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Halloween party and weiner roast to be held in Craig

The Craig community will be hosting a Halloween party and weiner roast at East Third and Frame streets in Craig, MO, on Wednesday, October 31, from 5-7 p.m. Spooky trunks for the event along the street are wanted and parking begins at 4:30 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Craig Church of the Nazarene. For more information, contact Chris Strecker at 660-683-5474, or Verdie Knaak at 660-442-6426.

Tri-City Friendship Center potato bar October 28

The Tri-City Friendship Center in Maitland, MO, will be hosting a potato bar at the Maitland Nutrition Center on Sunday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal will include a baked potato with all the toppings, salads, pies and a drink. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

All proceeds will go toward continuation of program services.

Parent/teacher conferences to be held October 25

Parents and guardians of Mound City R-2 students will have the chance to meet their child's teachers and discuss his or her progress throughout the quarter. Parent/teacher conferences will be held Thursday, October 25, from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Mound City school. School will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on October 25. There will be no school at Mound City R-2 on Friday, October 26.

"Rave On! The Buddy Holly Experience" to kick off theater season October 28

The State Theater in Mound City, MO, is kicking off its 24th season with "Rave On! The Buddy Holly Experience" on Sunday afternoon, October 28, at 3 p.m. This show reinvents the ordinary tribute show with an electrifying, high-energy, rock n' roll extravaganza featuring America's premier Buddy Holly interpreter, Billy McGuigan, who is a legendary rocker.

Tickets are on sale at all banks in Mound City and Bank CBO in Oregon. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students K-age 16. Door prices are \$20 for adults. One may also call the theater box office at 660-442-5909 and leave a message for tickets or leave a message at 816-294-4016.



Duck hunting for the very first time- Proved a delight for this unique group of duck hunters. The two children, their military father and their guide were all out before the sun came out on Saturday morning, October 20, just southwest of Bigelow, MO, as part of the "Big Muddy Duck Hunt". Pictured above, left to right, were: Katie Denny, Chuck Denny, Tommy Denny, Bill Hutting and Sam (the dog).

"The Big Muddy Duck Hunt"

The Missouri Department of Conservation sponsored a Youth Duck Hunting Clinic, that has been dubbed the 'First Annual Big Muddy Duck Hunt'. The event was held on Friday and Saturday, October 19-20. The event was an effort to provide an opportunity for parents in the military to teach, train and enjoy the sport of duck hunting with their children. The parents were part of the 139th Air Wing Unit of the Missouri Air National Guard at Rosecrans in St. Joseph, MO.

The clinic began on Friday evening, as the 15 kids, along with their parents or guardians, arrived at Missouri Western State University's Trap Range in St. Joseph. Firearm safety and orientation were given at the range, before the youth were given the opportunity to shoot at live clay pigeons.

The group then travelled to the Department of Conservation's northwest office where the group was instructed on duck hunting calls, strategies, identification, regulations and waterfowl habitat and management.

On Saturday morning, the first day of the youth duck hunting season, the group descended on Sportsman's Lodge in Bigelow, MO, where the groups of children and parents paired up with duck hunting guides for a morning of 'live' practice. The groups were taken out to various duck blinds that had been offered by various hunters and duck clubs for the clinic.

Chuck Denny, of the 139th Air Wing Unit, and his two children, Katie and Tommy, attended the clinic from Maysville, MO. Both of the children had been deer hunting before, but had never

been duck hunting. They were excited about the hunt stating that 'it was easier to see the ducks, but they're a lot faster'. Tommy also really enjoyed doing the duck calling.

Locally, some of the volunteers for guide service and donated blinds were Brad Dodson with Dodson Duck Haven, Bill Hutting with Web Foot, Paul Geisenhagen, Jr. with Napier Duck Club, Gary Parker Monback Duck Club, Roger Faber, Andy Christman, Devin Streu, Russ Shifflett and Marty Marks.

The conservation department hopes to grow this annual event. The capacity to double the enrollment is possible for next year. Agents were pleased with every aspect of the new venture and feel it was a very rewarding experience for all.



Neighbor helping neighbor extends borders

Rick Nutzman, 59, of Falls City, NE, moved his equipment from his Falls City farming operation to the ground he owns and operates just south of Fortescue, MO, to begin the harvest of his 600 acres of soybeans. What he hadn't planned, however, was a combine accident that put him in the hospital where he underwent two surgeries. Nor, would he have suspected that those vast acres of soybeans would be quickly harvested by a group of friends and neighbors from both sides of the river.

Rick Nutzman and his hired man, Jake Ankrom, had just had a field visit from Rick's dad, who had come to see the progress being made. As Rick's dad prepared to leave, Rick and Jake turned back toward the combine and were both struck and thrust into the soybean reel from behind. Rick's dad had inadvertently had the car in drive instead of reverse as he prepared to back away from the combine.

The Atchison-Holt ambulance and other emergency professionals quickly whisked Rick and Jake to Heartland Regional Medi-

cal Center in St. Joseph, MO. Jake was treated and released that same evening with extensive bruising. Rick suffered more extensive injuries and underwent a several hour surgery. Surgeons had to make a large incision to examine the damage done at the site of three deep puncture holes to his abdomen that remarkably had left no organs punctured. Both arms, however, suffered extensive breaks. One was repaired that evening, and the other in a surgery on Monday, October 22.

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General Election 2012 is November 6

The November General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at various polling places throughout the county. A sample ballot appears in this week's edition of the *Mound City News*. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Top among the items on the ballot is the race for the United States President. Running against incumbents, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, are Republican candidates Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. The Libertarian candidates are Gary Johnson and James P. Gray, and Constitution candidates are Virgil Goode and Jim Clymer.

The race for U. S. Senator is being run by Democrat Claire McCaskill, Republican Todd Akin and Libertarian Jonathan Dine.

Democratic Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon is running for a second term in office as Missouri's governor. Running against him are Republican candidate David (Dave) Spence, and Jim Higgins, Libertarian candidate.

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor include: Democrat Susan Montee, Republican Peter Kinder, Libertarian Matthew Copple and Constitution Cynthia L. Davis.

Missouri Secretary of State, Robin Carnahan, will

be replaced by one of these candidates: Democrat Jason Kander, Republican Shane Schoeller, Libertarian Cisse W. Spragins, or Constitution Justin Harter.

Incumbent Clint Zweifel is running for another term on the Democratic ticket for Missouri's State Treasurer. Running on the Republican ticket is Cole McNary, and on the Libertarian ticket is Sean O'Toole.

Missouri's attorney general's office is being sought by Democratic incumbent Chris Koster. Ed Martin opposes him on the Republican ticket, and Dave Browning on the Libertarian ticket.

The 6th district U. S. Representative office is a race against Republican incumbent Sam Graves. Kyle Yarber opposes him on the Democratic ticket, and Russ Lee Monchil on the Libertarian ticket.

Races that are unopposed include: State Representative District 1- Mike Thomson; and Circuit 4 Judge-Roger Prokes. Holt County's unopposed positions are: 1st District County Commissioner- Bill Gordon; 2nd District County Commissioner- David Carroll; Sheriff- Scott Wedlock; Assessor- LaDonna Jones; Public Administrator- Ed Meng; and Coroner- Susan Lentz.

Lawsuit against county assessor dismissed

On June 15, 2012, Roger Hurlbert, president of Sage Information Services, filed a lawsuit against Holt County Assessor, Carla Markt, regarding what he claimed to be an exorbitant cost for a digital copy of public records housed at the Holt County courthouse in Oregon, MO.

Hurlbert maintained the records should be able to be obtained for what he stated was a minimal fee of \$18. When he asked, however, Carla Markt quoted him the price of \$7,200 (which would be \$1 per parcel) for the service.

Because Sage Information Services wanted the information formatted to its own specifications, and the Holt County Assessor was not able to supply that request, Hurlbert was encouraged to pursue the request via the county's software programmer, Devnet. The case against Carla Markt was subsequently dropped. Devnet had to write an entire new program in order to provide the requested documentation. Devnet charged Sage accordingly (which he paid).

"The Sunshine Law is antiquated in regard to charges," commented Carla Markt. Markt, who cited her research showed the cost

charge of \$.10 per sheet in 1974. "There has not been a change since 1974 or earlier in regard to charge rates. The conflict arose because the statutes have not stayed up to date with the services of delivering data information. Also, while the data can be given in digital form, it can only be received in its original formatted state."

Assessors across the state of Missouri are working together to develop a pricing schedule for data information. Other counties across Missouri have also been sued in recent months by Sage Information Services. In addition, other states throughout the nation have undergone lawsuits of a similar nature.

The case in Holt County, however, was settled and dismissed on October 12. A complimentary letter to the editor with regard to both Carla Markt and Holt County attorney, Jean Maneke, was submitted by Roger Hurlbert to the *Mound City News*, which appears this week.

The Holt County Assessor is able to furnish any requested public record via a hard copy, or via a digital copy (or shape file) that utilizes the capabilities of the county's software program.