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THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 28 • 2013

Fifth annual BIG Book Sale

Get in on the fun at Friends of the Mound City Library's fifth annual Big Book Sale Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, at The Klub in Mound City.

Organized and staffed by the Friends, the sale features duplicates and older books culled from the library to make room for new books. The group again is asking for donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and tapes, which also will be offered at the sale.

Deliver donations directly to The Klub and take advantage of the pre-sale open only to members of the Friends group who help set up between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, March 7. Annual membership fees are just \$10 for individuals and \$25 for a family, so get in on the early shopping by paying dues, if not already paid.

The sale starts at 4 p.m. Friday, March 8, and is open until 8 p.m. It then resumes at 8 a.m. Saturday and runs until 3 p.m. or until all the books are sold.

All proceeds from book sales and other fundraising events held by the Friends are used for library activities and improvements.

South Holt Rec. Board to host trivia tournament and silent auction

Put on your thinkin' caps and show everyone what you know! The South Holt Recreation Board will be hosting a trivia tournament and silent auction at the King and Proud Roadhouse in Oregon, MO, on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. Twelve rounds of questions will be presented with light refreshments.

Teams may consist of no more than six adults. The trivia tournament is not open to those under the age of 21. Please sign up by calling Landi Quinlin at 660-446-2787 or by using the South Holt Pool Facebook page. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to play, regardless of ability! The questions will include a wide variety of categories to include a wide range of personalities. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new pool pump.



Goose & Duck Numbers on the Refuge

As of 2/25/13
GEESE - 46,880
DUCKS - 5,487

1st Annual Goose Fest this Saturday

The 1st Annual Goose Fest Goose Guru Memorial will be held on Saturday, March 2, at The Klub in Mound City beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The fundraising event is designed as a tribute benefit in honor of the late Shawn Eldredge, also known as 'the Goose Guru'. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation to benefit the "Big Muddy Duck Hunt" in Holt County.

The evening starts with so-

cial hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner of pan seared balsamic chicken and roast beef from 6:30-7:30 p.m. A remember the "Guru" is planned for 7:30-8:30 p.m. The band, Swift Kik, will provide entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m.

A ticket for the entire evening is \$25. Those arriving for just the band will be assessed a \$10 cover charge.

Sponsors for the event include: Bushnell, Finl Approach, The Klub, STM Duck Calls and Open Season Gun Shop.



The Craig, MO, Post Office- Looked uninhabited during the winter storm that passed through the area on Thursday, February 21. Weather, however, doesn't rank highly among issues postal patrons are facing with decreasing mail services.

Postal patrons to experience more postal changes

The snow that whirled through the Holt County area on Thursday, February 21, caused a bit of difficulty with mail delivery. The Craig, MO, Post Office looked uninhabited on Thursday afternoon during the storm. The weather, however, doesn't rank highly among issues postal patrons face with mail services. Cuts in local post office hours and the newest announcement over mail delivery rank among the top issues for postal patrons.

The U.S. Postal Service has been cutting hours at post offices across the nation since 2012 in an effort to cut costs. These cuts have affected all seven post offices utilized by Holt County patrons. The current hours at each of these post offices are as follow:

Craig: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (effective Monday, February 25); Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Forest City: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Graham: Monday-Friday, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Saturday, 12:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Maitland: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Mound City: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Oregon: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Skidmore: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Satur-

day, 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Additionally, the United States Postal Service announced plans on Wednesday, February 6, to transition to a new delivery schedule during the week of August 5, 2013. This new plan includes package delivery Monday through Saturday, but mail delivery will take place only on Monday through Friday. Only mail to Post Office boxes will be available on Saturdays. The Postal Service expects the one day mail omission to generate cost savings of approximately \$2 billion annually, once the plan is fully implemented.

"The Postal Service is advancing an important new approach to delivery that reflects the strong growth of our package business and responds to the financial realities resulting from America's changing mailing habits," said Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO. "We developed this approach by working with our customers to understand their delivery needs and by identifying creative ways to generate significant cost savings."

Once implemented during August of 2013, mail delivery to street addresses will occur Monday through Friday. Packages will continue to be delivered six days per week. Mail addressed to PO Boxes will continue to be delivered on Saturdays. Post Offices currently open on Saturdays will remain open on Saturdays.



Lady Panthers are District 16 Champions

The Mound City Lady Panthers- Showed their emotion after soundly defeating the Nodaway-Holt Lady Trojans in the District 16 Championship game on Saturday, February 23, in Graham, MO. The excited trio of seniors (holding the plaque), #24 Carina Metzgar, #22 Alex Phillips and #20 Haylee Clifton, claimed the championship after winning, 65-35. Thirty-five seemed to be the number of doom for all of the Lady Panthers' opponents in the district tournament. Mound City defeated West Nodaway in first round action, 53-35, and in semifinal action defeated Oregon, 50-35. Other members of the team include, Kendey Eaton (left), Lena Ashford #14, Emily Wedlock #32, Eryn Acton, Kenzie Ashford, Jessica Johnson and Mae Sanders.

For complete coverage of the district basketball tournament see pages 10-11



The Attic Beauty, Barber and Bronzing Bed owner's husband, Dennis Showalter- Was out shoveling the big piles of snow on Friday, February 22, left after the winter storm that passed through on Thursday. More than 4 inches of blowing snow fell across northwest Missouri. Areas to the south recorded accumulations of up to 12 inches.

Two winter storms move through Mound City and surrounding area

Two winter storms moved through Mound City and the surrounding area within a week's time, the first on Thursday, February 21, and the second on Tuesday, February 26. Both storms were predicted to be powerful events. Mound City did not receive as much snow as anticipated in the first storm, however, what did come on Thursday closed several businesses in town.

The widespread event on Thursday reached across the central United States dropping snow, sleet and freezing rain as well as bringing strong winds. With predictions of snow accumulation anywhere from six to 18 inches, Mound City received approximately four inches of snow with Kansas City, MO, receiving anywhere from 10 to 12 inches. Areas to the

south of Kansas City received snow, sleet and freezing rain.

Scheduled to begin in the early morning hours of Thursday, February 21, snow began falling shortly after 8 a.m. in the Mound City area. By noon on Thursday, around three inches had already fallen and strong winds hit the area making visibility near "white-out" conditions. By shortly after noon, several businesses to include Kwik Zone, McDonald's, and the banks in Mound City had closed with school being dismissed before noon. Other schools in the area to include Craig, South Holt and Nodaway-Holt, did not have school on Thursday. None of the Holt County schools were in session on Friday.

Snow continued through

the early afternoon hours. More snow fell on Thursday night, but accumulations remained in the three to five inch range throughout the county. Strong winds and drifting snow made driving hazardous and caused some roads to drift shut. There were several event cancellations as well as the postponement of high school district basketball games.

The second storm began around 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday in Mound City. Snowfall picked up later in the morning and several inches had accumulated by noon, as the storm continued to deposit snow. Due to drifting conditions, Nodaway-Holt School let out before noon. The storm, still at full throttle by press time, had dumped nearly another foot of snow south around Kansas City.

SNOW. SNOW. SNOW

Holt County traffic violations

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

Jon Martin Wennihan- Of Craig, MO, Operated Motor Carrier Vehicle with Reducing Damage/Vision/Discoloration/Glazing Covered. Case filed on January 21, 2013. Case disposed on February 8, 2013. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Joseph Spencer Whitehead- Of St. Joseph, MO, Failed To Drive Within Right Lane Of Hwy With 2 or More Lanes In Same Direction. Case filed on January 16, 2013. Case disposed on February 8, 2013. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Elijah J. Wise- Of Omaha, NE, Driver/Front Seat Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety

Belt. Case filed on January 15, 2013. Case disposed on February 10, 2013. Fine Amount: \$10.00.

Merna M. Abernathy- Of Omaha, NE, Driver/Front Seat Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt. Case filed on January 23, 2013. Case disposed on February 14, 2013. Fine Amount: \$10.00.

Pedro De Andres- Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded by 11 - 15 mph). Case filed on January 26, 2013. Case disposed on February 20, 2013. Fine Amount: \$55.50.

Pedro De Andres- Of Omaha, NE, Operate Vehicle on highway without a valid license - first offense. Case filed on January 26, 2013. Case disposed on February 20, 2013. Fine Amount: \$80.50.



The winter snowstorm- That dropped four inches of snow in Mound City on Thursday, February 21, had locals diligently working to remove the snow as it accumulated. Nearly white-out conditions prevailed as winds picked up later in the day, greatly reducing visibility.



Snowy conditions cause wreck

Snowy conditions caused this semi truck and trailer- To jackknife at the interchange of highways 159 and 111 late Tuesday morning, February 26. The Missouri Highway Patrol had already responded to the wreck, where no injuries were expected to be reported. Snow accumulations and drifting during the second winter storm in a week made driving hazardous.

Accident on I-29

A one-vehicle accident occurred on Sunday morning, February 24, 2013, at approximately 10:38 a.m., on I-29 three miles north of Mound City. A 2013 Peterbilt tractor and trailer, driven by Robert P. Blanton, age 52, of Adamsville, TN, was traveling northbound on I-29. The Peterbilt tractor and trailer drove off the east side of the roadway, struck a culvert and came to rest upright off the roadway, facing northwest. Blanton reported minor injuries and was transported by the Holt County EMS to Community Hospital-Fairfax, MO. He was wearing a seat belt. The Peterbilt received extensive damage and was towed by Benefiel's Tow of Hamburg, IA. Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper C.J. Sullivan investigated the accident. He was assisted by Trooper J.L. Vernon.

Holt County traffic violations

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

Carl Edward Blackshire- Of Arlington, TX, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded by 16 - 19 mph). Case filed on January 26, 2013. Case disposed on February 14, 2013. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Chelsea Elizabeth Callahan- Of Independence, MO, Operated Motor Vehicle with Vision Reducing Material Applied to Windshield/Excess Vision Reducing Material Applied to Side Window. Case filed January 13, 2013. Case disposed on February 15, 2013. Fine Amount: \$30.50.

Jose Cano-Vargas- Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded by 16 - 19 mph). Case filed on January 20, 2013. Case disposed on February 19, 2013. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Kacey Lee Caviness- Of Oak Grove, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded by 16 - 19 mph). Case filed on January 12, 2013. Case disposed on February 16, 2013. Fine Amount: \$80.50.

Samuel Leon Copeland- Of Billings, MT, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded by 11 - 15 mph). Case filed on January 17, 2013. Case disposed on February 19, 2013. Fine Amount: \$55.50.



The Mound City Super 8- Saw a full house during the snowstorm that swept through the area on Thursday, February 21. Blowing snow made for low visibility and traffic began pulling off the interstate into Mound City.

1st Annual Goose Fest Goose Guru Memorial Saturday, March 2, 2013

at **The Klub**
Restaurant
North End Of Nebraska St., Mound City, MO



Come help us remember the 'Goose Guru', Shawn Eldredge.

All funds raised from auction/raffle will be going to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, to benefit the "Big Muddy Duck Hunt" in Holt County serving the youth.

Event open to public. Only buffet served.

Entire Evening - \$25

Social Hour - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Buffet includes pan seared balsamic chicken and roast beef.
Remembering the "Guru" - 7:30-8:30 p.m.

After 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. -

\$10 Cover Charge for Swift Kik (if not already paid)

Event Sponsored By:

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MONDAYS - 3X POINTS 9 a.m.-Noon!

"Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly 2 p.m.-10 p.m.

TUESDAYS - PRIME TIME TUESDAYS!

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WEDNESDAYS - "Hot Seat Drop the Puck"

Drawings to win up to \$200 in Promo Cash, hourly 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

"Drop the Puck" - Drawings to win up to \$200 in Promo Cash, hourly 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

THURSDAYS - 3X Points 9 a.m.-Noon!

"Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$100 in Promo Cash Drawings, hourly 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Drawings to win \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly 5 p.m.-11 p.m.

FRIDAYS - "SPIN THE WHEEL"

Drawings to win up to \$200 in Promo Cash, hourly 7 p.m.-2 a.m.

SATURDAYS - "WHIRL WIND MACHINE"

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\$400 CASH Drawings every half hour, 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

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