermilk biscuit mix
- 1 pound reduced-fat country pork sausage (thawed, if frozen, crumbled)
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeño peppers (4 ounces)
- 1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese (2 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons low-fat (1% milkfat) milk

Preheat the oven to 375° and spray 2 baking sheets with the cooking spray. In a large bowl, using a fork or your hands, mix the biscuit mix, sausage, and cheeses until well blended. Add the milk and blend thoroughly, then roll the mixture into 72 balls, 1 inch in diameter. Arrange the balls on the baking sheets and bake for 20 minutes or just until golden brown. Serve hot with toothpicks. Makes about 72 appetizers.

## Whiskey Egnog

### Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup whiskey
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 cup heavy cream

### Step 1:

In a saucepan, beat the eggs and sugar until creamy. In a second saucepan over low heat, heat 2 cups of the milk until hot. Slowly add to the egg mixture, stirring continuously. Cook over low heat, stirring, for 15 to 20 minutes or until the mixture reaches 170°F and has thickened. Stir in the remaining milk, vanilla, whiskey, and half the nutmeg. Chill 3 hours.

### Step 2:

In a medium bowl, beat the cream until soft peaks form. Fold into the milk mixture. Ladle the eggnog into a punch bowl and sprinkle with the remaining grated nutmeg.

This traditional holiday drink is saved from raw-egg problems by cooking the custard. Brandy or rum can be substituted for whiskey. Makes 6 cups.



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### Ingredients

- 1 quart reduced-fat dairy eggnog  
or 1 can (1 quart) eggnog
- 1 can (12 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate (thawed)
- 1 can (12 oz.) ginger ale (chilled)

In a pitcher, stir eggnog and orange juice concentrate until well mixed. Pour in ginger ale and stir gently. Makes eight 7-ounce servings.

## Shirley Temple

### Ingredients

- 8 teaspoons grenadine syrup  
or frozen cranberry juice concentrate
- 2 cups (16 ounces) chilled ginger ale
- 4 maraschino cherries with stems
- 4 strips lemon zest
- 4 wedges fresh orange

In each of four 6-ounce cocktail or saucer-style champagne glasses, spoon 2 teaspoons of grenadine and fill to the rim with the ginger ale. Stir, then drop one cherry and one strip of lemon zest into each glass. Cut a small slit in the center of each orange wedge and place on the rim of each glass. Makes four 4-ounce servings. Makes four 4-ounce servings.

## Button Ham Biscuits

### Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup ground cooked lower-sodium ham
- 3 tablespoon low-fat (1% milkfat) milk

### Step 1:

Preheat the oven to 450°F. In a medium-size bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, dry mustard, baking soda, and onion powder until well mixed. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the sour cream, ham, and milk; mix just until a soft dough forms.

### Step 2:

Knead for 30 seconds on a floured surface, then pat into a 7-inch circle, using a well-floured 1-inch scalloped or round cutter, cut into biscuits; reroll and cut scraps. Place biscuits 1 inch apart on a lightly greased baking sheet; brush the tops with additional milk if you like. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden.

## Cranberry Punch

### Ingredients

- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup triple sec (optional)
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 lime, thinly sliced
- 4 cups ginger ale, chilled

In a large glass container, combine ingredients and chill thoroughly. Just before serving, slowly stir in the ginger ale. Pour into a punch bowl or large jug and add ice cubes. For a less sweet punch, substitute seltzer or club soda for the ginger ale. Makes about 1 1/2 quarts.

## Herbed Cheese Spread

### Ingredients

- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 tablespoon minced (or dried) fresh basil or thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

### Step 1:

Line a sieve with 100 percent cotton cheesecloth, coffee filter, or a white paper towel and place over a bowl. Spoon in the yogurt. Cover and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or until it is cream-cheese consistency. Discard the liquid in bowl.

### Step 2:

Transfer the yogurt to a small bowl. Stir in the basil, garlic powder, lemon rind, and pepper until well mixed. Serve the spread with an assortment of crackers or party rye or pumpernickel bread. Makes 2/3 cup.



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# Christmas stories and memories...

It's easy to forget the simple joys of celebrating Christmas in our modern society. This is a time when people struggle to find the perfect or most impressive gift among innumerable choices, wrack up credit card debt or rush to find the last item on their list on Christmas Eve.

Take a moment and go back to a time when St. Joseph was more than a 30 minute drive by car, there were no holiday television specials much less televisions, Christmas trees were live-cut and carried no electric lights and the Christmas program at church or school was the event most looked forward to.

This is a time when store bought candy ranked as high in a child's mind as today's Ipod or Game Boy and possibly was relished and enjoyed even more.

Follow the memories written here by the senior generation of Holt County, as they remember what stood out the most in what might have been simpler times and how many remembered celebrating a day that honors the simple birth of a baby in a stable years ago.

**Arnold Rehm, 92, Craig**

At Christmas we all would go to the Christmas Eve church service and the program. The children that were in the parochial school were also in the church's service and did most of the singing.

The next day, Christmas, we all went to the Christmas Day service and celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The gifts we got were mostly clothes, very few toys. Some things were homemade. One Christmas I did get a BB gun, but it didn't have enough power to kill anything.

On Christmas Day we usually went to our grandparents home for dinner. At that time we lived in Plymouth, NE.

In those days we still farmed with horses, but for traveling Dad had a car that was an Overland with side curtains. Oh, how cold that car was in the winter. We had to have lap robes made of animal skins with material on the back over us to keep warm.

**Mary Margaret Crain, 94, Mound City**

When I was five or six, I remember every year the men of our church would go to the forest and cut down a large, tall tree. I went to a country church east of Graham. It was called Pleasant Grove.

I was always glad to see the tree and the evening of our Christmas program the men would light the candles. They always stood watch at the tree in case of a fire and after the program would put out the candles, although I never saw them do this. We did not have lights on our tree at home nor did we

have candles. I guess this is why I love the tree light now and I especially like the colored ones.

**Hope Helfers, 90, Mound City**

One of the best Christmas memories for me was when our family went to church on Christmas Eve. We went to the Sharp's Grove Church.

We had our Christmas program on this night and we went in a sled pulled by a team of horses. I was about six years old. This was a cold, clear night, but boy it was a pretty one. We wrapped in wool blankets and snuggled close. Nine kids in a sled, sure seemed like fun.

**Frances Martin, 94, Mound City**

We lived about two miles west of Craig when I was a kid. I recall when I was nine or ten Dad would go to town in his Nash car and buy some Christmas candy.

Candy was a big deal in those days. Dad would hide the candy around our house for us to find. He did this about four weeks before Christmas and did it every Saturday. Dad would put the candy in a small tin and we would search for it. I recall that there were several different kinds of candy. My favorite kind was peanut brittle.

As children in this time we believed in Santa until we were pretty big kids, not like today when maybe seven or eight are the last years to believe. I guess the anticipation to be able to have candy that often was a big thing.

**Thelma Gladman, 92, Mound City**

When I was around eight or nine, I went to a one-room school. The teacher at that time was only seventeen years old. There were not many kids in our school, only about six, but it was all grades. This was in the Grant City area.

I was born in the same house as my dad was. During the Christmas season my dad put the Christmas tree up at school for our program. We would take the wheels off of the wagon and put the runners on. Dad enjoyed putting bells on the team of horses. Our program was held in the afternoon and all the parents would attend. We usually put on a play and sang Christmas songs.

Santa would come and visit and he was my dad. Dad wore a fur coat but it wasn't red. Santa would give each kid a paper bag with assorted candy and fruit in it. We were excited, as we did not often get candy. Everyone would get a gift such as a pencil with our name on it or a tablet. Sometimes the families would give their child an extra gift, usually a toy. This did not make any one feel bad as we knew we

too would get an extra gift from our teacher.

**Helen Hatch, 101, Mound City**

I remember when I was nine or ten; we always decorated the New Point Presbyterian Church. We made paper chains and strung popcorn. In those days all the decorations were handmade as no one had extra money.

Our Sunday school teacher was Grace Kunkel. I really loved her. We had a Christmas program every year. This was held during the evening on Christmas Eve. We had an open carriage that we took to the program.

To keep warm we would bundle up and warm bricks in the oven, wrap them in cloth or a towel and keep our feet on them. It sure seemed to snow more then.

I was always a bashful child and no matter how well I knew my poem, I would be scared and forget my lines. Someone was always there to remind me of them though. Santa would come to church and give every child a paper sack with hard candy and since we all had our own apple trees, the special treat was an orange.

A normal Christmas gift other than that special sack of candy was usually something practical. I did not care for dolls and one year my sister did get one for Christmas. I got a small-framed scenic picture that I loved to look at for hours.

We usually got only one extra gift but we did get something from our teacher and for being the top student in keeping the neatest books, I got a sterling silver thimble, which I still have. It did not do me much good as my sister was the seamstress and made most of our clothing. It did not matter how much we got for Christmas as we always remembered the reason for the season and were thankful to have what we did.

**Lucille Kunkel, 95, Oregon**

I have a special reason for treasuring the Christmas season. In 1913, my older brother made this announcement in church the Sunday after Christmas: "Santa came to our house on Christmas Day and left a tree in the dining room and a baby in the bedroom." Yes, I share my birthday with Jesus and this year will celebrate 95 years of living in Holt County.

One Christmas Eve I remember that my father, Gotthilf Fink, gathered his four children around him and told us to enjoy the presents and the candy and the fun that Christmas brings, but he said, "I want you to always remember why we celebrate. It's because our Savior Jesus Christ was born in

a stable on that day. Then at Easter, enjoy the bunnies and the dyed eggs, but Easter really means that Jesus died for our sins and rose on the third day, so that if we believe in Him, we will have eternal life." I remember exactly where I was during that talk and its importance never left me.

I remember church services too. Some families used sleds to get to church if the snow cooperated, but we made the two mile trip to the Richville Methodist Church in our wagon.

My father would hitch the team to the wagon so that the bundled up family would ride in style to church. After the church program, I remember hearing sleigh bells announcing the arrival of the Jolly Man in Red himself. Santa always borrowed the bells from the harness of one of the teams tied to the fence of the churchyard. He'd come in the front door with his hearty, "Ho, ho, ho," and march down the aisle, shaking the harness bells draped around his neck.

Christmas at school holds a special place in my memories. We attended Mayflower, a one-room grade school just up the hill from today's Paradise Park. The teacher always had the children draw names for a gift exchange, while sternly admonishing all of the students to keep their drawn names secret. "Don't ruin the Christmas surprise," she would always say.

When I was in the first grade, I drew Abraham Schenk's name, an eighth grade boy who apparently was the heartthrob of Mayflower. Somehow the older girls found out that I had his name and one girl fervently wanted it. So for the next few days, the girls begged, offered bribes, cajoled and generally did their best to get me to switch names. No go. I kept the name, went to Oregon on a shopping trip with my mother and bought Abraham a tie, the prettiest one in the store.

'Tis the season!

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**Lady Panthers suffer defeat at Mid-Buchanan**

Mound City's Lady Panthers took a loss of 36-52 at Mid-Buchanan on Monday, December 15.

The girls worked hard and high scorers for the game were Synthia Murphy and Kelsey Davis with eight points each. Kelsey Davis was quick to grab the ball with seven rebounds and Synthia Murphy also had one rebound.

Morgan Burge had five points, five rebounds and one steal, while Abigail Haer added five points, had one assist and one steal. Jenny Jackson put four points on the score board and had two steals. Taylor Blevins, Emilee Messer and Tori Ingram each added an additional two points. Loni Jo Weber had one assist and one steal.

**Lady Bulldogs overwhelm Trojans in first round of tournament**

The CFX Bulldogs took the lead in the first quarter of the first round game against the Nodaway-Holt Trojans on December 15.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 29 points while only allowing three in for the Trojans in the first quarter, similarly keeping them shut out for the complete second quarter leaving the halftime score at 46-3.

The Bulldogs continued sinking the baskets in the second half for a final score of 67-11.

High scorers were Deanna Biermann and Amanda Geib with 14 points each.

Kourtney Sly and Darian Burke added 10 points each. Amanda Yocum contributed six points, while Whitney Harrington had five. Kelsey Sly added four points and Rebecca Geib and Ashton Lewis both put in two.

This game put the CFX Bulldogs at 5-1 for the season.



Mound City All-State team members and Coach of the Year-Display their awards. They are from left to right: Jacob Parker, Gage Rosier, Cole Rosier, Coach Brian Messer, Miles Clifton, Patrick Treece and Ryan Crowley.

**2008 Missouri 8-man Football All-State Banquet held**

The 2008 Missouri 8-man Football All-State Banquet was held December 14, at Stanberry High School in Stanberry, MO.

Coaches and All-State team members were honored at the banquet with each school's coach giving out the awards to individual team members from their school that made All-State.

Holt County students making the All-State first team were from Mound City: Miles Clifton- quarterback and defensive end, Patrick Treece- running back, Gage Rosier- running back, defensive back and returner, Cole Rosier- end and defensive back, Ryan Crowley- offensive lineman, defensive lineman and kicker and Jacob Parker- Defensive end.

Holt County students making the All-State second team were from Mound City: Gage Rosier- punter; from South Holt- Robert Quimby- end, Garrett Derr- offensive lineman, John Plummer- defensive end and Scoot Anderson- defensive back.

Mound City was well-

represented at the All-State banquet with both team members and coaches. Coach Brian Messer was presented with the honor of Coach of the Year during the banquet.

Zach Sharp, Mound City graduate and previous football team member, was the guest speaker for the event. He currently plays wide receiver for Missouri Western State University.



Mound City graduate Zach Sharp- Was the speaker for the All-State banquet held December 14 to honor the first and second All-State teams.



Billy Brandon- Attempts a basket for the Hornets while a West Nodaway defender gets in the way. CFX played West Nodaway in the Northwest Missouri Tournament on December 17.



Nate Hinrichs reaches for a loose ball- During a tournament game against West Nodaway December 17.



Deanna Biermann- Goes in for a layup against a West Nodaway opponent during the Northwest Missouri Tournament on December 17.



South Holt Wrestler Daniel Bowness- Sizes up his opponent during a wrestling match held at Tarkio on December 11.

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**Great Plains Vegetable Conference-** by Tim Baker, Horticulture Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Daviess County

One of the premier conferences for vegetable growers is found right here in northwest Missouri. Held in St. Joseph, MO, the Great Plains Vegetable Conference is put together every year by Extension educators from five states: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The conference will be held next month on January 8-10, 2009.

This conference is open to everyone, from backyard gardeners to commercial vegetable growers. Topics cover not only vegetables, but also small fruits and flowers. There are also presentations targeted toward organic growers.

The event begins with two pre-conference workshops on Thursday. The first explores the use of high tunnels in vegetable and fruit production. High tunnels, sometimes called hoop houses, are similar to traditional plastic greenhouses, except that they are normally not heated. Their main use is season extension. Typically, crops will be several weeks earlier in the spring, and will remain viable several weeks later in the fall, compared to field crops.

The second pre-conference workshop looks at a popular method of marketing known as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). CSAs allow the farmer to make sales before the growing season even starts, by selling subscriptions. A family, for example, may sign up to receive a bag or two of fresh produce during the growing season. Typically, they pay in advance for the produce. Then, the farmer delivers the agreed-upon amount of produce every week to his customers.

The main conference begins on Friday. There are four concurrent tracks to choose from, so there is usually something of interest for everyone. Some of the tracks include organics, hydroponics, general vegetable production, bees, small fruit, cut flowers, greenhouse production, farm business, farmers' markets, ethnic vegetables, conserving farm energy usage and more.

Many of the talks are given by university researchers, and discuss the latest studies on vegetable management, diseases, cultivar selection, and similar topics. Other talks are presented by successful farmers, who share their stories in the hopes

that they can benefit another grower. They usually do. These talks are always followed by many questions from farmers who are looking for practical advice, and experienced farmers such as these will have a lot to share.

There will be approximately 30 exhibitors available to provide information about seeds, irrigation, horticulture equipment, chemicals, and other topics. Meals, break refreshments, and handouts will be included in the \$35 per day registration fee for the main conference. If you wish to attend the special pre-conference high tunnel workshop on Thursday, the cost is \$50, and the CSA workshop is \$60. Registrations made after December 26 will cost an additional \$5 per day.

The conference is being held at a new location this year, on the campus of Missouri Western State University. For more information about the conference and a registration form, call the Buchanan County Extension office at (816) 279-1691. You may also register on-line and find additional information on our web site at <http://extension.missouri.edu/buchanan/GPVGC.shtml>.

**Washing house plants-** by Tim Baker, Horticulture Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Daviess County

Generally horticulturists don't like to see wet leaves on plants since this often leads to disease, but house plants with large, smooth leaves, like the rubber tree plant, actually benefit from periodic washing from time to time. Wash them with clear, clean water periodically to remove dust and grime. This will keep the leaf pores open, and generally improve their health.

**November 24-28**  
In Re: Survey for Cameron Talley; Section 34, T-62N; R-38W plat cabinet B, page 320.

Virginia Volker to Darrell Benedict, Oregon, MO; all of lots 12, 13 and 16, in block 2 in Gaskill and Cannon's addition, an addition to the original town, now City of Craig

Jerrold D. Meyer, et ux, by Successor Trustee to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Kansas City, KS; Lot 3 and Lot 6, in block 1, in the original town, now City of Oregon.

Larry Davis to Justin Wilson, Oregon, MO; the west half of lot 2 and lot 3, in block 55, original town, now City of Oregon, except the south 23 feet of the west half of said lot 3.

Jeanine C. Hargin aka Jeanine C. Montgomery, et vir to Caleb Robert Morris, Maitland, MO; a tract in the east half of the northwest quarter of section 6, township 61, range 37, see record for complete description.

**December 1-5**  
Dorothy Terhune, et al, by collector to Aaron Luce, Oregon, MO; tract beginning 33 feet south of the northeast corner of the southwest quarter; then south 115.5 feet west 226.5 feet; north 115.5 feet; east 226.5 feet to POB in 7-16-37; Parcel #11-3-07-00-00-04.001.

Estate of Dora B. Embery, deceased, to Maria Roxann Townsend; Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 2 of the Village of Napier.

Jerome P. Nockels to Nockels Living Trust, Castle Rock, CO; 126.49 acres m/l in sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16, township 60, range 40

William R. Hutting, et ux to Roberta Feist, et al, Shawnee, KS; Tract A: lots 1, 2 and 3, block 7, town of

Bigelow, now City of Bigelow; Tract B: all of block 6, in the original town, now City of Bigelow.

Jeffrie Lynn Daise, et ux to Jeffrie Lynn Daise, et ux T.O.D. Mandy Lynn Marrs, Roelyn Eugene Daise, Casey William Daise; beginning at the south quarter corner of Section 32, Township 61 North, Range 38 West, see record for complete description.

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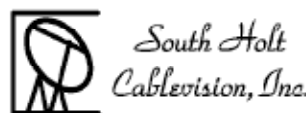
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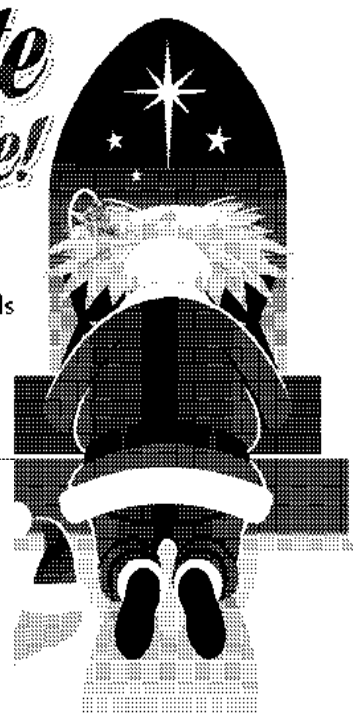
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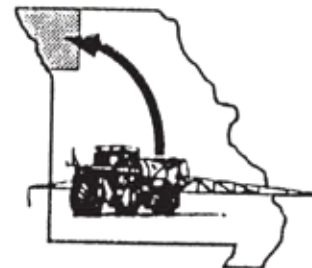
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# The Prowl

## Elementary teacher of the week

By Kelsey Davis  
Mrs. Caton has been chosen teacher of the week.



She is always busy and on her feet, but that's what happens when you teach Preschool.

Mrs. Caton attended college at Missouri Western State University. She then got her master's in reading at Northwest Missouri State University.

Since 1991, Mrs. Caton has been teaching

at Mound City. She has taught five years in Special Education, three years in Title Reading, and this year is her tenth year in preschool.

Mrs. Caton said, "In addition to the daily hugs, preschool graduation is the highlight of the year. I love watching the slide show of the year with the kids. I also enjoy seeing how much they have grown and accomplished. I am so proud of them by the end of the year."

## Outstanding high school teacher of the week

By Kelsey Davis  
Mrs. Cate Kenny has been chosen teacher of the week.



She is an awesome teacher that all the kids look up to. She wears many hats such as being the sponsor of Art Club, the sponsor of prom, and teaches art classes, kindergarten through high school.

She attended college at Northwest Missouri State University and began her teaching career in 1994. Before Mrs. Kenny decided to go into the teaching profession, she

was a free-hand artist for several years.

She decided to become a teacher when she was invited to be a guest artist at an area school. She loved going into classrooms and talking to the kids. Curious kids can inspire wonderful teachers like Mrs. Kenny to start their career.

Mrs. Kenny quoted, "I love it every time a student is surprised accomplishing something they did not believe they were 'artist' enough to achieve. It happens a lot and it makes me happy every time."

## FCCLA Christmas party

By Tiffany Lear and Sarah Kahle

Each year the Mound City High school FCCLA has a Christmas party for the members.

This year the FCCLA had their party on December 13, during which members went to the nursing home to sing carols. After caroling, they

went to Mrs. Harrison's for dinner and a movie. They watched an old time favorite movie, "A Christmas Story".

The members had decided to do a secret Santa gift. At the party the members exchanged their gifts with their chosen person.

Sarah Kahle said, "The party was fun and exciting."

## Counselors talk

By Christopher Buckles  
Seniors are continuing to work very hard on their scholarships. They are trying to get as many as possible completed before second semester. Seniors and parents need to make sure they stay in touch with PrepHQ.com for scholarship information.

There will be a financial aid meeting for seniors and parents on January 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mound City school library.

All juniors and junior parents are also invited to attend this meeting. Mrs. Eaton recommends all students and their parents attend to understand financial aid better.

Students who have not signed up to take the ACT test need to do so as soon as possible. The deadline for the test on February 7, is January 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Eaton at 660-442-5429.

## Christmas break begins

By Shelby Culp, Editor  
Christmas break is here and Mound City students were busy the last week of the first semester.

With last minute elementary Christmas events such as caroling, sugar cookie decorating, sharing secret Santas and studying, the students were working hard.

Finishing off their last week, junior high and high school students took semester finals. The first round of

finals were held on December 17, and the second round of finals were held on December 18.

School dismissed on December 18, at 12:30 p.m. and will resume January 5, 2009, for the students. Teachers will be back in full swing on January 2, 2009, for a teacher in-service.

The yearbook staff members would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Upcoming events in January

By Jesse Ohlensehlen

**January 2-** No school, teacher in-service  
**January 5-** School begins; 12:30 p.m. FFA Green Hand conference

**January 6-** 1:30 p.m. second quarter elementary awards' assembly; 5:00 p.m. basketball at Falls City; grades reported

**January 9-** 5:00 p.m. JV and Varsity basketball at South Holt

**January 12-17-** Stanberry invitational basketball tournament

**January 14-** 8:00-10:00 a.m. in-service, late start at 10:15 a.m.

**January 19-24-** Elwood invitational basketball tournament

**January 19-** No school—Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

**January 21-** FFA State pencil copy

**January 27-** 5:00 p.m. JV and Varsity basketball at Jefferson

**January 28-** 4:30 p.m. FFA State selection, 10:00 a.m. FCCLA officer screening, 5:30 p.m. Elementary Chili Cook-off

**January 30-** Courtwarming 5:00 p.m. JV and Varsity basketball vs. Tarkio; junior stand

## Quote of the week

By Ryan Crowley

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. ~Charles Dickens

## Question of the week

By Hailea Miller

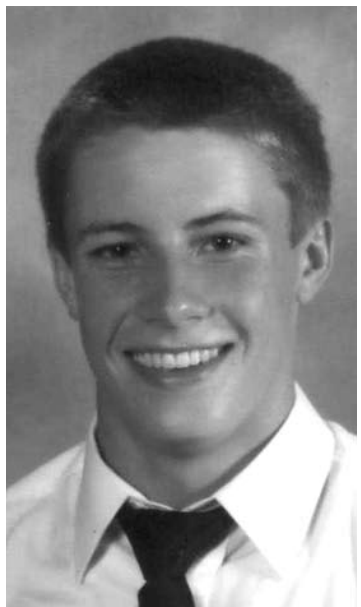
**Question: What do you want for Christmas?**  
**Alaina Poppa, Kindergarten-** "I want a cupcake maker that makes real cupcakes and has a lid on it."  
**Kaite Selleck, Grade One-** "Fingernail polish maker"  
**Harley Garman, Grade Five-** "A Nintendo DS"  
**Devin Nauman, Grade Eight-** "Guitar Hero"  
**Amber Robbins, Sophomore-** "I want clothes and a digital camera for Christmas."  
**Shelby Culp, Junior-** "For Christmas I want to get the windows of my car tinted."

## PAC committee needing help

The Mound City Parent Advisory Committee is asking the community for help.

The committee consists of preschool parents and the preschool teachers. They would like to collect as many Mound City T-shirts as possible that are in good condition. For a fundraiser, a quilt will be made out of the T-shirts and raffled off in the spring.

## Basketball player of the week



By Michael Whitman  
This person has some major talent. From Quarterback to a forward, Miles Clifton shows that he's got game. Mound City played CFX Friday, December 12, for the first conference game. The Panthers won

51-35. Miles Clifton is a senior at Mound City High School. In the game, he was five of ten from the field, and two for two from the free throw line. He also had two defensive rebounds, six assists, and five steals. "Miles works really hard in practice to make our team better. His hard work and dedication to basketball is outstanding," stated Head Coach Corey Miles.

## Junior high athletes of the week



By Jenny Jackson  
The girls' junior high basketball player of the week is Haylee Clifton, eighth grader.

The main reason Coach Tenney chose Haylee was because she scored 17 of the team's 27 points during the game played at Nodaway-Holt on Monday, December 8. The Mound City Lady Panthers lost 37-27.

"She played hard and was five for five from the free-throw line, and she scored 13 points in the second half," said Coach Tenney.



The boys' junior high basketball player of the week is Hayston Wilson, eighth grader.

The reason that Coach Osburn chose Hayston was because he works really hard to make himself a better player. He has also scored many points in several of the games.

"Hayston has the ability to be a good basketball player. If he continues to improve, I think he could develop into a good high school basketball player," commented Coach Osburn.

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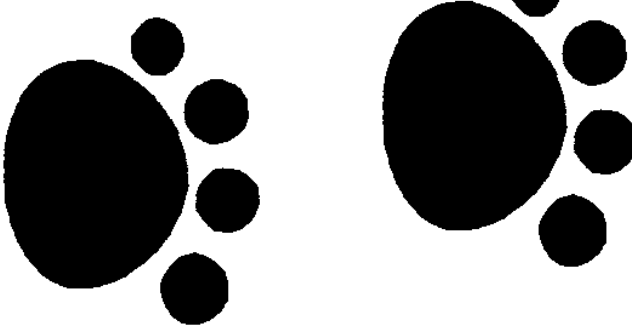
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**GREG'S JEWELRY** - Closed December 23 - January 2. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 211/4tc

**WANTED**- Caregiver. Dependable. Weekends and possibly more. Call 660-442-5510. 24/1tc

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Applications can be picked up at Squaw Creek Eagle's Nest Truck Plaza or at the Iowa Tribal Office. Resumes or applications must be returned no later than January 2, 2009, to Brenda Lunsford, c/o Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska, 3345 B Thrasher Rd., White Cloud, KS 66094.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF HOLT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #2

Notice is hereby given to all persons owning land and other property within the boundaries of Holt County Drainage District #2 of Holt County, Missouri, that the annual meeting and election of said district will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Killin Salvage Yard, located at 300 Cherry St., Bigelow, Missouri, for the purposes of (1) electing one supervisor who will serve for a term of five (5) years or until his successor is elected and qualified; and (2) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

That such meeting shall begin at 9:30 a.m. and shall continue until the purpose for which the same is called shall have been accomplished.

**Jeannie M. Trimmer**  
Attorney for Drainage District No. 2

### In the Circuit Court of Holt County, Missouri

In re the Marriage of  
Julie Kay Sheppard Petitioner Case No. 08HO-CV00063  
-v- Division No. 1  
Michael R. Sheppard Respondent

### Notice upon order for service by publication

The State of Missouri to respondent, Michael R. Sheppard. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Holt, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is for discussion of marriage.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for petitioner is: Jere L. Loyd, 507 Francis Street, Suite 208, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 4th day of December, 2008, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the *Mound City News*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Holt, State of Missouri.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 21st day of November, 2008.

Vicki Book, Circuit Clerk  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Accepting Sealed Bids

The Atchison-Holt Ambulance District will be accepting sealed bids for the old ambulance barn until 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 16, 2009. Bids will be opened and publicly read at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in the conference room at the Community Hospital in Fairfax, MO. Anyone interested in purchasing the old ambulance barn located at 305 State Street, Mound City, Missouri, should submit their sealed bid at the offices of the Atchison-Holt Ambulance District, 303 South 3rd Street, Tarkio, MO 64491. The Atchison-Holt Ambulance District reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Please call the business office, (660) 736-5216, to make arrangements if you would like to inspect the inside of the building. 21/6tc

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Teresa Ann Stanton, a single person, and Rick Stanton and, Mary Stanton, Husband and Wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Teresa Ann Stanton, a single person and Rick Stanton and, Mary Stanton, Husband and Wife, dated October 12, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Holt County, Missouri, in Book 381, Page 248, the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Friday, January 16, 2009, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 12:25 p.m.), at the North Front Door of the Court House, City of Oregon, County of Holt, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Holt County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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File No: 87069.011609.144882 FC

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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF MAITLAND

#### CANDIDATE FILING FOR APRIL 7, 2009, ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be filled at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009:  
Mayor - (Two-Year Term)  
City Tax Collector - (Two-Year Term)  
Alderman - North Ward (Two-Year Term)  
Alderman - South Ward (Two-Year Term)  
**Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.**

Declarations of Candidacy may be filed with Nancy Diggs, City Clerk. Call 660-935-2577 for applications.

By Order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Nancy Diggs, City Clerk  
23/2tc

## Notice of Filing Deadline

Final date for names to appear on the Corning Special Road District annual election ballot for board member will be Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Candidate's name must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board at the Rd. Dist. Office - 16178 Holt 110, Craig, MO. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

By Order of the Road District Board,  
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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Eldon B. Horseman and Cheryl L. Horseman, dated October 29, 2002, and recorded on October 31, 2002, Document No. 1435, in Book No. 347, at Page 775 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Holt County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will, on January 16, 2009, at 1:15 p.m., at the North Door of the Holt County Courthouse, Oregon, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

All of Lots 1 and 4, in Block 28 of the ORIGINAL TOWN OF MOUND CITY, Missouri, except the East 70 feet of the Northeasterly corner of said Block at intersection of Sixth Street and Mound Street; thence Southwesterly along the Northerly side of said Lot 1, a distance of 70 feet; thence Southeasterly parallel with the Westerly side of Mound Street to the Southerly side of Lot 4; thence Northeasterly along the Southerly side of said Lot 4 and parallel with Sixth Street to the Westerly side of Mound Street; thence Northwesterly to the point of beginning. All in Holt County, Missouri, and subject to all public and private roads and easements, commonly known as 310 E. 6th Street, Mound City, MO, 64470 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

South & Associates, P.C., Successor Trustee

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24/4tc

## INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Holt County Commission will receive bids for the county's 2009 lumber needs until 10:30 a.m., December 29, 2008. Bids are to be submitted on the following quantities of grade No. 1; permitting 25 percent No. 2, lumber shall be 3x12-inch dimension, with not more than 1/8 inch scant, fir bridge planks to be delivered only upon request to the County Barn in Mound City, MO. Seller shall provide a bureau certificate of grade.

Untreated:		
95 pieces - 3"x12"x12'	3420 bd. Ft.	
40 pieces - 3"x12"x14'	1680 bd. Ft.	
108 pieces - 3"x12"x16'	5184 bd. Ft.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,284 bd. Ft.</b>	

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Kathy J. Kunkel, County Clerk  
Holt County Commission  
23/2tc

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Skidmore will be accepting bids for mowing and weed eating of the Hillcrest Cemetery as needed for the 2009 mowing season. Bids need to be sent to the City of Skidmore at PO Box 15, Skidmore, MO 64487 or dropped off at City Hall by January 8, 2009. Proof of insurance will be required. For questions call City Hall at 660-928-3281 during office hours or leave a message. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



# MoDOT ready to go forward with 34 transportation projects

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is ready to go forward with 34 transportation projects that could be awarded within 180 days of passage of an economic stimulus package that contains at least \$25 billion for transportation infrastructure investments nationwide. The projects, which would total about \$510 million, would create about 14,000 jobs and have a \$2.4 billion impact on the state's economy. Given additional funding beyond \$510 million, significant portions of four additional highway projects totaling roughly \$290 million could be underway in 2009.

MoDOT outlined the road, bridge, air, rail, transit, waterway and pedestrian projects it could readily accomplish at a meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission held recently.

"We stand ready to quickly deliver 34 transportation improvements that would mean jobs, increased safety and a better quality of life for Missourians," MoDOT Director Pete Rahn said. "These are much-needed projects that will benefit Missouri citizens, and we urge Congress to act positively on an economic stimulus package that includes a minimum of \$25 billion for transportation infrastructure projects."

Rahn said federal funding for infrastructure projects would have a vital ripple effect. It would create jobs for road builders and designers and demand for related supplies and services, as well as further economic development around the improvements.

"The job creation will go beyond just those building the projects," Rahn said. "Suppliers, retailers, restaurants, hotels and other businesses will benefit."

MoDOT would be ready to go with about \$137 million of work on Interstates 70, 44, 55, 35 and 29. Approximately \$60 million would go toward fixing the state's lettered routes in rural Missouri. The rest would be used on a variety of transportation projects throughout the state. A complete list of the proposed

projects can be found at [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org).

"Under our proposed plan, all forms of travel would benefit, not just highways, and projects would be spread throughout the state to ensure all regions reap some of the economic gain," Rahn said.

Seventeen of the proposed projects are already included in the state's five-year construction program, but would be sped up, some by up to four years. Projects would then be added to the statewide construction program to replace those that were accelerated. Seventeen are new projects that have been identified as regional priorities and on which environmental work and preliminary design are already underway.

Rahn said Congress should not be concerned road and bridge improvements couldn't be put into place fast enough to provide the desired economic relief.

"We know we can award \$510 million worth of work or more within 180 days of the stimulus bill's passage, with a considerable amount in less time," Rahn said. "Investing in our infrastructure is the best course of action Congress could take. Not only would it provide an immediate economic shot in the arm, but it would yield the long-term benefits of safer highways and enhanced quality of life."

Rahn said any stimulus package couldn't come too soon. He noted many states have had to delay projects because of the decline in revenue generated by fuel use and motor vehicle sales. While MoDOT has not yet had to postpone or cancel projects, state revenues are down almost five percent for the first four months of the fiscal year - about an \$18 million decline. If the trend continues, the state could face a \$73 million shortfall by the end of the fiscal year.

MoDOT's Ready-to-Go Transportation Projects include Atchison County, Hwy. 136 - Painting, new deck and bridge repairs on Missouri River bridge at Brownville, NE - \$9 million; Statewide Minor Routes - Provide 700 to 1,400 miles of pavement improvements to statewide lettered rural routes - \$30-\$60 million; and Statewide Transit - Purchase 200 public transit vehicles statewide - \$10-\$20 million.

## Grand opening for the Mound City Public Library includes art exhibit

The Mound City Public Library will hold its grand opening and 100th Anniversary Celebration on January 2, 2009, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

On hand will be a premier exhibit of the Platte Purchase Paintings which is part of the "Painting Missouri" exhibit. The paintings are by Missouri artist, Billy O'Donnell, and will be the first art exhibit ever displayed at the library. Accompanying him will be Karen Glines, author of the book, *Painting Missouri*.

Both Glines and

O'Donnell will share the story of their seven-year separate journeys writing and painting about the 114 counties of Missouri and the city of St. Louis. O'Donnell painted on location in each of Missouri's 114 counties and the city of St. Louis while Glines researched and wrote an essay on each. The University of Missouri Press published and released the book, *Painting Missouri*, this last spring.

They will also be available for a book signing during that time.

## AGChoice Ag Expo Dec. 29

The AGChoice Ag Expo that was to be held Friday, December 19, has been rescheduled to Monday, December 29, 2008, due to icy winter weather conditions on December 19. The Ag Expo will be held at the Velma Houts Building in Rock Port, MO, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon on December 29. Pancakes and sausage will be served from 7 to 9 a.m.

Most of the major seed and chemical representatives will be on hand at the Expo. A one-day special pricing promotion will also be taking place that day. For more information, call 800-589-6620. Everyone is invited!

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- 4 cups cold low-fat (1% milkfat) milk
- 1 cup cold whole milk
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- 1/4 cup grated lemon zest
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 4 large egg whites
- Ground nutmeg (preferably freshly grated)

The egg white meringue that tops this light wine punch is cooked with hot sugar syrup to the safe stage of at least 160°. Makes about 2 quarts or 16 4-ounce servings.



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