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## Holt County Relay for Life to be held this weekend

The 2012 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Holt County will be held on the square in Oregon, MO, on Saturday, June 2, from noon until midnight.

Luminaria will be \$5 this year. These may be purchased anytime from Karen's in Oregon or by calling for information.

On the day of the event there will be a Survivor's Reception at 4 p.m. in the courtyard. All survivors are invited to come and enjoy the refreshments.

Contact Brynda Cotton Howell at PO Box 272, Oregon, MO 64473 or at rfholtcounty@yahoo.com for more information.

## Junior Naturalist Program this Thursday

The second Junior Naturalist Program will be held this Thursday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Squaw Creek Refuge near Mound City, MO. This week's theme is "Croakin' in the Creek". Students will take a nature challenge and discover what's making all the ruckus at the refuge, and become an honorary Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge herpetologist.

## Coed softball tournament to take place June 30

A coed softball tournament sponsored by the Mound City Kiwanis will be held Saturday, June 30, at the Mound City ball fields. There will be a \$50 charge for each team entered.

Contact Corey Gordon at 660-572-0107 for more information.



**Glenn Caton, left-** Prepared to ride shotgun again in the Caton Electric truck with son-in-law Kent Klaas, right, as the duo headed out bright and early Friday, May 25, for another day of electrical work. Glenn, although retired, continues to go with Kent, as the family business continues to deliver quality service to its valued customers.

## Family business 'switches' to third generation

The Caton family name has long been a conduit for electrical needs in Holt County. The family 'circuit' started back in the 1920's and has recently been handed over to a third generation of electricians with the retirement of Caton Electric owner, Glenn Caton.

The family electrical business started for the Catons in nearly the same location that Caton Electric sits today, in the 400 block of State Street in Mound City. It was there that Eli 'Frank' Caton, Glenn's dad, charged radio batteries for people. Customers would bring in their radio batteries during the day to be charged, because they would want to listen to the radio in the evenings and the batteries would run completely down. Eli later became a full-time electrician in 1932, and was well known for the development of gooseneck pole lights that he installed throughout the county.

Glenn began working for his dad doing wiring when he was about 16 years old. After Glenn married his wife, Carolyn, they lived a short time near Oregon, MO, before moving to Mound City. Glenn, being young and desiring a 'regular' paycheck, was hired as foreman of the Mound City Manufacturing Corporation (the building that sits just west of the interstate now). He worked there for 10 years, from 1965 to 1975, while he worked to build his electrical business at nights and on the weekends. After the manufacturing plant shut down in 1975, Glenn stepped out into business full-time. Glenn continued to provide electrical needs for a host of quality customers in Holt County until his retirement in February of 2012.

"I've been doing this for 52 years now," stated Glenn. "The biggest thing with retirement is letting go. I've earned my customers' respect over the years, and to reciprocate that loyalty, I still go on calls with my son-in-law out of respect for the many, many great customers I've worked for throughout the years."

Glenn's son-in-law, Kent Klaas, has been working with Glenn for 2 1/2 years. Kent spent many of those months commuting from Olathe, KS, before moving his family to Mound City in

March of 2011. "Our move to Mound City was three-fold," remarked Kent. "Family, a great business opportunity and a wholesome school system for our children."

Kent and his wife, Cindy (Glenn's daughter), have young triplets and are excited to be 'home' among family. Kent, who began an eight-year electrical career right out of college, shifted that career when he moved to Kansas City to begin what became an 18-year career with IBM. Now Kent works side by side with Glenn, learning rural elements to electrical work.

"This is such a tight knit community. Everyone is like a family," stated Kent. "Glenn has earned our customers' respect and trust throughout the years, and I want to continue that same relationship of respect and trust."

Service has remained the same for Caton Electric customers, but it's not 'shocking' that the new family electrician made a small, more inclusive family business name change to CKE. CKE is an acronym that for now denotes Caton Klaas Electric. It can also be used for Cindy, Kent Electric, or in the future, when ideally another Caton heir will take the reins, it could stand for Cole Klaas Electric (after Glenn's grandson, Cole).

For now, the ride along retiree, Glenn, enjoys the trips through the familiar countryside, recounting to his successor the many electrical tales of homes and farms that have 'generated the circuit of 52 years of electrical service'.

## Deadline for theater camp

Tiffany Care Centers, Inc., and the State Theater Arts Council are sponsoring a theater camp in Mound City June 11-15 and 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the State Theater. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, May 31.

Applications with a \$20 fee can be mailed to the State Theater, PO Box 11, Mound City, MO 64470, or may be dropped off at Nodaway Valley Bank in Mound City.

## Mound City Scholar Bowl Team does well at nationals

The Mound City 2012 Scholar Bowl team's dreams of having a successful, competitive year soared to new heights when team members took off from the Kansas City International Airport (KCI) in Kansas City, MO, on Friday, May 25, headed to Atlanta, Georgia, for the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT). The team qualified for the tournament earlier in the year, but solidified its viability by winning a state championship on May 4.

The Mound City team, consisting of members, Paul Grant, Jake Meyer, Paige Kunkel, Carina Metzgar, Chelsea Killin, Elijah Poe, Eryn Acton, Emily Thomas Abbey Forehand, Lily Forehand and Hailey Garman, was coached and chaperoned by David Reiter. A few other parents accompanied the group to the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta.

The criteria for a small school (a school with 500 or less students in 10th-12th grades) to continue in competition on Sunday, May 27, was to achieve a 4-6 record or better in Saturday's competition. Each of Mound City's team members participated in play at nationals. The members played 15 rounds with 5 byes. These ten rounds had all school sizes competing together, of which Mound City competed against all large schools.

In first round competition, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Mound City lost to Fisher Catholic of Lancaster, OH, 95-365. Next, the Panthers competed against Tulsa Central of Tulsa, OK, winning 250-60. The next two matches were losses to Marist A of Atlanta, GA, by a score of 160-355 and to



**The Mound City Scholar Bowl Team-** Celebrated a fantastic season with a final stop at the World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta, GA, before boarding a plane back to Kansas City, MO. The students had the opportunity to taste as many as 61 different Coca-Cola products from around the world during their tour. The students did quite well at the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Atlanta. Shown above, left to right, are, back row: Mrs. David Reiter (coach's wife), Chelsea Killin, Carina Metzgar, Coach David Reiter, Paige Kunkel, Eryn Acton, Jake Meyer. Front row: Hailey Garman, Emily Thomas, Lily Forehand, Abbey Forehand, Paul Grant and Elijah Poe.

State College B of State College, PA, 170-195. In Mound City's 5th competition of the day, team members outscored Grosse Pointe North of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 230-130 for a win.

A 150-260 loss to Chaska A of Chaska, MN, and a 155-160 loss to Robbinsdale Armstrong of Plymouth, MN, had the Mound City team needing to secure a couple wins to qualify for the next day's competition. In the next round, the Panthers defeated International Academy East of Troy, MI, 190-80, and then pulled out a close win over Mills of Millbrea, CA, 185-175. The Panthers dropped their final preliminary round by a narrow margin score of 190-200 to Novi B, of Novi, MI. Mound City's last game finished around 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening, and the Panthers' 4-6 record qualified them for competition on Sunday.

On Sunday, Mound City competed in the playoffs against small schools and garnered a 2-1 record. The Panthers' first win came in a decisive 270-45 win over Drummond of Drummond, OK. The team's second win came with a 230-155 win over Westmont of Westmont, IL. Mound City's final competitor was BASIS Scottsdale of Scottsdale, AZ. Mound City lost 135-245. At the end of competition for Mound City, the Panther team finished 8th in the nation in the small school division.

"I have figured that we finished in the top 8 of the 28 small schools that competed in the tournament," indicated Coach

David Reiter. "It was a great ending to a fantastic season. We'll be looking forward to next year. All the other players will be able to step up. They already know a lot of information, but this year, they just couldn't beat Paul to the buzzer. He was just too fast!"

In addition to the competition, the Mound City students were able to do a couple 'fun things'. On arrival, they went to Atlanta's 21-acre Centennial Park, which is the remaining legacy of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. On Monday, May 28, the group visited the World of Coca-Cola. While there, the students had the option of tasting as many as 61 different Coca-Colas from around the world.

A small entourage of family and friends arrived at KCI on Monday evening to greet the national competitors and convey their congratulations to the students.

## The Klub to reopen part-time through summer months

The Community Building of Mound City, Inc. (CBMC) is pleased to announce the reopening of The Klub. It will be open for a variety of activities Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning June 5. Volleyball League will be Tuesday nights from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. For Men's Golf League, The Klub will be open Wednesday nights from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Ladies' Golf League from 4:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Thursdays will also host The Klub being open. These hours will be subject to change depending on volume and need.

CBMC is proud of the community support shown over the past couple years. There

have been many exciting improvements made to the facility, but the board would like to continue the momentum that has developed. The ideas and dreams of CBMC are coming to a reality. Many new improvements are planned and expected to be completed by summer's end. "You ain't seen nuthin' yet!" says CBMC president, Roger Faber.

CBMC has hired Mr. Carlton Teff as acting manager of The Klub. Mr. Teff has 5 years experience of restaurant management. Carlton is very excited about this summer opportunity. He is a student at Missouri Western State University and will be

returning to classes in August.

Food and alcohol will be available at the facility. The menu will be limited due to continued renovations. The bar, however, will be fully operational. All profits will be used for the continued improvements of the building and maintaining operating costs.

The Klub will also be open for special events. These events will be announced in the near future. If interested in renting the facility for a private event, please contact either Roger Faber at (660) 442-9962 or Jonathan Miller at (816) 596-5425.



## Just look for the yellow sign

A beautiful day marked the annual city-wide Memorial Day garage sales- In Mound City on Monday, May 28. Event coordinator, Joy Wheeler of Mound City, stated that 36 people had signed up to be included on the city-wide sale map. Yellow signs were given to those who signed up, and maps were distributed to local businesses on Sunday evening and were available for patrons to begin their garage sale scouting plan. A large crowd of people were in town for the annual event and customers and garage sale hosts enjoyed a great day. Despite being marked to end by 3:00 p.m., most customers had come and gone by around 1:00 p.m.



## Young entrepreneurs work on Memorial Day

Besides Memorial Day garage sales and the sausage gravy breakfast- Residents and visitors to Mound City could stop by a lemonade stand that was set up in the driveway of Joe and Susan Laukempers' on Monday, May 28. The Laukempers' granddaughters, Elizabeth and Cameron Laukemper, pictured left to right, offered a refreshing cup of lemonade during the warm Memorial Day activities.

## First summer reading program, "Excuse Me, Are You A Dragon?", to be held June 2

The 2012 Summer Reading Program for the Mound City Public Library will present its first program, "Excuse Me, Are You A Dragon?", by the Stone Lion Puppets, on Saturday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at the State Theater in Mound City, MO.

Come out and join the fun as Stone Lion Puppets entertain with a puppet play based on the children's book, *Excuse Me, Are You A Dragon?*, by Rhett Ranson Pennell. This puppet musical will be great entertainment for pre-K through 6th grade children.

The summer reading programs are made possible by the Mound City Public Library with use of grant funds awarded from the Missouri State Library, LSTA Library Services and Technology Act, and the IMLS Institute of Museum and Library Services. Visit the Mound City Public Library's website at [www.moundcitypubliclibrary.lib.mo.us](http://www.moundcitypubliclibrary.lib.mo.us).

## Mound City Kiwanis Club news

The Mound City Kiwanis Club met at the United Methodist Church in Mound City on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, with 14 members present.

Kiwanis member Charlie Clodfelter presented a program about his knowledge and experience in certified naturally grown crops on his 2 acre garden plot. It was noted that May 23 was Mason McIntire's birthday. A sign-up sheet was sent around for putting up and taking down flags for Memorial Day.

Corey Gordon and Charlie Clodfelter are responsible for programs in June. Scott Laukemper mentioned that there would be several work nights planned for the upcoming tractor pull. There was some discussion about events for the June 30-July 4 celebration.

Dave Frede presented the two Kiwanis scholarships at the Mound City School. Recipients were Ben Luna and Taylor Miles. The club approved to pay for membership to the Mound City Museum Association and will help serve food at the Night at the Museum event.

## McIntire Building Center to draw lucky winner

McIntire Building Center in Mound City, MO, will be selecting one random lucky winner to rake in \$1,000 worth of merchandise on May 31. Full details about the giveaway are available at McIntire Building Center at 108 W. 7th Street. There is a limit of one entry per household per day.

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# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Blast!

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### 2012 4th Blast Donation List

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- Empire District Gas Company - \$100
- Evelyn Sims - \$25
- Mound City Kiwanis Club - \$250
- Ken & Mary Lee Privett - \$50
- Greg's Jewelry - \$40
- Anonymous - \$6.15

## CH-F summer calendar of events

Summer has arrived and things are very busy at Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO (CH-F). Here are a few dates for the summer calendar:

1. Every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., the CH-F parking lot is home to a Farmers' Market where local vendors bring their home grown and home-made items to sell.
2. On Tuesday, June 5, 2012, the Kids' Café is back! Playing with food and learning about healthy eating is what this event is all about. Kids who attend the event at the Tarkio, MO, Community Building from 5 to 7 p.m. have fun and get to come to a swimming party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tarkio pool.
3. For the students, don't

forget the June 30 scholarship deadline! All students enrolled or accepted to a health care program are eligible to apply! Applications are on the website at [www.FairfaxMed.com](http://www.FairfaxMed.com)

4. CH-F is hosting the Back to School fairs in Atchison and Holt counties on July 30 and August 1, respectively. Watch local papers for how people can help this worthy cause.

5. Last, but not least, the CommuniTEE Golf Benefit will take place on August 24 and 25 in Rock Port, MO. It's not too early to reserve tee times!

For more information about any of these events, look on Facebook or visit the website at [www.FairfaxMed.com](http://www.FairfaxMed.com)

## Bellevue School Reunion to be held June 2

The 2012 Bellevue School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 2, at the United Methodist Church in Mound City, MO. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meal being served at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will follow the meal. The theme of the reunion is Senior Trip. Attendees are asked to bring pictures. Meal price is \$15 and can be reserved by calling 660-935-2230 or by emailing to [jelthester@yahoo.com](mailto:jelthester@yahoo.com).

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## Sausage gravy breakfast draws good crowd

**The Mound City Lions Club**- Hosted a Memorial Day free-will offering sausage gravy breakfast at the Griffith Park Shelter House in Mound City on Monday, May 28. The breakfast began at 6:30 a.m., hoping to draw many of the garage sale crowd in before the local sales opened. The organization drew approximately 75 people to the first time event and netted around \$200. "It was a good event," stated Lions Club treasurer, Wayne White. "We didn't know what to expect. After it was set up, we served and were able to visit with a lot of people too." The club will decide at the next meeting the exact use for the money, as members are considering either new picnic tables for the shelter house or assisting in replacing the roof over the barbecue pit. The pit was recently refurbished with combined efforts from the city of Mound City and contributions from the Lions Club, Kiwanis and the Mound City Development Corporation.

## CH-F announces new director of nursing

Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO (CH-F), is proud to introduce Janet Koster, RN, as its new Director of Nursing. Janet recently moved to Fairfax from Greenfield, IA, where she was the Chief Nursing Officer at Adair County Health System. Janet's extensive knowledge and experience in the health care field is just one of the many reasons why she fills the need as Director of Nursing at Community Hospital-Fairfax. Before her job as Chief Nursing Officer in Greenfield, Janet was a Clinical Practice Coordinator and was the Clinical Nurse Manager of the Ob-

stetric and Pediatric Services at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, IA. "We are pleased that Janet has joined our health care team. She has previously provided successful leadership for nursing in both large and small hospitals. Her passion to serve others and coordinate high quality patient care is important for CH-F," said CH-F Chief Executive Officer, Myra Evans. Janet's positive first impressions of Community Hospital-Fairfax's staff led her to take the position as Director of Nursing. "I was very impressed with the staff. They are so personable

and energetic and I could tell immediately how much they care for their patients," Janet said. She also added that she loves the hospitality and friendliness that comes with a small hometown atmosphere. Janet says her goal for the first few months in her new position is to become acquainted with the staff, policies, procedures and the strategic plan at the hospital. Her main goals will be focused on ensuring high quality care at CH-F. "Patient satisfaction will be our number one priority," Janet said.

## 114th Annual Mound City Alumni Banquet held

The 114th Annual Alumni Banquet of Mound City R-II was held on Saturday evening, May 26, at the high school gym. Approximately 110 graduates and guests attended the banquet. 2012 Alumni President, Vicky Matthews Taylor, welcomed the alumni. The Paul P. Shutts American Legion Post #121 presented the colors. Alumni joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Bruce Paulus, class of 1982, gave the invocation before the meal that was catered by FC Food Country of Rock Port, MO.

Entertainment was provided by 2008 alum Kerri Rose; and alum children Reese Miles, Audrey Gibson, Connor Tubbs and Jacob Hall, members of the Mound City class of 2025. The president brought the meeting to order. The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The balance on hand was given, and the call of classes began. The classes of 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992, 2002 and 2012 were honored during the business meeting. Presentation of gifts were presented to: Oldest graduate, Audrey Heck, 1943; youngest graduate, Taylor Miles, 2012; graduates travelling the farthest distance, Denny and Kay Byron Smith, Phoenix, AZ, and Clyde Kunkel, Washington, DC. The meeting closed with a moment of silence and the school song. The 2012 Alumni Officers included: President Vicky Matthews Taylor, class of 1972; Co-Vice Presidents Tiffany White Lewis, class of 1993, and Tiffany Ingram Roup, class of 1993; Secretary Sheri Wright, class of 1974; and Treasurer Anne Northup Dudeck, class of 1992. The 2013 slate of officers that were voted on and approved include: Co-Presidents, Tiffany Lewis and

Tiffany Ingram; Co-Vice Presidents Angie Wilson Hughes, and Jason Tenney, both from the class of 1994; Secretary Vicky Taylor; and Treasurer Tammy Hutchinson Killin, class of 1992.

## Community band rehearsals to begin June 10

Rehearsals for the community band in Mound City will start Sunday, June 10. The band will play for the 4th of July celebration at Mound City's Griffith Park. This will be the 14th year for the band. Response has been very good in the past. The band is open to anyone interested in playing. Please contact Dave Holland at 660-442-5409 if you would like to play in the band. The concert is sponsored by the State Theater Arts Council, the Missouri Arts Council and the Mound City Kiwanis. This is the first event of the 2012-2013 State Theater Arts Council's season. Rehearsals will be at the Mound City school. Three rehearsals are planned: June 10, June 24 and July 1. Rehearsals will start at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

## Mound City Nutrition Site notes

Volunteers at the Nutrition Site in Mound City during the week of May 21, 2012, were: Walt and Pat Groves, Sue Schmidt, Addie Trimmer, Lela Boyd, Joy Geiger, Mary Sue Rowlette, Dee Ann Heck, Yogi Swymeler, Carolyn Roberts, Jacob Andes, Cindy Heck, Keith Knaak, Robert and Marybelle Eggert, Juanita Brickey, Brenda Graves, Donna Kurtz, David Cliburn, Marilyn Buntz, Karen Ingram, Tori Ingram, P.M. and Frances Herbert, Ronnie and Linda Painter, Ellen Kneale, John Dreher, Herb and Mary Ann Beggs, Gene and Bev Miller and Bill and Donna Golden. Delivering meals the week of June 4, 2012, will be: **Craig** - Tuesday - Pat Groves and Sue Schmidt. **Mound City** - Monday and Tuesday - First Christian Church; Wednesday - Home School Kids; Thursday and Friday - Concordia Lutheran Church. **Oregon** - Monday through Friday - Methodist Church. **Forest City** - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Open; Thursday - Yogi Swymeler; Friday - Keith Knaak.

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, June 4** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, juice, garlic bread and pudding. **Tuesday, June 5** - Beef roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cucum-

bers and onions, hot rolls and pineapple. **Wednesday, June 6** - BBQ pork chops, oven potatoes, harvard beets, applesauce and banana bars. **Thursday, June 7** - Hamburger and rice casserole, broccoli, carrots and peaches. **Friday, June 8** - Chicken fillet on bun, lettuce pea salad, baked potatoes, tomatoes and ice cream.

## News from Tiffany Heights

Residents enjoyed making another May craft on Tuesday, May 22, at Tiffany Heights in Mound City, MO. They made picture frame flower pots, but many residents decided to hang them on their doors. The pots were bright yellow and contained several flowers. Shirley Jackson and Joan Smith assisted with the crafts. Everyone enjoyed Shirley's homemade breads and jellies after the craft. Another month is quickly approaching. On Wednesday afternoon, the residents got a chance to play cards and games together as they prepared for the new month. Birthday bingo was held during the afternoon on Thursday. The Christian Fellowship Church provided the residents with bingo prizes, birthday cake, ice cream and punch. Each resident with a May birthday received a special gift. Residents with birthdays this month were Helen Hatch, Alberta Linck,

Dorothy Heck, Eleanor Seitz and Lois Woods. Those assisting from the church were Danielle, Courteney and Hunter Gordon; Debi and Haylee Clifton; Corbin and Julie Miles; Lauretta, Cameron, Garrett and Lydia Sheldon; Abby Haer, Lauren Rosier, Cameron and Elizabeth Laukemper; Ruth Johnson, Jordan Krueger and Traci Capek. Additional volunteers were Gordon Robbins, Judy Scarbrough and Shirley Jackson. Barbara Hanlon provided glamour nails on Friday morning. Pastor Paul Grant and Barbara Hanlon conducted Bible study also during the morning on Friday. Games of choice were held during the afternoon on Saturday. Larry Brickey and church family provided Sunday morning worship. Afternoon services were conducted by the River of Hope Fellowship Church.

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### CORNING

#### St. John's Lutheran Church

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

### CRAIG

#### Craig Presbyterian Church

Worship Service, 9:15 a.m. Rev. Leland LaRose, Pastor

**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.

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#### 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.

### MOUND CITY

#### Community of Christ

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

#### Christian Fellowship

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

#### Concordia Lutheran Church

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

#### First Christian Church

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

#### Mound City Baptist Church

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

#### Mound City United Methodist Church

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

#### New Liberty and Big Lake Baptist Churches

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

#### New Life Apostolic Assembly

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

### OREGON

#### St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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

#### Oregon Church of the Nazarene

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

#### New Point Christian Church

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

### REGIONAL

#### River of Hope Fellowship

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

### SKIDMORE

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

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

## How to compost at home workshop

As reducing waste entering landfills becomes more important, individuals are looking for cost effective, easy ways to help the environment. Composting is an easy way to reduce waste without spending a lot of money. The composted product makes excellent mulch for use in gardens, landscaping and flower gardening. By reusing the organic wastes, individuals are protecting water, air, land and energy resources while reducing the amount of soil amendments that they need to purchase.

University of Missouri (MU) Extension specialists Jim Crawford and Tom Fowler will lead a workshop designed to show homeowners just how inexpensively and easily they can start composting their lawn, garden and food wastes. "It doesn't take much space or investment to begin your own composting system," says Tom Fowler, regional horticulturalist for MU Extension. "Most people can get started in just a couple of hours."

The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at the TJ Hall Building in Oregon, MO. Sponsored by MU Extension, the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, this workshop is free and open to the public.

The workshop is designed for anyone interested in learning the basic fundamentals of composting. What to include in the compost system, basic bin construction, proper care of the compost system to produce rapid results and use of the composted material will be covered. The workshop will feature samples of products and materials used, hands on demonstrations as well as samples of several commercially available composting tumblers.

It is FREE to register, just call Linda Laderoute at 660-582-5121 or email inda@nwmorcog.org. Space is limited. Don't wait, call today!

## Heart of America Tractor Club to hold cruise June 23

The Heart of America Tractor Club will be hosting its 7th annual tractor cruise for charity Saturday, June 23, 2012. This year, the featured tractor is Minneapolis Moline. The tractors will travel through the communities of Bedison, MO, Conception, MO, Guilford, MO, Barnard, MO, and Maryville, MO. The cruise will begin and end on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. There will be a morning break at the Conception Abbey with a tour for those interested. Lunch will be enjoyed at the old Barnard picnic grounds in Barnard. This will be a fundraising opportunity for the South Nodaway FFA. The afternoon break will be held at The Bistro. The public is invited to eat there for a free will donation as well. This year, the drivers will be raising money for these children's charities: Muscular Dystrophy camp; Camp Encourage, an autism camp; Special Olympics; and the Abrielle Neff Foundation.

The tractors can be registered and left on Friday evening, June 22, starting at 4 p.m. at the pavilion on the west side of the campus. The Gentry County Cattlemen's association will be preparing a tenderloin supper available to any and everyone for a free will donation. The meal will start at 5 p.m. The Pride Lions group will begin serving a pancake and sausage breakfast at 6 a.m. Saturday morning before the cruise. The registration table will also open at that time for late comers. The breakfast is open to the public for a free will donation as well. Saturday evening there will be a pulled pork supper open to the public and free to the drivers. The supper will include homemade ice cream. An auction of a beautiful handmade quilt and other items will also be held. The club is raffling off a very hard to find Minneapolis Moline pedal tractor. There will also be t-shirts and caps available for sale.

For more information, contact 1-816-244-1785 or check the webpage at www.heartofamericatractorclub.com.

## Graham news

By Michelle Brown

Judy, Antonio and Beatriz DeLao spent the weekend of May 19-21 with Judy's mother, Anna Lea Lance, in Graham, MO. The DeLaos are from Broken Arrow, OK. They and other family members attended Melanie Ware's high school graduation in Savannah, MO, on Sunday afternoon, May 20. There was a reception afterwards at Ware's home. Her family is Rodney, Suzy and Jared Ware.

Area churches and the Graham Lions Club sponsored the "Change the World" event. A noon dinner was held at the Graham United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 20. A free will donation was taken for the Nodaway-Holt School to host a speaker for Anti-

Bullying. Proceeds received were enough to cover the cost of the speaker.

On Sunday, May 20, the Graham Union Church hosted David and Gayle Williamson at the worship service. They presented the gospel message with magic, comedy and puppets. There was a noon meal served afterwards.

Michelle and Velinda Brown went with Nadine Smail and other Smail family members from Maryville, MO, to Columbia, MO. They attended the University of Missouri (MU) graduation of Lisa Smail, daughter of Tracy Smail and Carolyn Ream. This was held Saturday, May 12.



## Idekers to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Ron and Martha (Travis) Ideker of Mound City, MO, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 3. They were united in marriage June 3, 1962, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Mound City by Rev. Barclay Brown. God has blessed this union with a son, Kenneth, and wife, Jenny, of St. Joseph, MO, and a daughter, Michelle, and husband, Rus-

sell Thielmann, of Leawood, KS. The Idekers have six grandchildren: Jordan, Ash-tyn and Madison Ideker; and Payton, Quinn and Hudson Thielmann. Ron retired as president from the family businesses and both he and Martha spend time in Mound City and Naples, FL. A trip is planned this summer with family to Napa Valley, CA.



Jordan Showalter of Craig, MO, second from left, was presented two scholarships from the Alpha Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity from the University of Missouri. Jordan is the son of Dennis, second for right, and Teresa, right, Showalter of Craig, MO.

## Showalter receives prestigious scholarships

Jordan Showalter of Craig, MO, was recently awarded two prestigious scholarships from the Alpha Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity, University of Missouri. The Francis J. Schweitzer Improvement Award is awarded to a FarmHouse sophomore who, during the first semester of his sophomore year, achieved the greatest improvement in the grade point average from his freshman year. The other award Showalter received was the Gares Brothers Memorial to a FarmHouse man each

year who exhibits a positive attitude and optimism. The Gares brothers fought a genetic disease, and were an inspiration to all who knew them. They were deeply admired and respected for their ideals, courage and undaunted optimism. Both scholarships are presented to FarmHouse members selected by their peers. Jordan is a junior at the university, and the new member pledge educator for FarmHouse for the Spring, 2012/Fall, 2012 year. He is a Math Secondary Education major.

## MRTA to welcome new retirees

The Atchison-Holt local unit of the Missouri Retired Teachers and Other School Personnel (MRTA) will meet Thursday, June 7, at Sportsman's Lodge in Bigelow, MO, at 11:30 a.m. Newly retired teachers and other school personnel are encouraged to attend. State MRTA President, Veronica Hambacker, will be the guest speaker.

MRTA members have been encouraged several times during the recent state legislative session to contact their state representatives and senators about issues concerning current teaching staff and proposals affecting teacher retirement. Becoming a MRTA member ensures that members are informed about legislative action before it becomes law and gives them a chance to be involved in decisions affecting their income.

Those attending are asked to bring pasta or pasta sauce, which will be donated to Mound City's food pantry. "Hunger-Show Me Missouri Retired Teachers" is a state-wide MRTA project and is just one way MRTA helps out in the community.

## Milams Greenhouse

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The northbound rest area on Interstate 29, just south of Mound City- Is scheduled to be demolished beginning on Monday, June 4. Both rest areas will be destroyed and paved for truck parking with only unimproved facilities located on both sides of the interstate.

## Mound City rest areas to be demolished

Both the northbound and southbound rest areas, located just south of Mound City at the 84 mile marker of Interstate 29, are scheduled for demolition by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). With the construction of the \$5.1 million Welcome Center near Rock Port, MO, there is no longer a need to maintain the services provided by the rest areas near Mound City. "The facilities at the rest areas were built 35-40 years ago, and there is quite a bit of careful lawn maintenance required at the facilities," stated Travis Ellis, MoDOT customer relations special-

ist. "Currently, the number one concern for truckers and trucking companies is parking. Both the Mound City rest areas will become truck parking only."

The new welcome center, just south of the Rock Port, MO, exit, is being built to promote tourism and economy in Missouri. It is an energy efficient building that will also provide 40 new parking spaces for trucks as well as having 3 dedicated bus spots.

Demolition of the northbound rest area near Mound City is scheduled to begin Monday, June 4 (weather permitting). The existing

buildings and picnic areas will be removed and replaced with paved expanded truck parking. The area is expected to be able to park 25 trucks. The area will be signed as having unimproved bathroom facilities (no running water).

The southbound rest area will not be demolished until the completion of the Welcome Center. The official opening of the new Welcome Center is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27. Both rest areas near Mound City are anticipated to remain closed throughout the summer and reopen for truck parking by September.

## Johnson named to Dean's List at William Jewell College

Brittany Lynn Johnson of Mound City, MO, was named to the Dean's List at William Jewell College for the 2012 spring semester. Brittany was a Nursing (accelerated track) major during the spring semester at the college located in Liberty, MO.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) while carrying 14 or more semester hours. William Jewell College is committed to bringing together talented students and gifted faculty mentors within a vibrant community sparked by a rigorous and intentional liberal arts curriculum. A full range of personal and professional development experiences are presented by the selective national liberal arts college's location within the Kansas City metroplex of more than 2 million.

## Benton Church to reopen June 3

Benton, the old country church near Forest City, MO, will reopen for monthly services on Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m. and continue each first Sunday thereafter, during warm weather. Pastor Jim Broker will lead the services along with song leader, Greg Book; pianist, Sandy Dozier; and violinist, Deb Mims. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 660-928-3665.

## OHS reunion shows good attendance

Twenty of 29 members of the Oregon High School (OHS) class of 1962 attended festivities surrounding the alumni banquet on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Members returning to their "roots" were: Christina Banks Furber, Robert and Diane Botkin, Glenn and Carolyn Caton, Sandra Coffman Dozier, Bill and Susan Cooksey, Earl and Janet Cromer, Elizabeth Eisenberg-Moore, Paulette

Heckman Stock, Jerry and Martha Hornecker Link, Ed and Carol Kunkel, Nida Kunkel Messick, Larry Kurtz, Carolyn Martin Lowrance, Gary and Betty Meyer Richner, John and Lois Patton, Shirley Payne Roueche, Mary Ann Ramsey Johnson, Karen Simpson Ashford, Sandra Som-

mer Kammerer, Rex and Sandra Young.

Class members were also awarded the Traveling Trophy for the most members present at the banquet. Two class members who are deceased, Jim Muse and Judy Stroud, were also remembered with a moment of silent prayer.

## Falls City Jaycees to host the Carson and Barnes Circus

The Falls City, NE, Area Jaycees are sponsoring the Carson & Barnes Circus, one of the last of the World's Biggest Big-Top shows, on Friday, June 8, with two showtimes.

The 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. performances will be held at the Falls City Jaycees' Community Field, south of Falls City on Highway 73 and Loop 703.

Barbara Miller-Byrd is the third generation owner of the circus that travels to over 200 towns each season. The family has had over 75 years of bringing the excitement and magic of the circus to people in towns of all sizes.

The midway opens early, providing show goes a petting zoo, and elephant and camel rides. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under when purchased in advance. Discount coupons for a \$4 savings on adult tickets are available at Falls City banks and at [www.BIGTOPSHOW.com](http://www.BIGTOPSHOW.com)

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# This Week's History

From the Mound City News archives

## 50 Years Ago - 1962

- The following are interesting statistics released by the United States Department of Commerce relative to the 1960 housing canvass: Holt County had 3,379 housing units, of which 1,372 were in sound condition with all plumbing, 2,765 were occupied, 1,959 were occupied by owners, less than \$5,000 was the median value of owner-occupied places, 806 were occupied by renters, \$47 was the median gross rent, 1,975 had hot and cold running water, 1,960 had a flush toilet, 1,913 had bathtub or shower, 1,184 had a basement, 28 were trailer homes, 248 had air conditioning, 2,023 had TV, 2,511 had radio, 2,371 had telephone, 2,357 had washing machines, 313 had dryers, 1,166 had one or more home food freezers, 1,947 had an automobile, 208 had two automobiles, and 37 had three or more automobiles.

- The first part of May went down as one of the driest in history; but then, nearly 4 inches of rain fell in Mound City in a two-hour time frame. Four retaining walls, trees and garden produce were destroyed in that time. Two days later, another half inch fell, followed by two more inches two days later.

- Social Security payments to Holt County residents totaled \$771,084 and were paid to 1,149 people. Approximately 658 were retired workers, 282 were wives of dependent husbands, 103 were widows and 88 were children.

## 25 Years Ago - 1987

- Andy Hall, Leandra Jones, Marsha Meyer and Rebecca Freeman were honor students recognized during South Holt R-1's commencement exercises.

- Nodaway-Holt's 1987 valedictorian was Michelle Neidt, and Lowell Messer was the salutatorian.

- The weather pattern of near 90 degree temperatures for a couple weeks with no rain changed over a weekend. Holt County received a near three inches of rain over a four-day span. Areas to the north, however, got heavy rainfalls which caused seven breaks in the Big Tarkio River. Locally, a break sent floodwaters all across the bottom that ended up closing I-29 near Craig, as well as other roads to the north.

- A second oil well was dug on the Wilber Ball farm, northwest of Craig, MO. James K. Anderson, Inc., which specializes in the exploration and production of oil and gas, drilled another well at 2,790 feet. The well was expected to be successful.

- The 89th Mound City Alumni Banquet was held with approximately 305 people attending.

## 10 Years Ago - 2002

- Construction began on the new building at 5th and State streets in Mound City. The site would be the home of Dollar General and was anticipated to be open by Labor Day.

- A talent show was held at the State Theater to raise money for the Relay for Life. Around 72 guests enjoyed the 'show-stopping' performances, and raised \$270.

- A meeting was held concerning whether the Mound City Rural Fire Department should include Mound City in its district. The meeting was held to garner resident input on the issue.

- Stacie Scroggins was hired as the new director of the Mound City Day Care and Learning Center. She replaced Kendra Davis.

- Wyle Williams was hired as the new South Holt High School Principal.

- City-wide Memorial Day garage sales, sponsored by Mound City's Chamber of Commerce, included sales at 40 sites.

# Joplin

## One Year Later



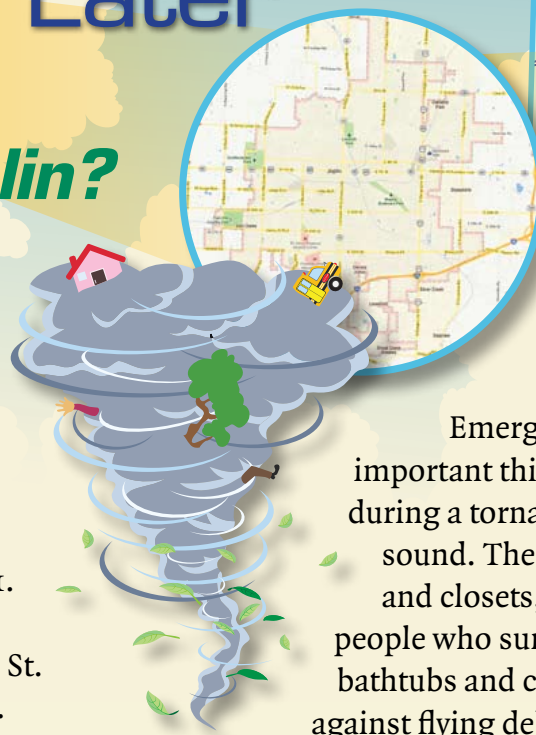
### What happened to Joplin?

**At 5:41 p.m. on May 22, 2011, a tornado touched down in Joplin and was on the ground for six miles.**

It tracked into the neighboring town of Duquesne and then rural areas. At times it was at least one mile wide. It damaged or destroyed 8,000 homes, 18,000 cars, 400 businesses, injured more than 1,000 people and killed 161.

Some of the buildings damaged or destroyed included schools, churches, restaurants and other businesses, and St. John's Medical Center — one of the town's two hospitals.

After the tornado, there was no electricity in the destruction zone for about a week, and the city was without water. The area was declared a federal disaster area.



### Safety: What should I do?

Emergency management officials say the most important thing anyone can do to prevent injury or death during a tornado is to seek shelter as soon as tornado sirens sound. The safest places are tornado shelters, basements, and closets, bathrooms or rooms with no windows. Many people who survived the Joplin tornado took cover in their bathtubs and covered themselves with blankets to protect against flying debris.

FEMA advises families to prepare for stormy weather by making a plan for what they will do when the tornado sirens sound and by putting together a home emergency kit. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air) and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger



### What is a Tornado?

"Tornado" was a 14-century sailor's word for a violent, windy thunderstorm. The word may have come from the Spanish word "tronada," which means thunderstorm. Tornadoes are funnel- or cone-shaped clouds with winds that can reach up to 300 miles per hour and cause damage for miles.

They usually occur in March through August, but they can form at any time. They can happen in any state, but usually touch down in the Central Plains or Midwestern states — an area known as "Tornado Alley."

Meteorologists rate tornadoes according to their size and strength on a scale of 1 to 5. An EF-5, the kind that hit Joplin and Duquesne, is the most powerful. It also was the deadliest tornado in 60 years.



### First responders: Heroes to the rescue

Many people went to work immediately to help rescue those trapped in the debris or to care for those who were injured. Others organized shelters where people could sleep, eat and get clothing and other basic necessities. Among the first responders were 119 fire and rescue services and 68 ambulance districts from across Missouri. They were honored in April at a ceremony at the state Capitol in Jefferson City, and all received medals.

### Making Progress

In the weeks and months that followed, more than 125,000 volunteers from across the U.S. poured into Joplin to help shovel debris, to set up distribution centers where people could go for food and toiletries, and to begin rebuilding or repairing homes. Some of them ended up staying and still are volunteering today.

Progress has been made: Schools were set up in vacant warehouses and a local mall and started on time on Aug. 17. Many of the damaged or destroyed businesses have rebuilt and reopened, and new homes are popping up every day.

On May 22, the city will remember those who lost their lives and those who helped with a Unity Walk.



*The Joplin Globe newspaper went to press just one hour late—at 1 a.m.—on the morning of May 23. Despite the loss of a colleague and many of their own homes in the tornado, the staff was on the job providing news and information for their readers. Missouri Press Association has documented the staff's efforts in a film, "Deadline in Disaster."*

### Augie's bike helmet saves the day!

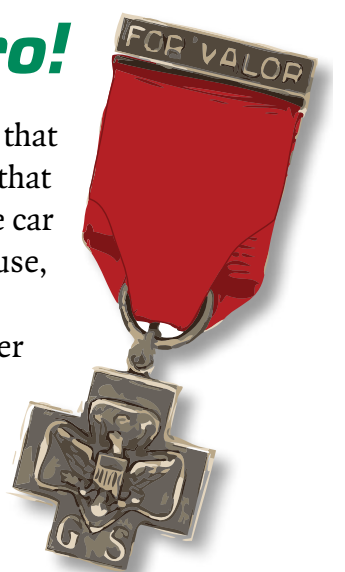
Augie, a 9-year-old Joplin boy, was safe because of good decisions by his mother, Natalie. She instructed him to put on his bike helmet, thinking of potential debris thrown up by the twister. When the tornado hit their home, the bathroom toilet was ripped from the floor and thrown through the air, striking Augie in the head. "I saw the tornado warning, I heard the sirens, I looked outside and I saw the dark cloud, and we made the split-second decision to take a blanket, take a pillow and our little puppy" and put them all with Augie inside the tub, overlaying it with a bed mattress, Natalie said. Their home was badly damaged, but Augie, his mother and the puppy survived.



### Lexi, an everyday hero!

Eight-year-old Lexi, heard a warning on television that a tornado was heading toward her city. She insisted that her parents stop what they were doing and get in the car immediately to seek shelter at her grandparents' house, which has a basement.

Her mom and dad thought they would finish dinner first, but Lexi wouldn't let them. By going to her grandparents' house, they were safe and later learned that their home was destroyed. Had they stayed there, they might not have survived. Lexi was honored by the American Red Cross as an Everyday Hero and will receive a bronze cross for lifesaving this fall from the Girl Scouts.



*This special feature was written by Andra Stefanoni of The Joplin Globe and produced by the Missouri Press Foundation.*



American Legion members conduct memorial services

**American Legion Post members-** From Mound City, Craig, Fairfax, Rock Port, Tarkio and Westboro were part of the firing squad, pictured above, who performed a 'volley of three' during the Memorial Day Services at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Mound City on Monday, May 28. Around 15-20 legion members from the Missouri posts were on hand to perform the ceremonies at all the cemeteries. Tim Morehouse, commander of the Allen-Schiffers American Legion Post #199 of Tarkio, MO, was in charge of the program for the day. Don Martin, chaplain of the American Legion Post #32 of Westboro, MO, gave the prayer. A wreath was placed at the tomb of the unknown soldier at each of the services. Sisters Nancy Daugherty, Kathy Herron and Judy DeBuhr sang the National Anthem. It was a warm day for those in attendance, which may have been the reason for slimmer crowd attendance.



**Many people honored and paid tribute to loved ones-** During the 2012 Memorial Day weekend observance, by placing flowers and other memorabilia at the gravesites of those who have passed on. Grave stones at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mound City, pictured above, were no exception. American flags lined the drive through Mt. Hope Cemetery as an added reminder of those who fought for the freedom enjoyed by every man, woman and child in this great country of the United States of America.

# Memorial Day tribute - News from locals at the front lines during World War I

## Letters and writings 'From the Boys' dated November 8, 1918

Each Memorial Day, United States citizens honor those who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. Cemeteries are decorated as a tribute to loved ones who have passed on before. The letters and writings shared in this article were taken from the front page of the *Mound City News-Jeffersonian* dated November 8, 1918, just days before the end of World War I was declared on November 11, 1918. On that date, hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" with the German signing of the Armistice. November 11 became known as Armistice Day (later called Veterans' Day).

World War I, also known as the First World War or the Great War and the War to End All Wars, was a world conflict lasting from 1914 to 1919, with the fighting lasting until 1918. The war was fought by the Allies on one side, and the Central Powers on the other. No previous conflict had mobilized so many soldiers or involved so many in the field of battle. By its end, the war had become the second bloodiest conflict in recorded history, infamous for trench warfare. More than 9 million died on the battlefield, and nearly that many more on the home fronts because of food shortages, genocide and ground combat.

On the aforementioned front page, in a special box titled, They Gave Their All For the Flag, it stated: A number of letters that have come from the boys of Co. L, report the death of Sergeant Paul Shutts, of Mound City, and Frank Chuning, of Bigelow. The parents of Claude Fleming, of Maitland, have received official notice of his death in action.

Sergeant Paul Shutts enlisted as a member of Co. L when the company was organized in April, 1916. He went to the border with the company in July, 1916, serving there eight months. In August, 1917, he went with Co. L to Camp Doniphan, and in April, 1918, went with the company to France. His death, according to the reports, occurred about September 25. Sergeant Shutts was the son of Mrs. Julia Shutts of Mound City.

Claude Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Park Fleming of Maitland, also enlisted in Co. L in the summer of 1916, and saw the same service on the border as Sergeant Shutts. He went with the company in August, 1917, to Camp Doniphan, and to France in April, 1918.

Frank Chuning, son of Ed. Chuning of Bigelow, enlisted in Co. L shortly before it de-

parted for Camp Doniphan in August, 1917, going overseas with the company in April, 1918.

The remainder of the front page was filled with letters written by local soldiers called, 'From the Boys'. The preface to the letters read:

Co. L has been in thick of fight. Four reported killed in action; Seventeen wounded.

Up to Thursday morning no official notification of casualties had come to relatives in this vicinity; but the following have been reported by so many letters written since the action the latter part of September, and referred to by Lieut. Munn in the letter we published week before last, that we believe there is no doubt as to the correctness of the same. There have been rumors of other casualties, but we have data which we believe absolutely authentic for the following:

Sergeant Paul Shutts, killed in action.

Frank Chuning, killed in action.

Claude Fleming, killed in action.

Tasel Dovel, killed in action.

Frost Browning, wounded in neck.

Harry Haddan, wounded in head.

Wm. Cook, wounded in foot

Tommy Duncan, wounded in ear.

Fred Elton, wounded in leg.

Ed Bennett, wounded in arm.

Roy Tibbetts, wounded in hip.

James Tyson, wounded in foot.

Russell Everhart, wounded in hand.

Frank Metzgar, wounded in leg.

Lafe Ogden, wounded.

Zach. Hopkins, wounded.

Tom Story, wounded.

Jake Noll, wounded.

Earl Wood, wounded.

Clarence Watters, wounded.

Wm. Coyle, wounded.

In a number of the above cases hospital cards gave the information, and in several, letters have come from the boys in the hospital.

Knowing how vitally interested all our readers are in the welfare of our boys, we are publishing a number of letters from the boys, written to relatives here.

Because of the length, only excerpts of the letters have been reprinted. The ----- indicate a break in text.

**From James Tyson** (American Red Cross Hospital in Vichy, France)

Dear Brother and Sister: This is a dandy place to be located and I will be here for a little while longer. Each morning I get up at 6:30 or 7:00 and we have breakfast

at 7:30. Then at 8:00 we all go to the doctor's office to have our wounds dressed. My foot is getting along just fine. The wound looked much better this morning when the doctor dressed it. ----- At 3:00 they give out hot cocoa and believe me they sure know how to make it have the right taste. After supper three nights a week we have motion picture shows. ----- There is no use to try and tell you of the two days before I was hit. But I only wish that at a safe distance you could have seen the sky when the artillery opened up. The whole earth seemed to be a tremble. The sky took on the appearance of a violent thunder storm. The noise was one deafening rumble after another. -----

**From Sergt. Ray Weightman** (Oct. 4, 1918)

Dear Folks: This is my first opportunity to write you a letter since writing just before entering the great battle. At that time, I told you that you would not hear from me for a week or more. On the night following the writing of the letter, we went in and it proved to be something terrible, maybe I should say, the battle proved to be something "terribly exciting".

It became open warfare and facing machine gun fire for days. Also, great shells fell around us and men were killed on either side and directly in front. Looking ahead and anxiously wondering when the next opportunity would offer itself for an open shot at the beastly Jerries, and so it continues until finally night comes down and the advance ceases and the command "Dig in" is heard coming down the line; all hands are immediately busy. Here and there fellows find that their shovels have been torn from their haversacks during the day and they are compelled to use their bayonets to dig the hole long enough and deep enough to afford him some protection. When the holes are all completed every man tries to rest but this is difficult for the boys, not because of the noise of shells, but on account of the moans perhaps of some wounded American boy, perhaps of some Jerry who wants us to start toward him so that his comrade can turn a machine gun loose on us. ----- Under present conditions I can not write a good letter because all one can think of is battle and I don't like to talk about that. I can now understand fully why Grandpa and the soldiers of '61 to '65 never liked to talk about similar incidents of the Civil War. While I was in the states I used to look at the paintings of battles where shells were bursting and men and horses falling and

wagons being torn in pieces and say that the artist had a wonderful imagination and had greatly exaggerated, but I am now convinced that he had not and that it is all as true as the scriptures. -----

Dad, you asked me to tell you something about the Y.M.C.A. work. I haven't space here to say a great deal, but the 139th Inft. is one of the regiments under Henry J. Allen, the present candidate for Governor of Kansas. There are three men under him, one for each battalion. L. C. Gabbert of St. Joseph works the first battalion, and another fine man whose name I can't recall just now, works the second battalion; and Daddy Donner is with our third battalion and we think he is absolutely the finest man we ever knew for that kind of work. -----

**From Frost Browning** (Base Hospital 202, Orleans, Oct. 2, 1918)

Dear Folks: Well here I am at last, in the hospital writing to you, but I am one of the lucky ones for I'm able to write and walk even though my neck is a little sore. That is where I got hit. ----- I was greatly surprised when upon talking to a nurse, I learned that Miss Strobel was here.

So the nurse told her and she came and talked to me a few minutes. ----- There are boys here from all states in the union. They are all alike and never complain of anything. -----

**From Pvt. Francis E. Scott**

Dearest Folks: Will write you a short letter tonight as it is the first in about two or three weeks. Could not possibly write before as we sure had some hard fighting as you already know and are perhaps worrying your dear heads off. I came through without a scratch. Picked several pieces of shrapnel out of my clothes but did not even break the skin. Will send you a cablegram as soon as I get hold of some money, which should be soon. You should receive it in six days from the date sent so you will know before you receive this.

Several of the boys were wounded but I will not mention any names and make no mistakes. ----- Don't know when we will have to fight those darned Huns again. They can never give me enough to kill to make up for the friends they have cost me. We will run the dirty devils off the face of the earth, and not be long about it either. Only one thing, I will never take a prisoner. ----- I would like to write to grandmother oftener, also my beloved aunts but really do not have time. I write you most of all and you think that is not often. -----

**From John Cardinell** (Somewhere in France Oct.

4, 1918)

Dear Folks: Just received three letters all at once so thought I would answer them all in one letter. Well our Division was in the last big drive, but I suppose you all know all about it by now. If reports are true they have passed all expectations. ----- The Boche had dugouts three stories deep that were all cemented, fixed with electric lights and every Boche had a feather bed. Say, there were holes in the ground where some of the shells hit, you could easily have put our house in. I was where the fight started and saw quite a bit. In one of the dug outs they had a big pile of cabbage and everything ready to make sauer kraut. They even had a cow in one of them. I can't tell you very much about it in a letter, but wait till I get home. Oh! yes, some of the Boche prisoners want to know how many men the Germans lost when they took New York City, ha ha! Can you imagine that?----

**From Pvt. Russell Wilson**

My dear mother and folks: I am now going to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still feeling fine and dandy, after a big battle with the Germans. And what I mean it was a real one too.

----- We are now out for a rest and enjoying ourselves the best we can. I don't know when we will go back to the lines again. It may be a long time and again it may be only a short time, for the Allies are making a drive on the enemy. I think they are going to end the war and sure hope they do, for I think it has gone far

enough, don't you?-----

**From Frank Metzgar** (Somewhere in France Oct. 2, 1918)

Dear Mother: Will just scribble you a few lines to let you know that I am in the hospital with a small shrapnel wound in my leg. ----- Was hurt Saturday morning, Sept. 29th. Went over at 9:30 and about a minute later I was beating it back off the field. But I am very well satisfied as I shot two and helped capture almost 300. I saw the Mound City boys there also but only got to talk to R. Wilson. Did I tell you that I saw Hal Ward before we went to the front. Saw him one evening for about an hour. I don't know how they come out as I haven't seen any of them since last Friday evening. -----

**From Roy Tibbetts** (Somewhere in the hospital Oct. 3, 1918)

Dear mother: Thought I would drop you a line to let you know how I am. (the majority of the copied letter was not legible) It got our company pretty \_\_\_\_\_ see. We advanced without artillery fire and they had us surrounded with artillery. After I did get hit I had to walk three miles. -----

**From Harry Haddan**

Harry's parents received word that Harry had been wounded in the head by shrapnel the last day of the drive and sent to the base hospital. He says they are treated fine and at the time of his writing he was being taken to southern France for a long rest.

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# Mound City R-2 middle school 4th quarter and end-of-year awards

Mound City Middle School students were recognized for 4th quarter and end of year awards at an assembly on Monday, May 14. The following awards were given by middle school subject areas.

### Language Arts- Teacher Keri Seitz 4th Quarter Awards

5th Grade - Bailey Hayworth and Donovan Kemering  
6th Grade - Jacobi Tunnel  
7th Grade - Carley Baker  
8th Grade - Mae Sanders  
High Point Awards  
5th Grade - Hannah Wedlock  
6th Grade - Austin Pankau  
7th Grade - Savannah Derr  
8th Grade - Emily Wedlock

### End of Year Awards

Miss Congeniality: 5th - Emma Derr; 6th - Bayleigh Portman; 7th - Joeigh Eaton; 8th - Kendey Eaton  
Mr. Congeniality: 5th - Justyn Hall; 6th - Alex Carver; 7th - Riley Holstine; 8th - Cooper Hollis  
Best Dressed: 5th - Cassidy Wennihan; 6th - Bailee Schueth; 7th - Tess Phillips; 8th - Emily Wedlock  
Most Creative: 5th - Emma Gibson; 6th - Tucker Schwebach; 7th - Austin Acton; 8th - Colton Dean  
Most Athletic: 5th - Victoria Nauman; 6th - Austin Pankau; 7th - Ben Shifflett; 8th - Hunter Holstine  
Class Comedian: 5th - Wyatt Kerns; 6th - Jacobi Tunnel; 7th - James Dean; 8th - Chandler Wilson  
Handy Helper: 5th - Hannah Wedlock; 6th - Sylvia Foust; 7th - Sydney Ireland;

8th - Kenzie Ashford  
Eager Reader: 5th - Gracie Caton; 6th - Wyatt Meyer; 7th - Maggie Caton; 8th - Rebecca Wheeler  
Go Getter: 5th - Paige Quilty; 6th - Quentin Lenz; 7th - James Wheeler; 8th - Valerie Karr

Regular Reading Certificate: Desiree Hufford, Hannah Wedlock, Paige Quilty, Gracie Caton, Justyn Hall, Maggie Caton, Joeigh Eaton, Kendey Eaton, Emily Wedlock, Rebecca Wheeler and Chandler Wilson

Lifetime Reading Certificate: Kendey Eaton, Emily Wedlock and Chandler Wilson

### Social Studies - Teacher Ryan Osburn 4th Quarter Highest Awards

5th Grade - Aaron Grant  
6th Grade - Wyatt Meyer and Austin Pankau  
7th Grade - Sean Shepherd  
8th Grade - Emily Wedlock

### End of Year Highest Awards

5th Grade - Aaron Grant  
6th Grade - Alex Carver  
7th Grade - Sean Shepherd  
8th Grade - Emily Wedlock

### Science - Teacher Korey Miles 4th Quarter High Score Awards

5th Grade - Hannah Wedlock  
6th Grade - Wyatt Meyer  
7th Grade - Maggie Caton  
8th Grade - Rebecca Wheeler, Emily Wedlock and Cooper Hollis  
End of Year High Score

Awards  
5th Grade - Paige Quilty  
6th Grade - Austin Pankau  
7th Grade - Sean Shepherd  
8th Grade - Emily Wedlock

### Math - Teacher Darcy Howard 4th Quarter Awards

5th Grade - Tristan VanderHeide and Emma Gibson  
6th Grade - Wyatt Meyer and Bayleigh Portman  
7th Grade - Gabrielle Heck and Joeigh Eaton  
8th Grade - Chandler Wilson and Rebecca Wheeler  
High Point Awards  
5th Grade - Paige Quilty  
6th Grade - Austin Pankau  
7th Grade - Savannah Derr  
8th Grade - Emily Wedlock

### All A's in Math (receiving an A all year)

5th Grade - Emma Derr, Paige Quilty and Hannah Wedlock  
6th Grade - Alex Carver and Austin Pankau  
7th Grade - Savannah Derr, Riley Holstine, Sydney Ireland, Ben Shifflett and Blake Shifflett  
8th Grade - Kendey Eaton, Cooper Hollis, Hunter Holstine, Jessica Johnson, Hilary Russell, Emily Wedlock and Rebecca Wheeler

### Perfect Attendance

5th Grade - Desiree Hufford  
7th Grade - Riley Holstine, Adrienne Messer and Blake Shifflett  
8th Grade - Jessica Johnson

# Luna recognized with Cargill scholarship

Cargill has awarded a college scholarship to Benjamin Luna of Mound City, MO, at 2012 graduate of Mound City High School. He will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the next school year. In addition, as part of the Cargill Community Scholarship Program, the Mound City School will receive \$200 from Cargill to support the school library, in honor of the award student at the school.

"We are pleased to recognize Ben Luna with this award and Mound City School for its dedicated work as well," said Brent

Barkow, manager of Cargill AgHorizons in Forest City, MO. "Cargill supports education programs in our communities because today's young people are tomorrow's leaders."

This year, 350 students living in communities where Cargill operates received an award through the Cargill Community Scholarship Program. Students are selected based on academic achievement and leadership in school and community activities. Each year, approximately 2,000 students applied for the program. The National FFA administers this pro-



gram on behalf of Cargill, though recipients do not need to be FFA members.

Along with the Cargill Community Scholarship Program, the company also provided 50 scholarships for children of U.S. employees. All the programs contribute to Cargill's approach to corporate responsibility, which is a company-wide commitment to apply its global knowledge and experience to help meet complex economic, environmental and social challenges wherever it does business.

# PBS Awards

The Mound City R-2 School implemented the Positive, Behavior Support (PBS) program for students who are Pre-K through grade 12 during the 2011-2012 school year. The students listed below have demonstrated safe, respectful and responsible behaviors at all times and in all locations of school for the entire year. They are listed as follow:

### Elementary (Pre-K to 4th Grade)

Sophia Davis, Abby Gibson, Audrey Gibson, Ainsley Karr, Elizabeth Laukemper, Addison Lewis, Riley Lewis, Sydney Meadows, Corbin Miles, Reese Miles, Noah Oswald, KyRyein Panning, Brailey Poppa, Aviree Roup, Morgann Selleck, Joslin Ungles and Lane Zembles

### Middle School (5-8 Grades)

Maggie Caton, Malori Davis, Kendey Eaton, Syl-

via Foust, Harley Garman, Emma Gibson, Riley Holstine, Jessica Johnson, Montana Kunkel, Kyler Miles, Ashley Tudor, Emily Wedlock, Hannah Wedlock and Chandler Wilson

### High School (9-12)

Lena Ashford, Josie Bomar, Jackson Bowness, Kirstan Buckles, Torri Carroll, Haylee Clifton, Taylor Coker, Evan Gilland, Abby Haer, Chance Hollis, Dylan Honea, Jarrod Hurst, Brett Johnson, Josh Johnson, Zach Kahle, Jessica Kronenwett, Paige Kunkel, Kelton Kurtz, Ben Luna, Hayden Marrs, Carina Metzgar, Taylor Miles, Jordan Miller, Rikki Miller, Devin Nauman, Whisper Parrish, Alex Phillips, Elijah Poe, Timothy Runnels, Luke Sanders, Sarah Schoonover, Colton Smith, CJ Staples, Levi Staples, Sara Tunnell-Murphy and Ashley VanDerHeide.

**Congratulations  
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**Don & Joann  
Holstine**

# Nodaway-Holt R-VII High School honor rolls

Honor roll students at Nodaway-Holt R-VII in Graham, MO, for the second semester follow:

### 2nd Semester Seniors

High: Darcy Brown, Zach Lemar, Brandon Saxton, Josh Schafer, Kurt Shepard and Courtney Walker

Regular: Brett Henjes, Leta Kelley, Kirstie Long and Joshua Nielson

### Juniors

High: Krysta Beattie, Derek Lemon, Michella Linger, Amanda O'Riley, Britanny Shipp, Duston Wetzel and Dasen Wilmes

Regular: Justin Dearthmont, Logan Kenny, John Poppa and Stephen Schniedermeier

### Sophomores

High: Devin Albertson, Zach Callow, Darcie Gallagher, Ryan Ginther, Bailee

Lance, Buffie Lance, Nicholas Patterson, Megan Rosenbohm and Brice Shamberger

Regular: Stephanie Hardy, Brian Lance, Tristlynn Roberts and Brandi Walker

### Freshmen

High: Gus Coffelt and Cody Schniedermeier

Regular: Brandon Adkins, Jackson Beattie, Klay DeVault, Bailea Plummer, Keirnan Rich and Wade Saxton

### 8th Graders

High: Tabitha Ebrecht, Jaylee Holmes, Kristen Keith, Kevin Lance, Frankie Lemar, Brandon Newton, Skyler Peter, Cassidy Saxton, Samantha Shipp and Bobby Thacker

Regular: Ashley Brashears and Kennedy Sportsman

### 7th Graders

High: Macie Bohannon, Maddie Clement, Rachel Farmer, Maggie Fuhrman, Randy Harrison, Dakota Leeper and Ali Shewey

Regular: Nicole Albertson, James Chesnut, Samantha Keith, Maddie Lance and Kaiden Vance

### 6th Graders

High: Cole Alloway, Phoebe Gard, Kaitlynn Grasty, Hanna Lane and Tad Smock

Regular: Bryson Evans, Kaylynn George, Shandy Rauch and Cody Shewey


### 5th Graders

High: Michael Abrams, Tarik Barnard, Sidney Billings, Amanda Bohannon, Breanna Day, Corbin Doolin, Jadin Messner, Ashley Owens, Samantha Robison, Tillie Stanton, Zane Weston and Kailey Wilmes

Regular: Makayla George and Ian Sloniker

## Community Calendar

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- May 31 - Croakin' In The Creek at Squaw Creek Refuge - 6:30 p.m.
- June 1 - Farmers' Market in Lot East of McIntire Building Center - 4-6 p.m.
- June 2 - Relay for Life in Oregon - 12:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
- June 2 - "Excuse Me, Are You A Dragon?" at the State Theater - 2 p.m.
- June 2 - Bellevue School Reunion at United Methodist Church in Mound City - 6:30 p.m.
- June 4 - Friends of the Library at Mound City Library - 5 p.m.
- June 5 - Story Time at Mound City Library - 10:30 a.m.
- June 5 - Mound City City Council Meeting at Mound City City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- June 6 - Men's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program at 304 E. 4th St. in Mound City - 7-8 p.m.
- June 7 - Skunk Sense at Squaw Creek Refuge - 6:30 p.m.
- June 9 - Free Fishing Day at Squaw Creek Refuge - 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- June 11-15 & 18-22 - Theater Camp at State Theater

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*Deadline for Calendar Items is Monday Evening*

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## Several Missouri communities hit by 2011 floods to receive additional help in repairing, replacing damaged infrastructure, Gov. Nixon announces

*Nearly \$1.5 million in Community Development Block Grant awards will assist in a variety of public works' projects, help towns and counties continue to rebuild*

Gov. Jay Nixon recently announced that the state would provide nearly \$1.5 million in additional assistance to help several Missouri towns and counties in repairing or replacing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the devastating floods of 2011. Mississippi, Pemiscot and Wayne counties, as well as the towns of Bertrand, Big Lake, Craig, Glasgow, Hornersville and Morehouse, will receive a total of \$1,497,118 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

"Several Missouri communities endured devastating flooding during the spring and summer of 2011, and one year later, we continue to help local communities rebuild and restore," Gov. Nixon said. "This additional funding will help towns and counties across Missouri repair critical infrastructure damaged by the floods, such as roads, bridges and sewer systems. From the very beginning, I said we would continue to stand with the communities that were hit by disasters through the entire recovery process. Today's announcement shows that commitment continues unabated."

Eight of the nine projects announced also are receiving supplement funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the CDBG funding awarded by the state of Missouri will help cover the total cost of each project. The counties receiving CDBG funding include:

- Mississippi County had two bridges and one county road that were significantly

damaged by the floods. The county is receiving CDBG funding of \$684,924 to replace bridges 310 and 312 and remove debris from both areas, and to repair County Road 310. The county also is receiving a matching FEMA grant of \$1.9 million for the projects.

- Pemiscot County had two bridges and one county road significantly damaged. The county is receiving \$258,059 in CDBG funds to replace bridges 232 and 234, and to repair County Road 344. Pemiscot County also is receiving a matching FEMA grant of \$614,729.

- In Wayne County, the bridge over Clark Creek on County Road 335 was severely damaged. The bridge serves about 60 local residents, is on a school bus route and is frequently used by emergency vehicles. The county is receiving \$87,350 in CDBG funding to replace the bridge.

In addition, the governor announced block grant funding for six Missouri towns that experienced significant flooding last year:

- The City of Bertrand, in Mississippi County, which had damage to several city streets, will receive \$57,167 in CDBG funding for the needed repairs, plus a matching FEMA grant of \$70,328.

- The City of Big Lake, in Holt County, which experienced significant accumulation of debris in its drainage ditch system, will receive \$43,519 in CDBG funding to clean out the drainage ditches, as well as repair flood damage to the fire station and the water system. Big Lake also is receiving a matching FEMA grant of

\$62,607.

- The City of Craig, in Holt County, which sustained serious flood damage to its sewer system, is being awarded \$150,936 in CDBG funds to make repairs to the wastewater system and install new sewer pumps. The city also is receiving a matching FEMA grant of \$41,871.

- The City of Glasgow, in Howard County, which suffered serious flood damage to its city sewage lagoon from silt and sand, is receiving CDBG funding of \$158,419 to clean and repair the lagoon to restore it to full capacity, and also is receiving a matching FEMA grant of \$475,255.

- The City of Hornersville, in Dunklin County, which sustained flood damage to city streets, will receive \$39,942 in CDBG funds to repair the streets, plus a matching FEMA grant of \$58,026.

- The City of Morehouse, in New Madrid County, which suffered damage to its sewer system, is receiving CDBG funding of \$16,802 for the needed repairs, plus a matching FEMA grant of \$26,332.

This announcement is in addition to \$4.6 million in CDBG funding already announced by Gov. Nixon to assist Missouri communities with flood recovery. The total includes \$4,090,000 to 10 levee districts in Buchanan, Carroll, Holt and Platte counties to help meet the costs associated with repairing and rebuilding levees, and \$594,812 for repairs in four drainage districts in Atchison County.

## Holt County real estate transfers

Josh McAfee and Lindsey McAfee to Shawn D. Dozier and Lauren D. Dozier, Oregon, MO; Commencing at the West Quarter corner of Section 29, Township 60 North, Range 37 West, see record for full description.

Dennis P. Showalter and Teresa L. Showalter to Dennis P. Showalter, T.O.D., and Teresa L. Showalter, T.O.D., Craig, MO; Tract 1: Lot 6, and a strip of ground 15 feet wide and 150 feet long off of the Southeasterly side of Lot 5, in Block 1, T.B. Ward's Addition to the original town, now city of Craig, said strip of ground lying adjacent to and adjoining Lot 6 in said Block and said Addition. Tract 2: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of the Ward and Price Addition to the original town, now city of Craig. Tract 3: The West 90 feet of the North 24 feet of Lot 2, Block 2, in the original town, now the city of Mound City. Tract 4: All of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and also the Southeast 25 feet of Lot 16, all in Block 2, in Ward and Price Addition, an addition to the original town, now city of Craig.

Mound City Development Corporation to City of Mound City, MO; All of Tract D in Mitchell Addition in the city of Mound City.

Johnny L. Haer and Sheryl K. Haer to TWD Farms LLC, Craig, MO; All of a tract described as: Commencing at a point on the South bound-

ary line of Section 16, that is 660 feet West of the Quarter Section corner; then North 1,320 feet; thence West 660 feet; see record for full description.

William J. Kurtz to William J. Kurtz, T.O.D., St. Joseph, MO; One-fourth interest in and to: All of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, except the North 80.12 rods of the West half of said Southwest Quarter of Section 20, see record for full description.

Secretary of Veterans' Af-

fairs to Scott W. McCann, Craig, MO; All of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Holstine's Subdivision in the Village of Big Lake.

In Re: Survey for Garold Kurtz to Garold Kurtz; A tract of land in Section 36, Township 62, Range 39, and a tract of land in Section 31, Township 62, Range 38.

In Re: Survey for Tindal Sholtz to Tindal Sholtz; A tract of land in Holstine's 2nd Addition and a tract of land in Hall's Addition, both in the Village of Big Lake.

## Holt County Commission minutes

The Holt County Commission met Monday, May 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. with Presiding Commissioner Mark Sitherwood, First District Commissioner Bill Gordon and Second District Commissioner Don Holstine present.

O'Neil Long of rural Mound City appeared before the commission to discuss a roadway and right-of-way issue on Holt Road 210, where posts have been driven into the county road. He requested the commission intervene and correct the issue.

Carla Summa and Cathy Davis, representing Community Services of Holt County, presented informa-

tion about services provided through their office.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Daryl Biermann joined the commission to discuss roadway issues.

Brenda Nelson, R.N., Health Department Administrator, discussed ongoing dog bites in the county. Discussion was also held on inspection requirements for new businesses to open with food service. The Health Department contracts for environmental services with the St. Joseph, MO, Health Department.

Being no further business, the commission adjourned until Monday, May 21, 2012.

## Special Healthcare Needs Program assists local youth, families

The Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program provides assistance statewide for children and youth with special health care needs from birth to age 21. The program, which was founded in the 1920s, focuses on early identification and service coordination for children and youth who meet medical eligibility guidelines.

Children with special health care needs are those who have, or are at increased risk for, a disease, defect or medical condition that may hinder their normal physical growth and development. These children require health and related services that go beyond those required by children in general. Service coordination is provided free of charge, though the program does provide limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines.

Service coordinators Bernie Rogers and Denesha

Snell work with families in Andrew, Buchanan, Nodaway, Atchison, Holt, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Worth, Harrison, Daviess and Caldwell counties to identify their needs and provide access to a variety of resources including family support, educational support, respite, coordination of medical care and help with transition services.

Although the program has existed in the state of Missouri for nearly 80 years, Rogers believes many residents in northwest Missouri are unaware of the services available.

"The primary focus of the Children and Youth with Special Needs Program is to provide and promote family-centered, community-based coordinated care for children and youth with special health care needs," said Rogers. "Our goal is to increase visibility of this important program to families in northwest Missouri."

Both Rogers and Snell travel throughout the counties to meet with families on

a regular basis. They also present information about the program to school educators, Parents as Teachers and PTA organizations, churches, health care providers and others in the region which they serve.

"We offer access to appropriate community services, health care providers and education programs that best meet the needs of the child," said Snell. "We are able to provide guidance in decision-making to encourage the child's development at home, in the classroom and beyond. As the child ages, we offer support to make the transition to adult life, including health care, work, transportation and independence."

To be eligible for the program, an individual must be a Missouri resident between the ages of birth to 21 and have an eligible special health care condition. For more information about the program, call 1-800-451-0669, 816-513-6143 or visit [health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn](http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn).

## Holt County traffic violations

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

- Kimberly L. Booth-** Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on May 5, 2012. Case disposed on May 23, 2012. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

- Michael J. Brown-** Of Lincoln, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on April 20, 2012. Case disposed on May 18, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

- David C. Clark-** Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on April 23, 2012. Case disposed on May 18, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

- Israhel Cruz-** Of South Sioux City, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Mph). Case filed on March 29, 2012. Case disposed on May 21, 2012. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

- James C. Esterbrook-** Of Lancaster, OH, Failed To Drive Within Right Lane Of Hwy With 2 Or More Lanes In Same Direction. Case filed on March 11, 2012. Case disposed on May 21, 2012. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

- Roger L. Fiola-** Of Ste. Anne, Manitoba, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on May 4, 2012. Case disposed on May 18, 2012. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

- Steven Allen Hale-** Of Mound City, MO, Failure To Register Mtr Vehicle. Case filed on April 17, 2012. Case disposed on May 22, 2012. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

- Brian Dean Harris-** Of

Dearborn, MO, Driver/Front Seat Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt. Case filed on April 23, 2012. Case disposed on May 22, 2012. Fine Amount: \$10.00.

- Kersten E. Higgins-** Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 16-19 Mph). Case filed on April 10, 2012. Case disposed on May 17, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

- Eugene Forrest Kanatzar-** Of Mound City, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 16-19 Mph). Case filed on April 30, 2012. Case disposed on May 21, 2012. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

- Rachel J. Mayfield-** Of St. Joseph, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20-25 Mph). Case filed on April 8, 2012. Case disposed on May 22, 2012. Fine Amount: \$155.50.

- Don Dannie Parris II-** Of Summerville, GA, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Lbs. Case filed on March 29, 2012. Case disposed on May 17, 2012. Fine Amount: \$159.00.

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## 700th Safe & Sound Bridge recently completed

Northwest Missouri celebrated the completion of the 700th Safe & Sound bridge on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) celebrated this milestone with a ribbon cutting on

Route C in Holt County at the Mid Branch Squaw Creek bridge near Mound City, MO.

The Holt County Commissioners, along with MoDOT District Engineer Don Wichern and Area Engineer Mike Rinehart, joined together to cut the official ribbon on the bridge, which opened to traffic that afternoon.

The Route C bridge closed to traffic on March 19 for a bridge replacement project. The construction was completed in 43 days. This marks the 12th Safe & Sound bridge completed in Holt County.

The Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program is replacing 190 bridges in northwest Missouri. Currently in northwest Missouri, eight bridges are under construction and the remaining 27 bridge projects are expected to be completed by this fall.

For a complete list of bridges included in the Safe & Sound Program in northwest Missouri, visit the following webpage: [www.modot.mo.gov/northwest/safeandsound/index2.htm](http://www.modot.mo.gov/northwest/safeandsound/index2.htm).

# DNA reveals different origins for Missouri mountain lions

Four cougars seen in Missouri came from three states

DNA test results show that four mountain lions seen in Missouri last year came from three western states, illustrating the species' capacity for long-distance travel.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) confirmed 14 mountain lion sightings in 2011. That was a sharp increase from the previous 16 years, when MDC was able to document only 12 cougar sightings.

Four of the 2011 sightings yielded hair or tissue samples adequate for DNA testing. Eleven western states maintain databases of mountain lion DNA. Comparing the genetic makeup of cougars found in Missouri enables biologists to learn if they came from one of these states.

DNA tests tied two young male cougars to the Black Hills area of South Dakota. One was shot by a raccoon hunter in Ray County in January, 2011. A Texas County homeowner shot the other one in September.

DNA from the young male mountain lion killed by coyote hunters in Macon County in January, 2011, was traced to central Montana. The remaining cougar, which left a tuft of hair on a barbed-wire fence after crossing the road in front of a motorist in Oregon County, was related to mountain lions from Colorado. DNA showed the Oregon County cat also was a male.

"Large carnivores have big home ranges," says Resource Scientist Jeff Beringer, "and males disperse long distances in search of females. It seems logical that the rate of dispersal would be greater when cats have repopulated available habitat in neighboring states, but there is also an innate drive to travel."

2011 remains a puzzling aberration in Missouri's mountain lion history. The largest number of sightings documented by MDC in any previous year was two, in 2006 and 2010. MDC has confirmed two sightings so far this year.

"Increased public awareness and the growing popularity of trail cameras might account for part of the increase in sightings," says Beringer, "but last year's spike is hard to explain. What we now know for sure is that mountain lions are traveling a long way to get here."

All wildlife is protected under the provisions of the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*. However, the code provides for the taking

of wildlife during prescribed hunting and trapping seasons and under other circumstances, such as when mountain lions are attacking or killing livestock or domestic animals or threatening human safety. MDC has not stocked mountain lions in Missouri and has no plans to do so.

MDC has established a

Mountain Lion Response Team to gather mountain lion reports and investigate those for which there is physical evidence. One can report sightings by email to [mountain.lion@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:mountain.lion@mdc.mo.gov). For information about mountain lions in Missouri, visit [mdc.mo.gov/node/4168](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/4168) or [mdc.mo.gov/node/3505](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/3505).

## Conservation notes

Earlier this month, the 2012 Spring Turkey Season ended and, overall, the state harvested 2,120 more birds than last year for a total of 40,447. When combined with the 2012 Youth Season, the total increased to 44,766. The Northwest Region harvested 5,260 birds, up from 4,828 last year. Holt County finished with 339 birds. Furthermore, the Holt County harvest is broken down by category, with 296 adult gobblers, 7 bearded hens, and 26 juvenile gobblers harvested. The total for Holt County alone is a 10 percent increase from the 2011 Spring Turkey Season.

Overall, the state harvest was up due to the increased hatch and survival of poult last summer. Even though the Northwest Region saw an increase, it was among the lowest in the state. Evidence of this can be seen in low harvest numbers of juvenile gobblers. The Missouri Department of Conservation Turkey Biologist, Jason Isabelle, stated that, after a successful hatch as seen across most of Missouri, juvenile gobblers can make up 20 to 30 percent of the harvest total. The statewide percentage

was 28. Here in the region, the juvenile gobblers consisted of 19 percent of the harvest and in Holt County it was 10 percent.

The early start to spring provided some pleasant weather for hunters to be afield, but provided more challenging hunting with the early green-up of the forest, decreasing visibility. Consequently, the Department of Conservation recorded four non-fatal firearms-related turkey hunting incidents. These incidences can be directly related to hunter judgment mistakes by not positively identifying a target before shooting.

Other notable news for the state includes the start of the upcoming squirrel season. The season for grey and fox squirrels runs from May 26 through February 15, 2013. To legally take squirrels, hunters need to obtain a small game permit from one of the local vendors or by visiting [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and following the links to purchase an e-permit. As a reminder, 2011 small game permits expired on February 29, 2012, and this expiration date can be found at the top center of every permit.

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Swimming pool alive with activity

The Mound City swimming pool- Opened for the summer under 90 degree plus conditions on Sunday, May 27. The pool hosted large crowds the first two days it was open, as young people were eager to go for that first swim of the season. On Monday, a smaller crowd was present, but swimmers were still having lots of fun. Pictured above, in the back, Emily Tubbs, left, was being coaxed by 'big brother' Connor Tubbs toward the mushroom fountain. In front, brother Seth Oswald, left, preferred to stay on the side of the pool, while 'big brother', John, right, repeatedly showed him how to jump in and go under.

## Junior golf tournament to be held in Tarkio June 22

A junior golf tournament will be held Friday, June 22, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Tarkio Golf Course located at 1107 Poplar in Tarkio, MO. Boys and girls who have completed the third grade through seniors in high school are eligible to participate. Tarkio R-I golf coaches, Jill Lenz and Luke Cox, are directors of the tournament that is sponsored by the Mule Barn Theatre Guild. Registration forms are available at area golf clubs or by calling 660-736-5785. The deadline is Tuesday, June 12. Lunch will be provided.

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