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## New emergency snow removal policy in effect

The Fairfax City Council met on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at city hall. Those in attendance were: Willis Weedin, mayor; Pam O'Riley, alderman; John Vernon, alderman; Scott Smith, alderman; Jack Kruse, alderman; Cheryl Brown, from Bank Midwest; Rhonda Ball, deputy clerk; John Brown, city employee; Alva Stoner, city employee; Eric Davis, fireman; Rick Kemerling, fireman; and Brett Johnson, fireman.

Cheryl Brown from Bank Midwest was present to discuss banking business. Todd Fogg of Fairfax will be removing debris from the

city streets due to the ice storm. The deadline to have debris lined up along side the street for pickup is Monday, March 3. Once the crew has gone down the road they will not come back and pick up again.

Safety issues were discussed dealing with the removal of snow on the streets people are asked to stay away while city workers are clearing the streets.

The City of Fairfax passed a new snow ordinance. From November through March the city will automatically have an emergency snow removal policy in effect. This means during these months, when snow is possible or in the forecast, residents will not be able to park on the streets. If vehicles are left on the streets the city will not be responsible for any accidents do to residents leaving their vehicle's on the streets. The city will also have the authority to have the vehicle towed away at the resident's cost. This ordinance went into effect on Saturday, February 9, 2008. The community room at the fire house was discussed.

## Deadline for brush pickup

The City of Fairfax has set Monday, March 3, 2008, as the deadline to have brush ready to be picked up. The brush must be lined up along the street. Once the crew has gone down the road they will NOT come back and pick up again. For more information please contact city hall at 660-686-3520.



### Firemen host fish and chicken fry

**Enjoying supper** - The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department hosted a fish and chicken fry on Saturday, February 16, 2008. All proceeds from the event will help purchase necessary items for the department.

## Economic development meeting

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council Of Governments (NWMORCOG) held an informative meeting discussing northwest Missouri economic development on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at the Resource Center in Tarkio. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), provides partial funding for the NWMORCOG and requires that a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) be developed and submitted every five years. The public's input is necessary to properly plan for future economic development and quality of life improvements in northwest Missouri. The last plan developed was in 2001. Data is collected from a five-county region.

Attendees, including Will Johnson, Curt Livengood, Lori Seymour, Kent Fisher, Myra Evans, Marlin Logan, Larry Hicks, and Betsy Chapin, discussed several aspects of economic development in Atchison County and the surrounding areas with NWMORCOG representative, Arnie Kreek.

The group discussed the strengths of economic development in this region, including: local organizations founded to increase develop-

ment in the area and make communities a better place to live, such as Atchison County Development Corporation (ACDC), Tarkio Development, and Tarkio Renewal; Community Hospital, Fairfax; Gould Peterson Municipal Airport and the railroad; the wind farms and Midwest Data technology; the quality work force and the fact that this area has pretty good schools; communities working together and the lower cost of living; low crime rate and rural living and the quality of life; the college campus; lower taxes compared to others in neighboring states; agricultural issues; having Tarkio resident, U.S. Congressman Sam Graves, fighting for the county and its development; the nuclear plant in Brownville, NE, which employs many, including local residents, and also boosts local economies with employees living and

shopping in the area; and the fireworks' stores which bring in a great amount of revenue during the Fourth of July season.

The group also discussed the weaknesses of this rural area, including: not enough job opportunities, housing, and recreation; water supply; the empty campus with the aging infrastructure and buildings; the aging workforce/population with declining population; the negative/resistant to change attitudes some people have; the flood plain; and the fact that kids are educated here but go someplace else for college and then don't come back to this area to live.

Even in a declining area, there still lies opportunities to make the community better. Some of these opportunities discussed were: the college campus, which if used again, could bring major

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## Local woman loses her life in one-vehicle accident

A Tarkio, MO, woman, Genie K. Perry, age 42, was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Sunday, February 17, 2008, at 6:30 a.m. on Route N, five miles east of Fairfax, MO, in Atchison County.

The accident occurred when Perry's vehicle, a 2003 GMC Yukon, was headed southbound on Route N and skidded off the east side of the roadway. The Yukon overturned one time, coming to rest on its top, ejecting Perry, who was not wearing a seat belt. Perry was pronounced dead at the scene by Atchison County Deputy Coroner

Shawn Minter at 8:40 a.m. Her body was taken to Davis Funeral Home in Tarkio by the Atchison County Coroner. Next of kin was notified. The 2003 GMC Yukon was totaled and towed from the scene by Benefiel's of Hamburg, IA.

The accident was investigated by Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. M.A. Quilty, who was assisted by the Atchison County Sheriff's Department, the Atchison-Holt Ambulance District, and the Fairfax Fire Department. Perry's death is the fifth fatality in Troop H in 2008.

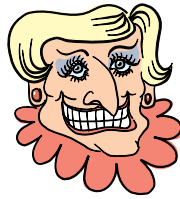


### Enjoying a dance together

**Annual Girl Scout event** - Pictured above is Jon Graves, left, as he enjoys a dance with his daughter, Jesse, during the Girl Scout father/daughter dance held at the American Legion Building in Tarkio, MO, on Saturday evening, February 18, 2008.

## Early dismissal

The Fairfax R-3 School District will dismiss at 2:18 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, for a teacher in-service. School will resume at its regularly scheduled time on Thursday, February 28.



## Ask Elsie Fae

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## Make early reservations for alumni banquet

It's never too early to make reservations for the Fairfax Alumni Banquet! First person to register who lives more than 30 miles away from Fairfax receives a prize at the banquet. Watch for more alumni news in upcoming issues of the *Fairfax Forum*! Reservations cost \$10 each. Please mail to Lisa Mitchell, 505 North 5th St., Fairfax MO 64446.

## Kiwanis Club news

The Fairfax Kiwanis Club met on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at the Methodist Church in Fairfax with 17 members and two guests present. Guests included Nancy Athen and Larry Stewart.

Ferd Ray introduced his former co-worker, Larry Stewart of Maryville, MO, as the guest speaker. Mr. Stewart works for Aquila. He spoke about the company and how they dealt with the December ice storm. The company had only one employee injured and they took care of 15,000 customers during that storm.

### AROUND THE PICKLE BARREL

I may have made a serious mistake when I asked Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Humphrey to act as reporters for me.

My first report from Dr. Carpenter contained a word that has never passed my lips, or dropped in ink from my pen. (I'm a prude at heart.) However, I will try to pass his news report on to you without the troubling word. See if you can figure it out.

Roger and Suzanne Southard went to the Maryville Sale Barn to buy bred heifers. While sitting in the bleachers Suzanne was seized by a spell of "personal summer". She borrowed Roger's bidding card and started fanning.

When the sale was over, she found she had bought a pickup load of straw in 1/2 bales, a billy goat, and a \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey cow. You will have to fill in the blank.

Since as a girl (or a woman) I didn't spend a lot of time with the boys down at the Pool Hall, it stands to reason that I cannot print Doc's other story. But, go see Doctor Carpenter. He'll be glad to tell you the report I censored.

### SICK BAY

#### FAIRFAX HOSPITAL

Brad Howe, the hospital's exercising machine, came bounding into Edna's room with a ho, ho, ho and a ha, ha, ha. This beardless Santa Claus said he's been told that he has a funny face, so he thought he should try to be funny.

Edna says if he thinks making her walk with a

mended broken hip is funny, he has "another think coming".

His side kick, Carla Bradshaw, puts Edna through her paces, and she's not funny, but she's nice.

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One day after my sister Edna began to improve, she began our visit with the announcement that she had planned my funeral.

Startled I said, "You're the one in the hospital." That information meant nothing to her, and she continued to lay out her plans for when I'm laid out.

It is not in my nature to keep a thing like that quiet, so I have told everyone I've met about Edna's funeral plans for me.

Cheryl Chastain was so intrigued that she suggested that she and Edna go into the business of planning funerals. Edna agreed and their new venture was soon the talk of the hospital. Cheryl came up with the slogan -- "Plan ahead for when you're dead."

Judy Nemyer seeing a chance for her daughter to make money has asked that

her daughter be the designated singer at the funerals.

At the Bluffs the tables are so close together that I was forced to eavesdrop on the two gentlemen sitting behind me. Unfortunately, their conversation tended toward the intellectual, and I was looking for hard news -- the almost "down & dirty" kind.

Curiosity tends to make me forward, so I struck up a conversation, and discovered that David Helms and Bruce Toline both work at Cooper Nuclear Station.

David writes procedures at C.N. S. I trust that David types them because his penmanship is in the style of an MD and it's hard to read.

I had no proof that Bruce could or couldn't write, but he had a real flair for speech.

He told us about his daughter who was an entrepreneur at the age of ten.

His interest is in horseback riding and Rock & Roll.

Bruce is quality control coordinator at C.N.S. There may not have been much quality to our conversation but he had a lot of control.

## 49'ers Hobby Club enjoys valentines party

Submitted by 49'ers Hobby Club Reporter, Barb Jones

The 49'ers Valentine party was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Fairfax Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.. Tables were decorated with valentines and candy hearts. The delicious meal was catered by Josephine's Eatery of Mound City, MO. Cheryl Zabel gave the blessing and thanks before the meal.

A short business meeting was held with vice-president Margie O'Riley presiding. Names were drawn for se-

cret pals for the year. Bonnie David gave each member a beautiful long stemmed chocolate rose. Shirley Beck and Barb Jones won the door prizes.

Other members present were: Sharon Smith, Carol Ball, Jean Schooler, Emma Jones, Dolores Hawkins, Pat Fisher, Gloria Bolton and Deane Gommel. Guests were: Gerald McEnaney, Ralph Ball, Chuck Beck, Bob Jones and Charlie Zabel. Much laughter was shared on this special evening and everyone had a wonderful time!

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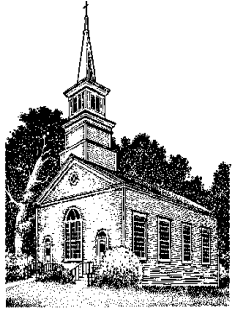
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February 21 - Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.  
February 23 - Wanderer's Sunday School Class Party,  
4 p.m.

**Fairfax Christian Church**

Pastor Adam Magill  
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Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.   Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Taped worship service, Thursdays, 2 p.m. on Channel 61  
God Squad Wednesday, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
SELAH Youth Team, Sundays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 -7 p.m.  
Choir, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

**Fairfax Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Nancy Profit  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.   Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Taped worship service, Mondays, 6 p.m. on Channel 61  
Session meets second Monday of the month, 7 p.m.  
Nite Owls meet first Monday of the month, 7 p.m.

**Fairfax Baptist Church**

Robert Lilly, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.   Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Sharp's Grove Methodist Church**

Dr. Pamela Brakhage, Pastor  
Coffee and rolls fellowship, 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service, 8:45 a.m.   Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Family night, first Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship, third Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.

**St. Oswald's In-The-Fields**

Regular services, second and fourth Sundays, 11 a.m.

**Church of God**

Craig, Missouri  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.   Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

**St. John's Lutheran Church LCMS**

Corning, Missouri  
W. James Lowmaster, Pastor  
Sunday School @ Corning - Adult Bible Study, 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship @ Craig, 9 a.m.



**Biermann and  
Wiederholt to  
say "I do"**

Dean and Dorothy Biermann of Craig, MO, would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Danelle, to Nick Wiederholt, son of Leroy and Joyce Wiederholt of Stanberry, MO.

Danelle is a 2000 graduate of Craig High School and a 2004 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Geography/GIS. She is currently employed at Midland GIS Solutions in Maryville.

Nick is a 1998 graduate of Stanberry High School and a 2002 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems. He is also currently employed at Midland GIS Solutions in Maryville. The couple is planning a May 31, 2008, wedding at Hope Lutheran Church in Maryville with a reception following at the Legion Hall in Maryville.

**Noah Oswald  
celebrates  
third birthday**

Noah Oswald celebrated his third birthday with a party at Winford and Doris Wennihan's home on January 27, 2008. Those who enjoyed refreshments with Noah were Winford and Doris Wennihan; Bruce, Leisa, and Tabitha Biermann; Ed and Teresa Salmond; Vince and Berkleigh Salmond; Nate and Lizzy Salmond; Ambera Pearson; Brett and Dara Wennihan; Hadyn and Jaxon Liechti; Matt, Taryn, Damond, and Teagen Wennihan; and Ryan, Letitia, and John Oswald.

**Obituary**

**Claudine Woods**

Funeral services for Claudine Woods were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Nowata, Oklahoma. Burial was made at Memorial Park Cemetery, Nowata, under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Home of Nowata.

Claudine Woods was born December 15, 1932, in Phelps City, Missouri, to James and Mabel C. (Stoner) Bailey. She passed away from this life on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, after reaching 75 years, one month and 27 days. She graduated from high school in Fairfax, and on June 11, 1950, she married Don L. Woods in Mound City, Missouri.

Claudine worked at the Fairfax Schools as a cook for 19 years. She and Don moved to Nowata in the early 1990's and lived there until his death two years ago. Claudine enjoyed cooking and taking care of her grandchildren. She loved her family very much and caring for them was the most important part of her life. She enjoyed bird watching (especially cardinals) and would send the best greeting cards. Claudine loved her church and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Nowata. She will be missed

by all who knew her.

Preceding Mrs. Woods in death are her parents, James and Mabel Bailey; and her husband, Don L. Woods.

Surviving Mrs. Woods are her daughters, Kathy Irvine and husband, Mike, of Stephenville, Texas, and Brenda Sculley and husband, Tom, of Glencoe, Oklahoma; a son, Don L. Woods, Jr. and his wife, Sherry, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, Keith Woods, Stephanie Smith, Greg Blackman, Ian Sculley, Dr. Beth Irvine and Mary Irvine; one great-grandson; three brothers, James D. Bailey, William Elmer Bailey and Charles Marion Bailey; many other relatives; and a host of friends.

**Genie Kayann Perry**

Funeral services for Genie Kayann Perry, age 42, of Tarkio were held Wednesday, February 20, at 3 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home in Tarkio. Interment was held at Center Grove Cemetery in Westboro, MO. Pastor Cornelius Schelling officiated. Services were under the direction of Davis Funeral Home in Tarkio.

Memorials may be directed to the Genie Perry Memorial Fund. Online condolences can be made at www.minter-funeralchapels.com. A complete obituary will appear in next week's paper.



**Making a thank you card**

**Showing their appreciation** - Pictured above are Brownie Girl Scouts as they make a thank you card to send to Atchison Recycling for giving them a tour of their business. Left to right, Shanna Gilpin, Caitlyn O'Riley, Tacy Mitchell, Katie Baker and Kinley Thornhill.

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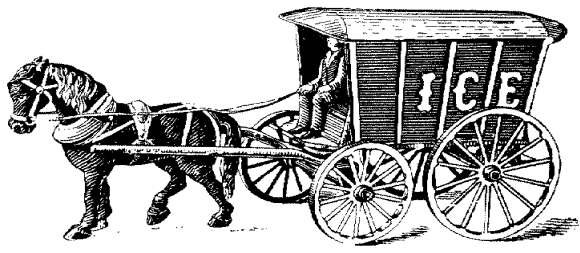
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Do You Remember?



**February 20, 1958**

N.F. Drago just started his 56th year as Secretary of the Fairfax Board of Education.

The mercury dropped to 17 below zero making it the coldest weather in eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Firman Strickler, two of the few remaining early pioneers of the community, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

**February 24, 1983**

Brad Arnold and Janene McCartney were crowned homecoming king and queen.

Pat Seymour won first in the national horsemanship competition.

The Fairfax girls placed third in conference and the boys placed second.

**February 19, 1998**

Robert Alldredge was recognized by Cameron Insurance Company for outstanding performance.

Several Fairfax students were selected to participate in the Lost at Sea workshop sponsored by ACCESS.

Harry Combs, Craig Vance and Jason Kemerling, dressed in tux jackets, ties and jeans, and made Valentine deliveries for K G Buds.

## Atchison County Democratic Caucus

All Democrats in Atchison County interested in participating in the delegate selection process should gather at the Farmers State Bank Community Room in Tarkio on Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. (the doors will close at 7:30 p.m.). The February 28 meeting is the first level of a multi-tiered Delegate Selection Process in Missouri. It will eventually lead to the selection of Democratic delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held August 25-28 in Denver,

Colorado. Persons elected on February 28 will attend the Congressional District Convention on March 27 and have the opportunity to get elected as a Congressional District National Delegate or Alternate. They will also be able to attend the Missouri State Democratic Convention on May 10. Delegates and alternates will be allocated to presidential candidates to accurately reflect the expressed presidential preferences in the February 5 Presidential Primary.

## Community movie night

On Sunday evening, February 24, 2008, the Fairfax Christian Church will be showing "Ratatouille" from 6-8 p.m. The movie is free. The community is invited to attend. Bring the kids, and come and watch a movie on us! For more information check out the church website at [www.fairfaxchristianchurch.com/movies.htm](http://www.fairfaxchristianchurch.com/movies.htm).

## Marriage license

The following marriage license was recorded in the office of Lorie Hall, Circuit Clerk and Recorder, at the Atchison County Courthouse in Rock Port, MO:

Rufino Gutierrez, 43, and Maria Yolanda Figueroa, 50, both of Rock Port, were married on December 23, 2007, by Judge Zel M. Fischer, Rock Port.



### Scouts make Valentines

**Showing they care** - The Brownie Girl Scouts made Valentines for injured soldiers. If anyone would like to send encouraging words they can write to: A Recovering American Soldier or Marine, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical C., 6900 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20307-5001. Pictured above, front row - Katie Baker and Kinley Thornhill; and back row - Taci Mitchell, Shanna Gilpin and Caitlyn O'Riley.

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**Vascular Clinic:** Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

**ECHO Clinic:** Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

**Nuclear Medicine:** Mar. 11, 25

**Pulmonology Clinic:** Mar. 10 - Dr. Lou Keim

**Orthopedic Clinic:** No Mar. Clinic - Dr. Bruce Smith

**Eye Surgery:** Mar. 24 - Surgery - Dr. Everett Madson

**Eye Clinic:** Mar. 25 - Clinic - Dr. Everett Madson

**Neurology Clinic:** Mar. 26 - Dr. Mignon Makes

**Urology Clinic:** Mar. 12, 27 - Dr. Krikor Partamian

**OB/GYN Clinic:** Mar. 28 - Dr. Jane Dawson

**Oncology Clinic:** Mar. 7 - Dr. Robert Weigand

**Surgery:** Mar. 5, 19 - Dr. Ardith Ryberg

**Cardiac Rehab:** Holt County Outpatient Services, Mound City and at Community Hospital

**Sleep Study:** Available Tuesday nights with Appointments - #260

**Wellness Program:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday - Appt. #262

**Bone Densitometry Clinic:** Mar. 14

**Evening Mammos:** Mar. 13 - 4:30 - 7:30 and Daytime Appointments

**Diabetes Education:** Mar. 18, 19 Class - Karen Wedlock, RN, CDE

**Nutritional Counseling:** Mar. 5, 12, 26 - Ext. 266  
Kay Wing, R.D.L.D., CDE

**Home Health Services:** Nursing and Physical/Occupational/ Speech Therapies

**Blood Pressure Clinics:**  
Mar. 14 - Rock Port Nutrition Site  
Mar. 19 - Tarkio Nutrition Site  
Mar. 21 - Mound City Nutrition Site

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# Atchison County farmers develop watch to halt copper theft

**By: Jennifer J. Danley, Atchison County Mail Reporter**

Several local farmers and local law enforcement agencies met on Friday, February 15, 2008, to address a growing theft problem in Atchison County. Atchison County Sheriff Dennis Martin reported at the meeting a significant number of copper wire thefts in the county. Eighteen center pivots have been hit in the Watson and Langdon area since January 24, 2008. As of February 18, 2008, 28,888 feet of copper wire have been removed from center pivots on several farms. The total monetary loss is estimated at \$163,147 for Atchison County farmers.

To address this growing problem, Sheriff Martin invited area farmers to develop a Neighborhood

Watch Program to secure their farm equipment. The purpose of the meeting was for area farmers to map out farms that have been hit by theft to identify where the thieves may be concentrated. Also, Sheriff Martin and Atchison County Chief Deputy Rick Sons asked that farmers who have not reported stolen copper do so immediately. Reports must be given by the landowner or the overseer of the property. The sheriff's office presented evidence that has been recovered at sites, including a four-wheeler bumper. They also have tire tracks and footprints from the scenes. "The main problem with these cases is that we don't have enough officials to patrol farmers' land," Sheriff Martin said. "Everyone is frustrated...I need eyes."

When a neighborhood watch was developed in January, 1995, to address a similar problem, theft numbers went down. "It was very effective. I don't recall we had a theft after that for awhile," Sheriff Martin said. He said he hopes to see it happen again. The Atchison County Sheriff's Office is currently short staffed and is struggling to maintain 24-hour coverage patrolling the rural areas. The sheriff's office has hired two Rock Port Police officers to work part-time to assist in coverage. The local law enforcement agencies have been working with surrounding salvage yards to keep track of copper sales. An estimated \$40,000 could be made from the copper wire that has been stolen in the area. Every salvage yard dealer must keep track of individuals who bring in metal with driver's license and license plate numbers.

To expand the watch over Atchison County

farms, local law enforcement officials have asked farmers to help them stop the theft. Members of the Neighborhood Watch are asked to write down license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, and exact locations and give them to law enforcement agencies immediately. The reports are needed so that law enforcement authorities can find a pattern of hits. "Every little bit will help," Chief Deputy Sons said. Missouri Conservation Agent Eric Abbott agreed, "The more people you have out there, the

more likely you'll be able to get information."

Atchison County farmers are offering a \$19,000 reward to people who have information that leads to an arrest and conviction in this case. People with information, tips, and reports are asked to call the Atchison County Sheriff's office or 911. Local law enforcement officials in Atchison County encourage other officials in surrounding areas to enact a Neighborhood Watch Program to help protect a wider area of farmers from theft.

## Preschoolers enjoy Valentine's Day party



First, the children enjoyed a delicious holiday snack of Valentine sugar cookies, pretzels, chocolate brownies, and fruit punch slush. Second, the children decorated valentine mailboxes. The parents provided the children with a pink or red metal mailbox and a variety of stickers to use for decorations.

To conclude the party, the children passed out their valentines to all their friends. Pictured at left is Josh Smith checking out at his valentines. Josh brought a valentine box from home that he made with his family. The box resembles a John Deere tractor and in the window of the tractor is a picture of Josh driving.

The Fairfax R-3 Community for Kids' Preschool shared their love by celebrating Valentine's Day with a party on Thursday, February 14, 2008. Marisa Hedlund, Nichole Hux, Mandy Smith, and Ginny Smith hosted the party for the children.

## Word of the month

**By: Tabatha Theas**

The word of the month for February is honesty. Honesty means being truthful in what you say and do. By being honest, people get a lot more respect from their peers. Honesty shows that you have respect and courtesy for others as well as yourself. It also shows that you are respectful, responsible, self-controlled, compassionate, and kind.



## Fairfax students compete in Atchison County Spelling Bee

**Spelling bee held** - Fairfax students who competed in the Atchison County Spelling Bee in the Tarkio Elementary Library on Monday, February 18, 2008, are, from left to right: Haley Shepard, Jeanna Terrell, Crystal Yocum, and Amy Stoner.



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## Parent's Night Out was a success!

By: **Leslie Smith**

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, the Fairfax FCCLA chapter tried something new this year. Instead of the annual Parent's Day Out that is held during the month of December, the chapter hosted a Parent's Night Out. The Christmas season is a busy time for families rushing around to get all the shopping done. Parent's Day Out gives families the opportunity to shop without the help of their "little" ones. Due to the ice storm that hit the area, the chapter had to postpone the event. Most parents like to go out around the time of Valentine's Day so the FCCLA members decided to have children come in the weekend prior to Valentine's Day. Parent's Night Out was held in town at the Community For Kids' Preschool. Children were able to go there from 3-9 p.m. There were approximately 11 children present. The chapter members worked two hour shifts at a time. The chapter appreciates all the parents that let their children in on the fun! Cross your fingers for no ice storms next year!

## Basketball homecoming results

By: **Jacob Wennihan**

At this year's homecoming the Fairfax Bulldogs played the North Nodaway Mustangs. The boys and girls both won decisively over the Mustangs. The girl candidates were Colleen O'Riley, and Amber Lewis, and Leslie Smith was an escort. The boy candidates were Tyler Heits, Daltyn Burke, and Jake Bradbury. Voting took place throughout the day. Votes were tallied after school. That night after the game the King and Queen were announced Colleen O'Riley and Daltyn Burke. They were crowned by last year's royalty, Courtney Stout and Michael Graves.



### Celebrating FFA week

**Tug-of-war competition** - Pictured above is the sophomore class as they compete in the tug-of-war competition in observance of FFA week on Monday, February 18, 2008.

## CFK Star of the week



Zackery Joseph Roger King is Community for Kids' Star of the Week. Nicole Counts and Dewey King of Fairfax, Missouri are his proud parents. On December 19, 2007, Zack celebrated his 4th birthday.

Zack's favorite colors are

red and blue, "I just can't decide which one." He loves to eat hotdogs, string cheese, and bananas. Mr. King enjoys going to grandma Kay's and great-grandma Ann's house. His favorite holiday is any holiday that involves candy and he adores fish.

In the car, he enjoys listening to "The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani and Akon (the Woo Hoo Song). Zack takes pleasure in reading his Jackie book because it's a book about a miniature pincher who searches for a baby who gets lost. Zack is fond of preschool because he likes to go outside and play. He is passionate about Fairfax because he likes going to preschool.



## Senior spotlight

By: **Whitney Harrington**

Tauni is the daughter of Daun and Sara Thompson and the late Jerrie Strough. Her grandparents are Melvin and Joyce Strough and Charles and Deloris Litherbury. Tauni's hobbies include writing and reading. She loves hanging out with friends, Sunday morning breakfast hunts, country driving with pretend microphones, and talking on the phone.

Miss Thompson enjoys apple juice and Coca Cola. She likes hot pockets and pumpkin pie. Tauni listens to any music that she's in the mood for. Some of her favorite quotes are, "It's good to be scared, it means you have something to lose," and "They say you don't seek a habit until you hit rock bottom, but how do you know when that is? Because no matter how bad a thing is hurting us, sometimes letting go hurts even more."

Some things that Tauni will never forget about high school are her best friend's patience, all the trouble she "almost" got into, a thousand inside jokes, and Mrs. Hedlund's motherly advice. After high school, Tauni plans on attending college and obtaining a career in journalism.

## Student-teacher perspective

By: **Thomas Lee Shepard**

Q: What do you think of when you hear "Valentine's Day?"

A: Trey Agnew - Getting stuff

Haley Shepard - Keifer Nemyer

Matthew Hendrix - Friendship and love

Jamie Hendrix - Love

Mr. Randall Sly - A big heart

Amanda Yocum - Hearts

## Leadership development workshop 2008

By: **Whitney Harrington**

There will be a leadership program held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ashland Methodist Church, in St. Joseph, MO. The program is being sponsored by the Learning for Life (LFL) Association and is for juniors. According to a letter from the LFL Director the workshop is designed to help students develop leadership life skills, personal management skills, and group leadership skills which they can utilize when they are seniors.

## MoDOT offers free presentation for rural high school juniors and seniors

By: **Whitney Harrington**

Submitted by: **Mrs. Hedlund**

The juniors and seniors will be taking a field trip on February 29, 2008, to St. Joseph. They will be arriving at the Missouri Theatre around 10:00 a.m. to watch a presentation from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

The following information was submitted by the Missouri Department of Transportation:

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## Elementary Broadway

By: **Jessica VanGundy**

On Elementary Broadway we have Max Hopkins as the star. Max is in first grade. His teacher is Mrs. Twila Clark. His favorite food is pizza, his favorite color is red, and Max's favorite sports are basketball and football. He enjoys reading his favorite book "Froggy Goes to School." His best friend is Tyler Brown and when he grows up he wants to be a construction worker.

Another star on Elementary Broadway is Amber Clark. Amber is in fourth grade. Her teacher is Mrs. Wendy Stevenson. Her best friend is Halle Sutter and her favorite sport is basketball. Amber's favorite color is blue and her favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite book is "Harry Potter." When she grows up she wants to be a vet.

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### Fairfax R-3 Menus

**Monday, February 25 - Breakfast** - Cereal, donut, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Tacos, lettuce, cheese, taco sauce, potato wedges, mandarin oranges, and milk.

**Tuesday, February 26 - Breakfast** - French toast sticks, syrup, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Macaroni and cheese, green beans, peaches, hot rolls, jelly, and milk.

**Wednesday, February 27 - Breakfast** - Biscuits and sausage gravy, sausage patty, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Corn dog, tator tots, peas, mixed fruit, and milk.

**Thursday, February 28 - Breakfast** - Cereal, mini muffin, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots, pineapple, cheese bread, and milk.

**Friday, February 29 - Breakfast** - Cinnamon breakfast pizza, bacon, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Cheese pizza, corn, pears, peanut butter bar, and milk.

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**Fairfax-Craig Bullets**

**Elementary basketball** - On February 9, 2008, the Fairfax-Craig Bullets played their last game of the Fairfax Optimist Tournament against the Fairfax Optimist team. The Fairfax-Craig team ended up with second place. The team celebrated with a pizza party following the game. On February 17, the team played two night games against Auburn, NE, and won both games by score of 20-0 and 8-4. Pictured above, left to right, front row - Jesse Nowling (Craig), Caitlyn O'Riley, Goldie Barnes, April Clark, Alyssa Garrison; and back row - Ashley Clark, Alicia Clark, Amber Clark, Audrae Bates, Ashley Beach, and Coach Andrea Bates. Not pictured is Hailey Miller (Craig).



**Fairfax Optimist Team**

**Elementary basketball** - On Saturday February 9, the Fairfax Optimist third and fourth grade girls' basketball team ended the day with a victory of first place. The last game of the day was against their sister team the Fairfax-Craig Bullets. The score was four to two. All the girls gave all of their hearts. In the end, everyone in the stands were on their feet cheering both teams! It was an amazing game. Pictured above, left to right, front row - Kyleigh Panning (Craig), Emma Morris, and Ryan Hopkins; and back row - Haylee Heits, Kay Baker, Halle Sutter, Ashley Tudor (Craig), Pantera Wameldorf (Craig), Coach Tim Sutter.

**Fourth grade in round robin tournament**

The Fairfax fourth grade basketball teams will be competing in the Tarkio fourth grade round robin tournament on Sunday, February 24, 2008. The following is the schedule for that day:

- 12 noon - Tarkio Indians vs. Fairfax Optimist girls.
- 12:30 p.m. - Rock Port vs. Fairfax-Craig II Bullets girls.
- 1 p.m. - Tarkio vs. Rock Port boys.
- 1:30 p.m. - Mound City Panthers (Eaton) vs. Fairfax Optimist girls.
- 2 p.m. - Mound City White (Ireland) vs. Tarkio Indians girls.
- 2:30 p.m. - West Nodaway 1 vs. Rock Port boys.
- 3 p.m. - Rock Port vs. Fairfax Optimist girls.
- 3:30 p.m. - Fairfax-Craig II Bullets vs. Tarkio Indians girls.

- 4 p.m. - West Nodaway 2 vs. Tarkio boys.
- 4:30 p.m. - Fairfax Optimist vs. Mound City White girls.
- 5 p.m. - Tarkio Indians vs. Mound City Panthers girls.
- 5:30 p.m. - West Nodaway 1 vs. West Nodaway 2 boys.
- 6 p.m. - Fairfax-Craig II Bullets vs. Fairfax Optimist girls.
- 6:30 p.m. - Mound City Panthers vs. Rock Port girls.
- 7 p.m. - Rock Port vs. West Nodaway 2 boys.
- 7:30 p.m. - Mound City White vs. Rock Port girls.
- 8 p.m. - Mound City Panthers vs. Fairfax-Craig II Bullets girls.
- 8:30 p.m. - West Nodaway 1 vs. Tarkio boys.
- 9 p.m. - Mound City White vs. Fairfax -Craig II Bullets girls.
- 9:30 p.m. - Tarkio Indians vs. Rock Port girls.



**Fairfax defeats Tarkio**

**Conference win** - The Fairfax Lady Bulldogs defeated Tarkio on Friday, February 15, 2008, in overtime, 48-44. Pictured above is Fairfax's Amber Lewis during the conference game.



**Playing tough defense**

**Win for the Bulldogs** - Pictured above is Fairfax Bulldog, Daltyn Burke, #4, during the conference game against Tarkio on Friday night, February 15.

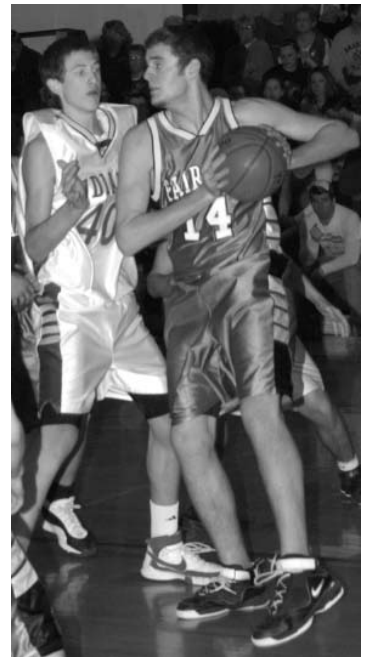


**Beck takes a shot**  
**Bulldogs win at Tarkio** - Pictured above is Fairfax sophomore, Jacob Beck, taking a shot during the basketball game at Tarkio, MO, on Friday, February 15, 2008.



**Going to the basket**

**Fairfax wins at Tarkio** - Pictured above is Fairfax Lady Bulldog, Whitney Harrington, #33, approaching the basket during the conference basketball game with Tarkio on Friday, February 15.



**Bulldogs defeat Indians**

**Heits looks inside** - The Fairfax Bulldogs defeated Tarkio on Friday, February 15, 2008. Pictured above is Fairfax's Tyler Heits, #14, during the game against Tarkio.

**Fairfax defeats NEN and Tarkio**

The Fairfax Lady Bulldogs traveled to Ravenwood, MO, on Tuesday, February 12, to face the Blue Jays of Northeast Nodaway. Fairfax won by a score of 55-29. Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were: Kelsey Sly, four; Amber Lewis, nine; Colleen O'Riley, two; Amanda Yocum, four; Leslie Smith, six; Kourtney Sly, three; Amanda Geib, 10; Chelsea Miller, two; and Whitney Harrington, 15.

The Fairfax Lady Bulldogs then defeated their rival, Tarkio, on Friday, February 15, 2008, in overtime, 48-44. Scoring for Fairfax were: Amber Lewis, 12; Colleen O'Riley, 10; Leslie Smith, two; Amanda Geib, nine; and Whitney Harrington, 15. The Lady Bulldogs are 5-2 in conference action and 15-7 overall.

**Class 1 - District 16 basketball tournament February 25-29**

The Class 1 - District 16 basketball tournament will be held at Northeast Nodaway High School in Ravenwood, MO, February 25-29, 2008.

Team seedings for the girls' division are: 1. Mound City; 2. Rock Port; 3. Fairfax; 4. Northeast Nodaway; 5. West Nodaway; 6. Nodaway-Holt; 7. North Nodaway; and 8. Craig. Team seedings for the boys' division are: 1. Mound City; 2. West Nodaway; 3. Fairfax; 4. Northeast Nodaway; 5. North Nodaway; 6. Rock Port; 7. Craig; and 8. Nodaway-Holt.

The Fairfax basketball teams both play on Tuesday evening, February 26. The girls will face Nodaway-Holt at 4:30 p.m. and the boys face Rock Port at 6 p.m.

The following is the schedule for the first round of the district tournament:

- Monday, February 25**  
4:30 p.m. - Mound City vs. Craig girls.  
6 p.m. - Mound City vs.

- Nodaway-Holt boys.  
7:30 p.m. - Rock Port vs. North Nodaway girls.  
9 p.m. - West Nodaway vs. Craig boys.
- Tuesday, February 26**  
4:30 p.m. - Fairfax vs. Nodaway-Holt girls.  
6 p.m. - Fairfax vs. Rock Port boys.  
7:30 p.m. - Northeast Nodaway vs. West Nodaway girls.  
9 p.m. - North Nodaway vs. Northeast Nodaway boys.
- The girls' championship game is set for Friday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. Winner of the district tournament will advance to sectional play at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO, on Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m. The boys' district championship game will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 29. The winner of this game advances to sectional play at Missouri Western State University at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4.

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# Moments in Time - "Love American-style"

Written by Karen Cowan

Pure and simple. Timing is everything.

Have you ever paused and really listened to the ticking of a clock? It's a funny sound that can either lull you to sleep or bother you. Like the sound of a train whistle in the dark distance or a jet plane overhead in the vast sky, the tick of a clock brings an odd comfort to me, still. I used to stand in front of my grandmothers' cuckoo clock every chance I got, listening to the tick-tock, watching the pendulum, waiting for the little bird to pop out. I was a child then. I had no idea my life was literally ticking away. I just wanted to see the bird and hear the cuckoo song. I think we're all waiting for something more....some sort of surprise....something that makes life a little easier. Who doesn't love a surprise? Who doesn't love having something to look forward to? Even if it is just a wooden bird popping out of a clock.

Yes, timing is everything. Patience just might be the middle name of timing.... and if you embrace this, it makes the wait lovely and worth its' weight in much more than gold. The time was right on February 14, 2008. My mother gave birth to me on this day back in 1958. The 2nd half of my life had begun....just as this column was ready to begin. So....I wanted a love story and it wasn't the time to tell mine. I wanted a hard-working, down-to-earth couple who are humble but proud and have weathered the storms. Two people who have stuck it out together and held sacred their vows. I thought of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hansen. I knew how I felt when I met them three months ago and that's all I needed to know. Graciously, on the day of love, they shared with me what makes them tick and I opened a birthday present that you just can't put a

price on.

Karen May Pitzenberger was born at Mercy Hospital in Mason City, IA on July 13, 1940. Lee Elbert Hansen was born 4 years earlier at his aunt's home in Guthrie Center, IA on November 20, 1936. His mother told him that it was very cold, snow was clear to the roof, drifted to the eaves when he was born. Lee's family moved to Ravenwood, MO in 1947. Two years later, Karen's family did the same thing, so eventually they attended the same highschool. As a freshman at Ravenwood High (now Northeast Nodaway) Karen had noticed a popular boy at the ball games, a senior named Lee. Little did she know, he had noticed her too. The couple were crowned 'King & Queen' at their school annual - the fairytale had begun. They courted for about a year, going to the shows, especially



enjoying the midnight show and the drive-in theater. Always partners at the school dances, they became adept at the bunny hop, the snapdragon, the basket swing and square-dancing!

Then one day Lee remembers saying something like, "ok, let's go!" (That meant let's get married!) Karen didn't need a bended knee proposal. All she wanted was

to be Mrs. Lee Hansen and mother of his children. They became "one in the eyes of God" at the home of Reverend L.B. Day in Maryville, MO on January 26, 1957. "It was snowing like a son-of-a-gun, really big flakes," Lee said. They were thankful they only had to travel eight miles to get married and I thought it was pretty cool to be doing such a nice interview on my birthday with two people who got married the year before I was born. "Fifty-one years is something to be proud of," I said. Karen said, "it's so sad when a marriage doesn't work. So many go into it thinking oh, we'll give it a try and if it doesn't work, no big deal, we'll just split." She continued, "people don't stop and think about their vows anymore....the vows to each other....the vows to God." Lee's comment to that was, "you must learn to give and take, share and share alike. It's teamwork, companionship, a whole lot of understanding, and most of all, respect. My wife is my partner....in everything." Karen said, "they say it's 50/50.....but it's really 100/100."

During all the reminiscing

and reflecting it was quite clear to me that I was in the presence of very kindhearted and tender people. Not easily angered I would suspect, there was a calmness about them, a humble confidence, and a love as natural as oxygen. I once read that having someone who understands you is home....having someone who loves you is belonging. Having both is a blessing. This couple has both and they don't take it for granted. When I asked Karen what love means to her she said, "it means sharing." Lee said, "it's a very common thing, to be respected. The best part of us as a couple is that we are healthy, wise but not wealthy. We are rich with the good things in life - health, family, friends."

Farm life has always been their way of life and neither would change a thing. Karen grew up with 3 sisters, Lee with 2 brothers, all of whom live nearby. Both lost siblings, Karen a sister and a brother, Lee a brother. They remember the hard times, the tragedies, the struggles. Lee was raised in the Ravenwood farmhouse by his mom and grandparents. His father died at the age of 49. There is an old photo of this beloved farmhouse on the wall in the kitchen, what was left of it anyway. The barn is

still there but the house is gone now. These old homes get bulldozed eventually. We talked at length about old homes and how sad it is that they are left to die alone after sheltering a family for so long. As a child, Lee and his brothers would milk 13 cows before going to school and the same thing after school. His mom sold butcher chickens and yes, he got so sick of chicken he didn't eat it for a long time! Lee's ancestors date clear back to Denmark. He's proud of his Danish heritage and beams as he brings my attention to a large, exquisitely framed sketch of Abraham Lincoln hanging nearby. "Yup, I'm related to Honest Abe!" However, he and Karen were both quick to say that it was their parents' and grandparents' upbringing that made them the honest people they are today. Karen's ancestors are German, Polish and maybe a little of this and that! She's a wonderful cook, making simple recipes taste gourmet. Her home is cozy, her laugh is child-like, her hugs are tight and sincere. She did share with me that if she goes back far enough in her family roots the name 'Hansen' shows up! We both giggled like little girls and we'll leave it at that!

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## Local karate kids perform in Kid Power tournament

Students from Northwest Martial Arts in Tarkio recently competed in the annual "Kid Power" tournament in Omaha, NE. The Kid Power tournament was held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, and is a competition open to all martial artists under the age of 17.

Students from Northwest Martial Arts competed in two events: Forms (Kata) and Sparring (Kumite). Five local martial artists competed in a total of 10 events. All competitors were divided by age and rank in martial arts. Ryan Dewhirst placed fourth

in both events; Ryan Hopkins placed fourth in Forms and third in Sparring (she chose to compete in the boys' division); Jase Hughes placed second in Forms and third in Sparring; Dayton Murry placed fourth in Forms and second in Sparring; and Seth Fletcher placed second in Forms and third in Sparring. A group from Northwest Martial Arts will soon be traveling to Kansas City to compete in the Kansas City Challenge. Northwest Martial Arts students are taught by Chris Yates of Tarkio.

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# Moments in Time - "Love American-style"

Lee and Karen have lived atop a pretty hill overlooking Fairfax since 1960. Their daughter Darla and son Ricky are not far away and neither are their two grandchildren, Shaun and Sonya, and their three great-grandchildren, Dominique, Preston and Hillary. The family gathers as often as they can. Ricky still helps his dad on the farm whenever possible. He was introduced to the steering wheel of a tractor at the tender age of five. His mother would worry. His father would sit on the fencepost and watch! "Now he's darn good at it, can't wait to unwind in the tractor seat, really loves it, and I'm grateful for his help," Lee said. I could see throughout the home how much these people value family. Old frames held old family photos from every generation on every wall. Each picture was hung with precise placement so that when you walk amongst them, the story flows, meaningful conversation takes place and you are reminded that love lives on, and in memory, so do these people. All the faces from the past, honored every day. I found that touching. What a wonderful way to show re-

spect. I'm sure many people do this, but it had been a long time since I had seen this kind of respect so beautifully depicted in a home.

In winding down my visit, I asked them to fill in the blanks of a sentence. I learned that when Karen hears Lee's voice it's almost always because he's hollering "Karrie May, I need help" or he wants something! Early yesterday morning he hollered from the feed lot because two cows were loose! What is a farmers' wife to do?! When she hears "Karrie May" - his pet name for her, she goes to help her husband, no matter what. When Lee hears Karen's voice it's usually "Hansen" - her pet name for him and he knows it's time "to git to moving and come to attention!" It's a toss-up as to who dozes off in their chair first but it's Karen who wakes in the morning first. They have their pet peeves as well as pet names. He eats too slow, she eats to fast. He can be a real slowpoke when something has to be done, she wants things done yesterday. Her patience is tested often, but that's ok. She has learned to be more easygoing and he has learned to grab his sandwich

before she grabs the plate and starts clearing off the supper table!

Lee loves western movies, especially those starring John Wayne. He takes pleasure in reading books about the Old West and listening to singers like Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn. He has a special fondness for Willie Nelson, admiring the fund-raising events he does for farmers. Karen adores the music of Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell. She has his latest CD of Irish love songs but also catches him performing live on PBS TV. Mrs. Hansen's favorite time of day is dawn. She loves to watch daybreak but certainly doesn't look the other way when the sun goes down. Mr. Hansen likes that time of day called dusk when he's feeding his cows. "There has always been cattle to feed. I take great joy in raising my cows, it's in my blood," Lee says. To that, Karen said, "being a loving housewife and all that goes with it is in my blood." When I asked them to finish the sentence 'After all these years' ----- Lee piped up quickly and said "I'd do nothing different." His wife agreed and added, "I'm looking forward to our 65th!"

Before I left, I was treated

to a birthday lunch at the Hansen home. It was the best chili I ever had! I didn't realize that ground beef from your own cow and home-grown tomatoes would make such a difference but it did! I saw my first outside-the-home storm shelter that they call 'the cave' - it's deep in the ground, an arch-shaped room of brick created by someone's hands with a lot of tender loving care to protect their family. I met Lee's cows down in the feed lot and they thought it was feeding time - man what a frenzy! Cute-as-a-button cows bellied-up to the fence and stared lovingly at us with their huge eyes. Some were mooing, some winking, some pooping.... all were ready to eat.....it was a riot! Yes, this is love American-style and I just spent time with a man and a woman who compliment each other like the stars and stripes on our American Flag. Practicing patience is ongoing...just like time.

Meanwhile, Lee and Karen remain steadfast in standing up for something sacred and good which is love and marriage. They are their own persons, never making the other dim, for together they know that their light shines



brighter than when they're not together. There's an old saying that comes to mind....*a candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle.* My first 'Moments in Time' column honors love.

Here you have people who believe that love is a blessing bestowed upon them, deserving utter respect....for better and for worse. It's that pure....that simple. On my way home, for the first time in my life...I wished I had a cuckoo clock.

Next week - as Alaska gears up for Iditarod 2008, we'll share Danny Cowan's story. He ran the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race 24 years ago. Danny was my husbands' twin brother.

Until then, be happy....be safe....and be back!

## Atchison County traffic violations

The following cases were traffic violations that occurred in Atchison County with guilty pleas. Fines were paid with the Fine Collection Center in Jefferson City, MO:

**State vs. Jonathan Arthur Crowfoot** - Of Graham, NC, Operated Motor Carrier On Tires Fabric Exposed/Inferior Load Rate/Groove Depth/Flat on January 10, 2008.

**State vs. Sheba D. Grady** - Of Deland, FL, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 9, 2008.

**State vs. Mark Alexander Hocking** - Of Bellevue, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 16-19 Miles Per Hour) on January 1, 2008.

**State vs. Scott L. Holmes** - Of Watson, MO, Failure To Register Motor Vehicle on January 7, 2008.

**State vs. Christopher P. Hynes** - Of Windermere, FL, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Miles Per Hour) on November 27, 2007.

**State vs. Kent E. Miller** - Of Council Bluffs, IA, Gross Weight Exceeded 80,000 Pounds on January 9, 2008.

**State vs. Amy N. O'Riley** - Of Tarkio, Exceeded Posted

Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20 Miles Per Hour or More) on December 25, 2007.

**State vs. Kenneth Lee Pinzino** - Of Fairfax, MO, Driver/Front Seat Passenger 16 Years Of Age Or Over Failed To Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt on January 14, 2008.

**State vs. Reggie Tremain Poe** - Of Shqualak, MS, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 11, 2008.

**State vs. Alyssa Dawn Schweich** - Of Kirkwood, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20 Miles Per Hour or More) on December 24, 2007.

**State vs. Manual Jimenez Setino** - Of Omaha, NE, Driver/Front Seat Passenger 16 Years Of Age Or Over Failed To Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt on January 15, 2008.

**State vs. Robert Paul Thomen** - Of Chanute, KS, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Miles Per Hour) on January 7, 2008.

**State vs. Jason Clark Watkins** - Of Rock Port, MO, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Miles Per Hour) on January 14, 2008.

**State vs. Tommy L. Bartlett** - Of Marshall, MO, Operated Motor Carrier Ve-

hicle With Unsafe/Improper Frame/Suspension/Axle/Wheel/Rim And/Or Steering System on January 12, 2008.

**State vs. Michael Edwin Booth** - Of Williston, FL, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 1-15 Miles Per Hour) on January 3, 2008.

**State vs. Daniel J. Cobb** - Of Fort Myers, FL, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Miles Per Hour) on December 24, 2007.

**State vs. Patrick Michael Danahy** - Of Lee's Summit, MO, Failure To Register Motor Vehicle on December 24, 2007.

**State vs. Sue Ann Davis** - Of Tarkio, Driver/Front Seat Passenger 16 Years Of Age Or Over Failed To Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt on December 25, 2007.

**State vs. Jennifer Marie Deville** - Of Lee's Summit, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20 Miles Per Hour Or More) on December 25, 2007.

**State vs. Branimir Divic** - Of Kansas City, MO, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 11, 2008.

**State vs. Austin Everette, Jr.** - Of Roseville, MI, Weight On Tandem Axle

Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on December 31, 2007.

**State vs. Kim Zane Gray** - Of Idaho Falls, ID, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 6, 2008.

**State vs. Taylor C. Hurst** - Of Tarkio, Driver/Front Seat Passenger 16 Years Of Age Or Over Failed To Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt on January 8, 2008.

**State vs. Devon J. Kindel** - Of Meadow Lake, SK, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 9, 2008.

**State vs. Nicole L. Kreber** - Of Kansas City, MO, Failed To Place Vehicle Not In Motion As Near Right Hand Side Of Highway As Practicable on December 21, 2007.

**State vs. Michael K. Leahy** - Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 20 Miles Per Hour Or More) on December 24, 2007.

**State vs. Martin Tel Leseberg** - Of Hamburg, IA, Failed To Display Plates On Motor Vehicle/Trailer on January 3, 2008.

**State vs. Brian C. Marinus** - Of Springfield, NE, Violated Sections 307.179.2 (1), (2), or (3) - Driver Failed To Secure Child Under Eight

Years Of Age In Child Restraint Or Booster Seat on January 11, 2008.

**State vs. Scott L. Mausbach** - Of Lincoln, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit By 11-15 Miles Per Hour on January 11, 2008.

**State vs. Alexander R. Ober** - Of Rising City, NE, Gross Weight Exceeded 80,000 Pounds on January 9, 2008.

**State vs. Robert Alan Pakes** - Of Inverness, FL, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on January 3, 2008.

**State vs. Leanna M. Rasmussen** - Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11-15 Miles Per Hour) on December 30, 2007.

**State vs. Timothy Robinson** - Of La Crosse, VA, Weight On Tandem Axle Exceeded 34,000 Pounds on December 1, 2007.

**State vs. Nicole R. Skutnik** - Of Omaha, NE, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 6-10 Miles Per Hour) on January 13, 2008.

**State vs. Natalie Nicole Stegall** - Of Fairfax, MO, Failure To Register Motor Vehicle on November 19, 2007.

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## THANK YOU

Dear Fairfax and Tarkio communities, How does one express the joy of being remembered so regularly by so many of you? I feel so humble and unworthy of all your prayers. This second aggression of the ovarian cancer really took the wind out of Dick and my sails, but your prayers and well wishes are like gentle breezes that keep us skimming along. Thank you to the beloved First Presbyterian Church of Fairfax that organized so much and is doing so well while I recuperate and thank you to all of you in Fairfax and Tarkio who have reached out. May God continue to guide us every day in the Glory of God's name. *In Christ's Peace, Pastor Nancy Profit and Family* 10/1tc

Many thanks to the Xi Lambda Beta Sorority for the wonderful Valentine box of gifts. God bless you all! *Jerry Graves* 10/1tc

**Made my day** - Last week I went to my mailbox and found a personal letter from someone I didn't know. It was a full page letter created on a typewriter! That's special in its self. She shared a few things and wrote kind remarks regarding my first article dated 2-7-08 in the Fairfax Forum. Her words warmed my heart. The fact that she took the time to write at all caused me to hug the letter to my chest. It was signed, Gene Haun/Mrs. Jack Haun. Thank you very much Gene. Somehow, you don't feel like a stranger to me and I hope I meet you soon. I'm framing your letter. You have no idea how much it means. *God bless you, Karen Cowan* 10/1nc

We thank our friends, neighbors and family for the many cards, food, rides and other remembrances. We are fortunate to live in such a caring community. *Mildred and Eugene Thomson* 10/1tc

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## Bid To Rent Pasture Ground

The Atchison County Commission will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., February 28th, 2008, for leasing **23 acres of pasture land on the east side of the ditch adjacent to the old county landfill**, two miles East of Rock Port. An option for additional acreage will be granted to the successful bidder.

For bid sheet and/or information, contact:  
Susette Taylor, County Clerk, at 660-744-6214.

The Commission reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

## Accepting Bids To Rent Old Highway Barn Site For Manufacturing Opportunity

The Atchison County Commission will be receiving sealed bids until 11:00 a.m., February 28th, 2008, for leasing the old Highway Barn Site, which would include a 50x60 foot building, an adjacent paint bay with loading dock on approximately 1/2 acre, located South of Rock Port on Highway 111. The commission requests that the site be used for a manufacturing opportunity and not a storage facility.

For bid sheet and/or lease information, contact:  
Susette M. Taylor, County Clerk, at 660-744-6214.

The Commission reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

## HELP WANTED

Rock Port Municipal Utilities is seeking help for the electric distribution department, and also the water and sewer distribution department. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent to.

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## Fairfax elementary teams to Tarkio basketball tournament

The Tarkio R-I Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring its annual youth basketball tournaments this coming Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24. This year's weekend event is set to be one of the biggest ever. There will be 36 fifth and sixth grade girls' and boys' teams in town on Saturday, while ten fourth grade girls' and boys' teams are on the event schedule for Sunday.

### Saturday's Event

The Saturday double elimination tournaments will be played at both the Tarkio High School (THS) Gym and at Heartland Recreation Center (HRC). The fifth and sixth grade boys will be playing at THS, while the fifth and sixth grade girls will be playing at HRC. The sixth grade girls will be starting play at 7 a.m. at HRC. The sixth grade boys will begin play at THS at 7:30 a.m. The fifth grade girls' division will get underway at 3 p.m. at HRC, while the fifth grade boys' tourna-

ment will start at 4 p.m. at THS.

There will be an admission charge for spectators, however, one admission to either location will be good all day for both sites. Concession stands will be available at both locations. The THS senior parents will be serving biscuits and gravy at both sites during the morning hours with all proceeds going to this year's After Prom Bash at THS. The Tarkio R-I Athletic Booster Club will be running the concession stand at HRC, while the Tarkio R-I seventh grade class will sponsor the concessions at THS. The Booster Club will have an addition to its concessions this year. Dippin' Dots ice cream will be available throughout the weekend event.

Another added feature of this year's youth tournaments will be the availability of Tarkio Tournament t-shirts. The THS senior parents are offering these special event shirts in either white or gray with all

proceeds going toward the After Prom Bash. T-shirts will be made at HRC during the Saturday competitions, however players and spectators at THS will also have an opportunity to purchase these shirts.

Parents of youth basketball players at Tarkio will be taking gate admission at both sites, while Booster Club members and other volunteers will be keeping the scorebook at both sites. THS students will be running the the clock at both locations, with college age and above volunteers as referees. If anyone would like to help who hasn't already been signed up to do so, please contact Joy Johnson at the Tarkio Avalanche at 660-736-4111, or at home at 660-736-5577 as soon as possible. There is always room for more volunteers!

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each division. The schedule of games for Saturday follows:

### Sixth Grade Girls at HRC

7 a.m. - Auburn vs. Rock Port (North Court); and Ravenwood Bluejays vs. Clarinda (South Court).

7:30 a.m. - Falls City Sacred Heart vs. North Nodaway (North Court); and Tarkio White vs. South Holt Knights (South Court).

8 a.m. - Tarkio Red vs. West Nodaway Rockets (North Court); and Mound City vs. Fairfax R-3 Bulldogs (South Court).

Games will continue to be played on both the North and South Courts until 11:30 a.m. when the bleachers will be completely pulled out and the full court will be used for the remaining games. The third place game will be played at 1:30 p.m. with the championship games scheduled for 2 p.m.

### Fifth Grade Girls at HRC

3 p.m. - Tarkio vs. Rock Port Blue.

3:30 p.m. - Auburn vs. Clarinda.

4 p.m. - North Nodaway Mustangs vs. Rock Port White.

4:30 p.m. - South Holt vs. Falls City Sacred Heart.

The third place game is set for 9 p.m., with the championship game scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

### Sixth Grade Boys at THS

7:30 a.m. - Tarkio vs. Fairfax Bulldogs.

8 a.m. - Auburn vs. West Nodaway.

8:30 a.m. - Rock Port vs. South Holt Knights.

9 a.m. - Maryville Rush vs. Falls City Sacred Heart.

9:30 a.m. - Loser of Tarkio/Fairfax Bulldogs vs. Loser of Auburn/West Nodaway.

10 a.m. - Winner of Tarkio/Fairfax Bulldogs vs. Nodaway-Holt Trojans.

The third place game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., with the championship game set for 3 p.m.

### Fifth Grade Boys at THS

4 p.m. - Fairfax Bulldogs vs. Auburn.

4:30 p.m. - Panthers vs. Clarinda.

5 p.m. - West Nodaway vs. Rock Port.

5:30 p.m. - Tarkio vs. Winner of Fairfax Bulldogs/Auburn.

The third place game will be played at 9 p.m.

with the championship game set for 9:30 p.m.

### Sunday's Event

Sunday will host the fourth grade tournament at THS. The THS Cheerleaders will be running the concession stand for the afternoon event. Dippin' Dots may possibly be available again on Sunday, as well as the Tarkio Tournament t-shirts.

Admission will be taken at the door, which will be good for all afternoon. Time clock workers, scorekeepers and referees will be volunteers similar to Saturday's event. No medals will be awarded on Sunday as the event is a round robin schedule, which allows for as many games as possible for both the girls' and boys' division teams. The schedule follows:

12 noon - Tarkio Indians vs. Fairfax Optimist Girls.

12:30 p.m. - Rock Port vs. Fairfax-Craig II Bullets Girls.

1 p.m. - Tarkio vs. Rock Port Boys.

1:30 p.m. Mound City Panthers (Eaton) vs. Fairfax Optimist Girls.

2 p.m. - Mound City White (Ireland) vs. Tarkio Indians Girls.

2:30 p.m. - West Nodaway 1 vs. Rock Port Boys.

3 p.m. - Rock Port vs. Fairfax Optimist Girls.

3:30 p.m. - Fairfax-Craig II Bullets vs. Tarkio Indians Girls.

4 p.m. - West Nodaway 2 vs. Tarkio Boys.

4:30 p.m. - Fairfax Optimist vs. Mound City White Girls.

5 p.m. - Tarkio Indians vs. Mound City Panthers Girls.

5:30 p.m. West Nodaway 1 vs. West Nodaway 2 Boys.

6 p.m. - Fairfax-Craig II Bullets vs. Fairfax Optimist Girls.

6:30 p.m. - Mound City Panthers vs. Rock Port Girls.

7 p.m. - Rock Port vs. West Nodaway 2 Boys.

7:30 p.m. Mound City White vs. Rock Port Girls.

8 p.m. - Mound City Panthers vs. Fairfax-Craig II Bullets Girls.

8:30 p.m. - West Nodaway 1 vs. Tarkio Boys.

9 p.m. - Mound City White vs. Fairfax-Craig II Bullets Girls.

9:30 p.m. - Tarkio Indians vs. Rock Port Girls.

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