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City council approves ordinances during April meeting

The Fairfax City Council met in regular session on Saturday, April 12, 2008. Those present were Willis Weedon, Mayor; Becky Wilson, City Clerk; Pam O'Riley, Jack Kruse and Scott Smith, council members; K.R. Pennel, newly elected council member; Alva Stoner and John Brown, city employees; Joy Williboughby and Al Hottovy from Leo A. Daly Engineering; Myra Evans, Community Hospital administrator; Mike Liechti, Fairfax City Officer; and Tom Cundall, resident.

Jack Kruse and K.R. Pennel were sworn in as council members. Al Hottovy and Joy Williboughby from Leo A. Daly Engineering from Omaha, NE, had a long discussion with the board about USDA funds that were available. They want to make sure the city is ready when they hook into the new Atchison County Wholesale Water. They would like to make it possible for the hospital and town to not be without water if a main were to break. The cost of the survey would be \$8,500 to \$9,000. After a report is done, the city would have to pass a bond. Residents would possibly have to go without water for approximately four to five hours while installing the new system. A motion was made and passed to have the survey study done.

In old business, the copy machine is ready to quit. Parts are no longer available. The city clerk is to look into renting a copy machine. Deputy Clerk, Rhonda Ball, has been in contact with Ty Parsons, who is head of economic development, to discuss Fairfax getting grant money to fix the city streets. The city will apply for a Community Block Grant

for up to \$400,000 in the fall of 2008. The intention is to get enough money to re-do all city streets in the spring of 2009.

In new business, all churches will receive a water charge. The kindergarten class would like to shoot off fireworks after their graduation. A motion was made and approved to let fireworks be shot after the ceremony. A building permit was approved for Jeff Geib.

A long discussion was held on burning in the city limits. The burn ordinance will be discussed at the next city council meeting. No dumping from people outside of the city limits is allowed. If caught, a ticket will be issued. City residents are only allowed to dump brush and leaves in the city burn pile. There will be no extension on yard clean-ups given.

Bill #08, Ordinance #08-106-A: An ordinance to abandon an alleyway in the fourth addition of the City of Fairfax was read and a motion was made and passed to accept the reading with corrections. A motion was made to make a donation to the Fairfax Academic Banquet. A motion was made and approved to accept the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program. Motions were made and approved for the following ordinances: #08-105-A: Providing the general penalty for ordinance violation in the City of Fairfax; #08-110-A: To adopt Chapter 370 vehicle registration and licensing; #08-111-A: The use of child restraint; #08-108-A: Interference with a police officer; and #08-107-A: Miscellaneous driving rules. Discussion was held on how the water bills are estimated in the winter.

D.A.R.E. Graduation to be held Friday in Tarkio

The Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) graduation for sixth grade students in Atchison County will be held on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Tarkio High School Gym in Tarkio. Students from Tarkio, Fairfax and Rock Port schools will be recognized for completing a D.A.R.E. course offered during the school year by Atchison County law enforcement officials.



Local school receives award - The Fairfax R-3 School District was presented with the "Distinction in Performance" Award from state education officials during a banquet held on Monday evening, April 21, 2008. Pictured above are Fairfax staff members that administered the communication arts and math MAP tests last year, which are two tests required by the state and determine the distinction award. Left to right, front row - Kathy Defenbaugh and Sheridan Mires; middle row - Deb Johnson, Pam Simanek and Dixie Stoner; and back row - Marisa Hedlund, school counselor, Dustin Barnes, principal, and Nancy Harrington.

Fairfax R-3 receives "Distinction" Award

Fairfax R-3 was one of 39 school districts in the Northwest Missouri area that was honored by state education officials at a banquet held on Monday evening, April 21, 2008, in Maryville, MO. The banquet was held on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University. There was a dinner followed by the presentation of awards to officials from local schools that were present. This is the second year in a row that Fairfax has received this award.

The annual "Distinction in Performance" banquet is sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Regional Professional

Development Center at Northwest Missouri State University.

In December, the state education department announced that 295 Missouri school districts had earned the Distinction in Performance Award for 2006-2007, based on their outstanding academic performance and consistent progress.

Monday's banquet was one of nine regional celebrations that state education officials are holding this spring to formally honor all the award-winning school districts.

Becky Baldwin, director of the Regional Professional Development Center at Northwest Missouri State, presided

at the banquet. David Liechti, St. Joseph, MO, vice president of the State Board of Education, and staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assisted in presenting the awards.

The Distinction in Performance Award is one of the state's most prestigious honors for local school districts. It is based on the academic performance criteria that form the basis of the state's accreditation system for local school districts. Those from the Fairfax School District attending the banquet were Ed and Kathy Defenbaugh, Twilla Clark and Pam Simanek.

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Writer's Choice Poetry Reading by local and area writers

The Tarkio Mule Barn Theatre Guild is sponsoring a "Writer's Choice" Poetry Reading at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in the Activity Room of the Tarkio Resource Center at 405 South 11th Street in Tarkio. This program is a part of an ongoing series of writings of poetry and prose by Atchison County writers sponsored by the Mule Barn Guild.

The program on April 27 will feature writers from Rock

Port, Watson and Fairfax, MO, including Donna Perry and Kay Gibson of Watson; Darlene Schmidt, Betty Chamberlain, Wava Lytle and Carmie Fletmeyer of Rock Port; and Adah Pyeatt of Fairfax. There is a great deal of writing talent among these Atchison County writers. They will be encouraged by everyone's attendance. There is no admission fee and refreshments will be served after the readings.



REPORT OF CONDITION

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts In Thousands
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin.....	346
Interest-bearing balances.....	2,196
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities.....	5,980
Federal Funds Sold.....	2,187
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income.....	4,465
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses.....	378
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance.....	4,087
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases).....	87
Other assets.....	193
Total assets.....	15,076
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices.....	12,147
Noninterest-bearing.....	3,513
Interest-bearing.....	8,634
Other liabilities.....	144
Total liabilities.....	12,291
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common stock.....	50
Surplus(exclude all surplus related to preferred stock).....	250
Retained earnings.....	2,485
Total equity capital.....	2,785
Total liabilities, minority interests and equity capital.....	15,076

Graves, a conferee for the 2008 Farm Bill

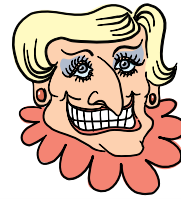
U.S. Congressman Sam Graves of Tarkio, a senior Republican member of the Committee on Agriculture and a senior member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was named to the House - Senate conference committee convened by the two chambers to negotiate the final details of H.R. 2419, the 2008 Farm Bill.

"There is still a lot of work to be done, but I am committed to passing a Farm Bill that works for Missouri," said Graves. "America's farmers and ranchers deserve certainty as they go into the field."

Graves was appointed by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to the conference. "Sam Graves, a respected and capable Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leader, has been chosen to represent the Committee on one of the most important agriculture measures to come before the Congress. Sam, himself a farmer and also a member of the Agriculture Committee, will do an outstanding job of representing the interests of the American people and the Transportation Committee in these important farm bill negotiations," said U.S. Rep. John L. Mica (R-FL), Republican Leader of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"I appreciate the confidence of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Having worked on the Farm Bill in the Agriculture Committee and as one of only a handful of farmers in Congress, I look forward to representing the need of our farmers and ranchers as the conference moves forward," said Graves.

Graves has authored a number of provisions that will be considered in the conference negotiations including an amendment to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to permanently debar anyone convicted of defrauding the government from future participation in USDA programs.



Ask Elsie Fae

A LA CARTE

Last week Thelma, Gayla and I decided to go "where the boys are". That would be KJ's in Westboro, MO.

Karla Chambers has opened an eating establishment that is not "fast food" and it's not a ladies' tea room. Karla is catering to the appetites of men: she serves home cooked food that is cooked away from home. I had a pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy and it was delicious.

And the boys were there, and for forty-five minutes we were the only women. (That suits me. I like to be in the company of men!) Not only that, but sometimes it pays off. When we tried to pay our bill, we discovered that Doug Summa had already picked up the tabs for the three of us. That's my kind of guy.

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The following Sunday, I left church alone and drove to the Lyceum for Sunday dinner. Roy and Gayla McIntosh saw me, felt sorry for unpopular me, and asked me to join them.

When Roy left to get the car, I still had my ticket which I had put under my plate. But, when I went to pay, I was told that Roy had already paid for my dinner.

Dr. McIntosh is a gentleman as well as a scholar.

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In stark contrast, three days earlier Gayla and I found ourselves seated next to a table of four truckers. Greg Heck was the main aggravation. I don't know what he hauls, but he must have fallen in it. At any rate he made fun of us, and he not only didn't pay, he didn't even try!

HOME HEALTH

Danny McCoy and I were both present when the head

therapist, Brad Howe, made his final visit to Edna.

In answer to one of our questions concerning the left and right sides of the body, Brad began a song and dance lesson that lasted five minutes, and left all three of us with mouths agape.

I would love to see and hear Brad do it again, but I don't want to break a hip joint just to have the opportunity.

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I asked Jeanie Mackey to have lunch with me sometime. I thought I could buy her lunch, and she could take my blood pressure. That way I could kill two birds with one stone.

I was going to ask Sharion Wilson to be my guest at lunch, too, but then I realized her expertise was showing people how to bathe safely. I don't think I need that lesson, but we could have lunch.

MY DAUGHTER THE CRITIC

My daughter Mary Beth, the critic, claims that I'm self-centered. She has based that on a flimsy reason.

We went to St. Joe to shop, and when I got out of the car, I said, "It's raining on me."

Mary Beth said, "It's raining in my world, too."

Well I can't control the weather. However, I can control the length of this column, and although I have more news, I'll save it for another day.

ATTN: Mr. Laukemper:

Some day when the weather is warm and I'm in the mood I'll come to Mound City so you can see first hand my lack of preservation. Prepare for a shock. My 87 years have not been kind. But, I'm alive and you can't beat that with a stick!

Notice

The burn pile in Fairfax is for in-town residents only.

Anyone living outside of the city limits is not to be using the burn pile. If caught, that person will be issued a ticket.

A reminder that the burn pile is for brush and leaves only!

The City of Fairfax

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Letter to the patrons of the Fairfax R-3 School District

Dear Patrons of Fairfax R-3 School District:

At the last school board meeting, we had an occurrence that for the most part goes unnoticed, the reorganization of the board. As superintendent, I wanted to draw your attention to this occasion. Rhonda Ball and Rick Sons went off the board. Rhonda has served the children of the district as a board member for nine years and Rick has served for three years. Although I am certain that their replacements, Tony Mitchell and Deanna Beck, will be excellent board members, Rhonda and Rick will be missed.

To give you an idea of what has recently been accomplished under the board's leadership, I would like to emphasize a portion of the principal's report given by Mr. Barnes at the April Board Meeting. Fairfax R-3 School received recognition from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Distinction in Performance for the second year in a row. This is obtained by meeting the academic criteria in 13 of 14 categories. Fairfax R-3 met the requirements in all 14 of these categories. More specifically, the state department maintains a list of the top 10 performing schools in each of the 14 areas tested. Fairfax R-3 students were ranked number two on the list in seventh grade math, number seven on the list in eighth grade math, and

would have ranked number one on the list in fourth grade math and fourth grade communication arts, but in order to be eligible for the list, a class must have tested at least 10 students and the fourth grade only had five students in the class. The sixth grade fell just a few percentage points short of making the list in both communication arts and math, and the tenth grade class was just a few percentage points short of making the list in math.

When we compare Fairfax R-3's test scores to the area schools, we discover that we had the highest scores in the area on five of the 14 tests, and ranked second on two more of the tests. Out of the 14 areas tested, Fairfax scored highest or second to highest in half of them.

The bottom line to this is, the students are doing an outstanding job of learning, the teaching staff is doing an excellent job of teaching, and Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Hedlund and the board of education is doing an exceptional job of providing the leadership that makes it all possible.

Thank you, Rick and Rhonda, for your past years of service to the children of the Fairfax R-3 School District, and thank you to the students, the teachers, Mr. Barnes, and Mrs. Hedlund for all your hard work.

Sincerely,
Ed Defenbaugh
Fairfax R-3
Superintendent

Moments in Time

This heartfelt gift was read aloud by the author at our house blessing on a warm and windy April 5, 2008. As the words came forth, it gave everyone listening a precious moment in time. It deserves its own 'moment in time' by going down in history in the Fairfax Forum, forever to be shared with others and the fine people of this community who come and go...or come and stay. It's titled 'Apple Ridge.'

On the hilltop she stood there majestic and tall, teardrops in the windows because she'd heard the call. She was being left alone to endure her grieving, as the family within her had said they were leaving. Would she be left there to decay and fall? As she was a hundred years old, after all. Lord, she cried out as she stood on the hill, bring me one more family, if that be your will; to protect from the lightening, the wind and the storms.... please, God, do not leave me here for the worms!

Out by the highway the sign was so small, how could a buyer even notice it at all? But soon God would answer the call of her prayers and put laughter in her kitchen and squeaks in her stairs. To the sign, God guided Leona's first glance. "Karen," she called, "this may be your chance!" Turning up

X Avenue with excitement and hope, there on the hill above the grass on the slope, she stood there so proudly not daring to breath....I hope this young lady decides not to leave.

As she stood there awaiting, she happened to think, it's the only dress I have, so I hope they like pink. Mike will give her a new dress when he has the time, but wearing pink a few months is surely no crime. She need not have worried for Karen was smitten. When she called Mike to tell him, she purred like a kitten. She said, "honey, you'll love it and it's just for us....several buildings and apple trees are definitely a plus!" When the purchase was made, the house took on new life. She had her new family of Mike and his wife. The drapes

were opened, she grinned from ear-to-ear; it had been many years since she enjoyed such cheer. So what if there's a bald spot on the corner of my hair. I now have someone to love me and to care. They will give me a facelift, a new dress, and new shingles. The thought of it all just makes my heart tingle. I may be a hundred, that's not bad you see....I now have a couple who are in love with me.

They also have given me a new catchy name. 'Apple Ridge' they now call me; it will lead me to fame. We now enjoy the laughter and the squeaks in my stairs. Does this leave any doubt that God answers our prayers?

Author ~
Jerry Kirwan,
Mound City resident



This Week in Fairfax

Thursday, April 24 -

MAP Testing

Cardinal Relays @ North Andrew

Friday, April 25 -

D.A.R.E. Graduation @ Tarkio, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 -

Panther Relays @ Mound City, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 28 -

Legion Auxiliary

FCCLA Banquet

275 Conference Golf Meet

Junior High 275 Conference Track Meet

Tuesday, April 29 -

Optimist Club

Kiwanis Club

Golf @ Mound City, 4 p.m.

High School 275 Conference Track Meet

April Character Ed. Word of the Month

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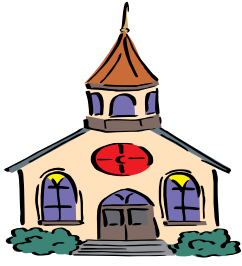


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Area Church Directory



Fairfax United Methodist Church

Pastor Mike Eighmy
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 27 - Pleasant View, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30 - Promise Keepers - 6 a.m.
Covenant Discipleship - 7-8 p.m.

Fairfax Christian Church

Pastor Adam Magill
www.fairfaxchristianchurch.com
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, Sunday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
Choir, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship, 9 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 @ Craig - Adult Bible Study, 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship @ Craig, 9 a.m.

Senior citizens' election in Fairfax

An election for representatives of senior citizens in Atchison County will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Housing Community Room in Fairfax on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The candidates being voted on to represent the Tarkio Senior Center and northwest Missouri will be Dale Faulkner, Jesse Payne, K.R. Pennel, Dale Hoepfner and Earlene Hicks. All senior citizens ages 60 and older are urged to get out and vote.



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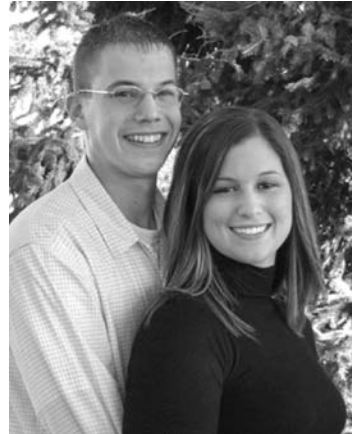
Honey Tree Nursery School is Now Accepting Applications For Fall Enrollment Classes Offered For 3 And 4 Year-Olds On

Monday, Wednesday And Friday, 8-11 a.m.,
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Kids' fun day and wiener roast

On Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 2-7 p.m., the Sharp's Grove Methodist Church is inviting children from the Fairfax and Craig areas to join them in a day of fun. Parents are also invited. The day's activities will include: kick-ball, dodgeball, and other games; Bible stories with related materials; and a wiener roast will be held to conclude the day. Rides are available and can be scheduled by calling 660-686-0287 or 660-686-2717. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is set for Tuesday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m.



Craven and Perkins engaged

Brett and Renee Craven of Northboro, IA, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittney Mae Craven to Ryan William Perkins. Ryan is the son of Harold and Karolyn Decuir, Essex, IA, and the late William Perkins.

Brittney is a 2006 graduate from Shenandoah, IA, High School. After graduation, Brittney joined the United States Air Force. She is currently stationed at Fort Meade, MD.

Ryan is a 2004 graduate of Essex High School. Ryan joined the United States Air Force in 2007 and is currently stationed at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam as a computer specialist.

Kiwanis Club news

The Fairfax Kiwanis Club met on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the community room in Fairfax with 15 members present. Roger Martin was the guest speaker. He talked about his mission trip to the Dominican Republic. That area received hurricane damage and while there he helped build a house.

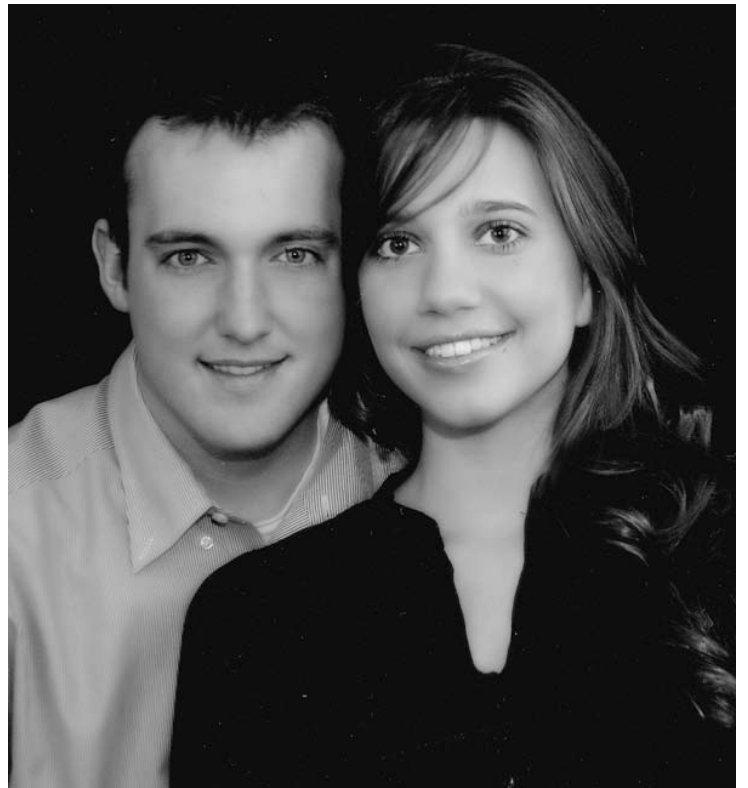
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Buckner and Parshall to wed

Mr. Roger Parshall of Tarkio and Mrs. Lori McKinney of Maryville, MO, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsie Diane Parshall, to John Wordy Buckner, IV, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Buckner of Springfield, MO.

John, IV, and Chelsea are finishing their second year in the six-year MD/BA program of medical school at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. A July 19, 2008, wedding is planned at Liberty Hills Country Club in Liberty, MO.

Community movie night this Sunday at Christian Church

On Sunday evening, April 27, the Fairfax Christian Church will be showing "Alvin and the Chipmunks" from 6-8 p.m. The movie is totally free.

The Fairfax Christian Church has purchased a movie license and will be showing one feature film each month on a 120-inch big screen. Refreshments are provided. This is a

great family-friendly activity that won't cost a thing. No worries about squirmy kids. Just good people getting together to watch a good movie. For more information check out the church website at www.fairfaxchristianchurch.com/movies.htm.

May OATS bus schedule

The Atchison County OATS bus schedule for the month of May, 2008, follows:

Thursdays, May 1, 15, and 29 - Fairfax, MO, to Rock Port, MO.

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 - Rock Port and Watson, MO, in-town service.

Mondays, May 5, 12, and 19 - Tarkio and Westboro, MO, in-town service.

Tuesday, May 6 - Atchison County to Shenandoah, IA.

Thursdays, May 8 and 22 - Fairfax to Tarkio.

Tuesdays, May 13 and 27 - Atchison County to Maryville, MO.

Thursday, May 15 - Committee meeting at Rock Port.

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday.

The Atchison County OATS bus driver is Donna Golden in vehicle number 1071. OATS transportation is available to anyone regardless of age or income. To schedule a ride, call one of these area contacts: **Tarkio** - P. Jackson, 736-5738; **Fairfax** - B. Paris, 660-686-3568; or **Rock Port** - H. Fentiman, 660-744-2370.

Holt County, Missouri, Historical Society program at Maitland

The Maitland, MO, Cemetery will be the site of the Holt County Historical Society's Confederate Memorial Day service, Sunday afternoon, April 27, at 2 p.m. The traditional Confederate Memorial Day was set aside on the last weekend in April by several southern states. It was to pay tribute to those who had served in the Confederate forces during the Civil War. Area Civil War re-enactors will take part in the program. Special recognition will be given to known Civil War veterans buried there. Michael Girdner, Vice-President of the Society, is coordinator of the annual event that is held annually in various Holt County cemeteries.

The cemetery is located at the west edge of the town

of Maitland and is noted for its columnar evergreens and many large monuments. An active Cemetery Board keeps it beautifully maintained. According to information in the *Gone Home I* book, the cemetery was sponsored by the Knights of Pythias Lodge with the purchase of ten acres in 1895. The lodge disbanded in the 1920s. The cemetery is still sometimes referred to as the KP Maitland Cemetery.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. There is no charge. The Maitland Cemetery Board will provide refreshments. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Additional information can be obtained from Mr. Girdner at 816-487-2084.



Fairfax youth attend concert - Pictured above are members of the Christian Church God Squad that attended a "Go Fish" concert in Lincoln, NE, on Friday, April 18.

God Squad attends concert

On Friday, April 18, 2008, a group of 20 kids and adults from the Fairfax Christian Church attended a concert in Lincoln, NE, given by the acapella singing group, "Go Fish."

"Go Fish" performed a variety of original songs, including the "Bible-Book Bop," "Superhero," the "Ten Commandment Boogie," and more. The performance was given at the Lincoln Berean Church. The group of 20 kids and adults traveled to Lincoln after school on Friday for the evening concert. The mission of "Go Fish" is pri-

marily to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to kids in new and exciting ways. They pride themselves in creating and performing 'kids' music that won't drive their parents bonkers!"

The trip was a part of the God Squad elementary ministry program at the Christian Church. The God Squad is open to all students in kindergarten through sixth grades. It meets each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. If anyone would like more information about the God Squad, or other ministries happening at the

Fairfax Christian Church, please contact Pastor Adam Magill (686-2271).

Make alumni banquet reservations by May 7

It is time to make reservations for this year's alumni banquet scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2008, at Fairfax High School (FHS). Tickets are \$10 each. Reservations can be made at K G Buds on Main Street in Fairfax or mailed to Lisa Mitchell, 505 North 5th St., Fairfax, MO 64446. Reservations will positively close at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 7.

The banquet is for alumni members only, their wives, husbands, or one guest; past and present teachers and staff of the Fairfax R-3 School District; parents and grandparents of this year's senior class.

The class with the highest percentage of people to attend this year's alumni banquet will receive a 4x6 picture of the Fairfax School. The Fairfax High School Class of 1958 will be honored during the banquet. The class of 1958 includes the following: Janice Bowness, James Earl Whitford, Shirley Howell, Jim Stevenson, Ronnie Ray,

Janet Fears, Alan Trauernicht, Janice Gubser, Lola Thayer, John Conn, Darlene Kerns, Ralph Brim, Jackie Jorgensen, Richard Smith, Virginia Fair, David Kemerling, George Cottle, Sarah Lawrence, Larry Lewis, Gladys Richey, Sharon Emrick, Clarence D. Lawrence, Suzanne Sims and Dick Straub.

This year's alumni theme is "Shrek the Third." Alumni members have to say "What's your happily ever-after?" to get the initiates to respond. On Tuesday, May 6, the initiates will begin sweeping Main Street at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual BBQ. These events are being held on Tuesday due to the senior trip and spring music program. The BBQ is open to the public and a free will donation will be accepted. The FHS class of 1998 will be hosting the annual alumni dance at the Fairfax Community Room following the banquet on Friday evening, May 9.

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Riley chosen to attend Missouri State Youth Government Day



Jill Riley, a freshman at Fairfax, has been chosen to attend the 21st Annual Missouri State Youth Government Day, conducted at the Missouri State Capitol and American Legion Roscoe Enloe Post 5 on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Jefferson City, MO. Other Atchison County students participating include: Michelle Sharp, Tarkio MO, and Tray Garst of Rock Port, MO.

Students will visit the Supreme Court at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy a luncheon at 12 noon with State Representative, Rachel Storch, at the Roscoe Enloe Post 5. At 1:45 p.m., students will visit the Governor's office and at 2:30 p.m. they will tour the Capitol.

The purpose of the government day is to provide Missouri youth with the opportunity to witness their state government in action. Never in the history of the world has there been a greater need for

highly educated and involved students of Democracy than now. With this in mind, the American Legion is providing a forum allowing young adults to participate in the governmental process with officials of the three branches of government. The heritage of freedom, liberty, and justice gained through the sacrifices of our forefathers cannot be lost nor taken for granted through complacency. We, the people, must make every effort to ensure understanding and dedication to these principles. A country, established on law and order, must continue to build and educate flag bearers dedicated to those principles. It is hoped that the young men and women who participate in State Youth Government Day will witness the professionalism and dedication of government officials in action and will have their pride in America strengthened.

The State Youth Government Day program is a result of the efforts of the late Lawrence F. Bonderer, Past Commander of Vern R. Glick Post 25, the American Legion of Chillicothe, MO. Commander Bonderer's tragic death occurred just days before the first State Youth Government Day held in April, 1988. In appreciative memory, a resolution was unanimously adopted during the 1988 Department Convention to name the program after him.

Always call 911 before you burn

It is the time of year when residents are cleaning up their yards and farmers are burning ditches and fields. Fire departments have, in the past, been dispatched to fires that are really just controlled burns. Atchison County 911 must always be notified of the location of all controlled burns so the fire department will not be dispatched when someone sees smoke or fire. Call 911 even if you will be closely watching and there is very little chance of the fire getting out of control.

If a fire or smoke is spotted from someone passing by and they call 911, the dispatcher can check to see if it is a controlled burn rather than a fire needing the fire department. When calling 911 to notify of a controlled burn, the dispatcher will need a location and phone number where you can be reached. If your controlled burn happens to get out of control, be sure and call 911 immediately, don't hesitate while you try to get it under control yourself. Fires spread extremely fast and the sooner you can get the firemen on the way, the better your chances will be of getting the fire under control and put out quickly.



Students visit hospital - Pictured above are Fairfax first graders that visited the local hospital on Monday, April 14, 2008. Left to right, front row - Zachery Garrison, Dixie Hendrix, Shanna Gilpin and Liberty Stikeleather; middle row - Destany Theas, Kayla Hoffman, Kinley Thornhill, Jentry Freemyer and Katie Baker; and back row - Max Hopkins, Jordan Sutter, Briacin Gebhards, Josh Lilly, Tyler Brown and Shelby Morris.

Fairfax first graders visit Community Hospital-Fairfax

Fairfax first grade students got an inside look at what it's like at Community Hospital-Fairfax on Monday, April 14, 2008. Mrs. Clark's class visited with Trisha Quimby, LPN at Community Hospital-Fairfax for Pediatric Orientation, an activity that the hospital has been providing for area students for many years.

Hospital volunteers Robin Lewis and Leslie Sutter took part in the day's activities along with the first graders and their teacher. The first graders tested out the beds in the pediatric unit, weighed

themselves and listened to their heartbeats with stethoscopes. They also looked at X-rays and took rides in a pediatric wheelchair.

Pediatric Orientation introduces the children to the hospital so they are more comfortable if they are ever admitted to the hospital.

Jackie Martin, RN, one of the nurses who takes the children through the orientations, says, "The kids have a great time and learn a lot. The kids become more familiar with procedures, which alleviates fears of the hospital. They just have a ball."

Spring music concert May 8

The kindergarten through 12th grade music department is busy preparing for their upcoming spring concert Thursday, May 8, 2008, in the high school gymnasium.

Kindergarten through sixth grade will begin their program at 6:30 p.m. The audience can enjoy the following selections:

*Fifth and sixth grade choir will sing *There's just something about a song, Child of the Universe* and *Who put the Bomp?*

*Fourth grade recorders will perform *Merrily we Roll Along, Hot Cross Buns, Go Tell Aunt Rhody* and *When the Saints Go Marching In.*

*Fifth grade band (The Fab Five) will perform the traditional *Hard Rock Blues, Trombone Rag* and *Crown Point March.*

*Fifth and sixth grade band will join together and play *This old Dude.*

*Sixth grade band will perform *A Western Lul-*

laby, Ayre and Dance and *Ghosts in the Graveyard.*

To close this portion of the performance: *Bully the Frog* has moved into Lindentown Swamp and it turns out be a Froggy Day for all of the inhabitants. This once happy little community of creatures finds itself up against an unpleasant and rude bully.

*Grades kindergarten through third will perform their spring musical, "A Froggy Day in Lindentown".

The 7-12 concert bands will begin their performances at 8 p.m. and will perform the following selections:

*Jr. High Band will perform *Eagle Mountain Overture, Kickstart, Commemoration and Drums of Darkness.*

*High School Band will perform, *Kingswood Overture, Flight of the Flutes, Battle Cry of Freedom, Heroic Variations* and *The Symphony of Souls.*

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BULLDOG PRIDE

Elementary Broadway

By: Jessica VanGundy

This week on Elementary Broadway Jacob Wooten is the star. Jacob is in sixth grade and his teacher is Mrs. Kathy Defenbaugh. Jacob's favorite sport is football and his favorite color is hunter green. Goulash is his favorite food and his favorite book is "The Red Badge of Courage." Jacob's best friend is Grant and when he grows up he wants to be a mechanic.

The next star on Elementary Broadway is Grant Hopkins. Grant is in sixth grade and his teacher is also Mrs. Kathy Defenbaugh. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is green. Grant's best friend is Keifer and his favorite sport is football. His favorite book is "The Lonesome Dove," and when he grows up he wants to play in the NFL.

It's time to round up all your pennies!

By: Leslie Smith

Monday, April 14, 2008, was the kick off date of the annual fundraiser, "Pennies for Patients." Pennies for Patients is a benefit fundraiser hosted by the Fairfax National Honor Society each spring. All of the money raised will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There are some actions that parents and students can do to make this fundraiser a success. Parents can give their sons or daughters their spare change on a daily basis during the campaign. Checks can be made payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Anything along the lines of money is acceptable. Every little bit counts during this great cause and it is all very much appreciated! So, everyone start emptying out your pockets and donate to Pennies for Patients! You will be glad you did!

Counselor's Corner

By: Tabatha Theas

Fairfax High School students will be taking field tests for the end-of-course tests that will begin next year. End-of-course tests will replace MAP testing at the high school level. Elementary will still participate in MAP testing. For example, after a student takes Algebra I, they will take the end-of-course field test to show what they learned from that class. Next year students will take Algebra I, Biology and English II tests. The state will then add more end-of-course tests.

The following information was taken from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Assessment Section April 2008 that can be found at dese.mo.gov. DESE wanted to do the end-of-course for two reasons: one is to respond feedback from Missouri school districts and secondary schools. It was also created to adapt testing to the needs of Missouri districts, schools, teachers and students while meeting state and federal requirements. There are two sections of the test and each one is timed for only 55 minutes a piece. This gives the students the amount of class time to finish the testing. There are ten minutes for preparation and directions and 45 minutes for testing. For questions or comments contact Marisa Hedlund at 660-686-2851.

Artist of the Week



By: Whitney Harrington

The school is blooming with artist ability, so the school's newspaper staff would like to recognize our

talented students. Each week we will gather a new piece of art work from the art class, taught by Miss. Schmerber and display it in the weekly *Forum*. This week's Artist of the Week is Aaron Scarbrough. Artists that inspire Aaron the most during his drawing are: Edvard Munch, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Stan Lee, Jon Allie, Corey Doffel, Jessica Alba and Batman. When Mr. Scarbrough draws he enjoys drawing portraits and abstract art. When Aaron was asked, based on his feeling today what would he draw, he chose to draw himself.

Student-Teacher Perspective

By: Thomas Lee Shepard

Q: What is your opinion on the idea to co-op with Craig?

A: Mrs. Ginger Feek - If it benefits the school, it's a good idea.

Amy Stoner - It's a good opportunity for people to get into sports.

Jill Riley - Hopeful.

Tiffani Burke - We shouldn't have even thought of it.

Mrs. Connie Minter - I think it will be an interesting year.

Mr. Ed Defenbaugh - It would give people more opportunities to participate.

D.A.R.E.

By: Jacob Wennihan

On Friday, April 25, 2008, the D.A.R.E. graduation will be held in Tarkio at 7 p.m. The purpose of this event is to get Atchison County schools together to present the topic discussed throughout the year in D.A.R.E. class. Each student wrote an essay and the winner will be announced at the ceremony. Students play a role during the ceremony, and the D.A.R.E. role models are presented with a certificate.

The Sports Scoop

By: Tyler Heits

On Monday, April 14, 2008, the Fairfax Track Team traveled to Mound City, MO, for the Squaw Creek Relays.

Jacob Beck - Placed sixth in the 100m Dash, fourth in High Jump, sixth in Triple Jump, and fifth in Long Jump.

Spencer Barnes - Placed fifth in the discus.

Tyler Heits - Placed fourth in shot put and received first in discus.

Colleen O'Riley - Placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles and fourth in the 300 meter hurdles.

Jill Riley - Placed first in high jump, sixth in the triple jump, and third in the 400 meter dash.

Ashton Lewis - Placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles.



Attend state convention - Pictured above are members of the Fairfax FFA Chapter that attended this year's state FFA convention in Columbia, MO. Left to right, front row - Kristi Sons, Kelsey Sly, Leslie Smith and Kourtney Sly; and back row - Troy Nally, advisor, Spencer Barnes, Tyler Heits and Jacob Wennihan.

Fairfax FFA members attend state convention

Members of the Fairfax FFA (Future Farmers of America) Chapter attended the state FFA meeting in Columbia, MO, April 17 - 18, 2008, to honor fellow members for outstanding achievements, conduct association business, elect new officers and participate in leadership workshops at the 80th Missouri FFA Convention. Those attending were Tyler Heits, Jacob Wennihan, Spencer Barnes, Leslie Smith, Kourtney Sly, Kelsey Sly, Kristi Sons and advisor, Troy Nally. Kristi sang in the FFA choir on Friday evening, April 18.

"Blue Jackets, Bright Futures" was the theme for this year's annual convention, which attracted more than 7,500 students and guests to the Hearnes Center on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

This year's National FFA Officer Address by

President Zack Kinne was extra special. Kinne, from Eagleville, MO, is only the second National FFA president to be from Missouri. He is a North Harrison High School graduate and a junior at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Kinne was elected as National FFA president in October at the national convention in Indianapolis. During his term as president, Kinne will travel over 100,000 miles, visit over 40 states, be part of an international tour of Japan, and meet leaders in education, business and government.

The Missouri FFA Association has 24,137 members, the largest ever Missouri membership. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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Monday, April 28 - Breakfast - Cereal, donut, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Frito pie with cheese, tator tots, apple crisp, and milk.

Tuesday, April 29 - Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes, peaches, sugar cookie, and milk.

Wednesday, April 30 - Breakfast - Cereal, mini muffin, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - BBQ rib on a bun, potato wedges, peas and carrots, jello, and milk.

Thursday, May 1 - Breakfast - Waffles, sausage, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Pepperoni pizza, corn, applesauce, snow on a mountain cookie, and milk.

Friday, May 2 - Breakfast - Cereal, donut, juice, and milk; and **Lunch** - Sack lunches.

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Brody Cooper playing for Northwest Vipers

The nine and under Northwest Vipers started the 2008 baseball season off at the Sandlot Classic held at the Mid-America Sports Complex in Johnson County, KS. They finished the tournament with a 2-2 record and a fourth place finish. Brody Cooper, Fairfax, is a member of the Northwest Vipers Team.

On Saturday, April 19, the Vipers started the tournament off with a bang, beating the KC Astros 14-8. Hunter Jewett of Maryville, MO, started the game, and pitched an impressive 3 2/3 innings, striking out four. Alex Bean of Maryville came in relief and shut the Astros out while striking out five. Craig Lewis of Winston, MO, led all hitters with two hits and three RBI. Tucker Tripp of Maryville had two hits, while John Zimmerman of Maryville, Garrett Pistole of Maryville, Bean, and Bryson Kirkland of Maryville each added a hit to the game. Zimmerman, Lewis, Brody Cooper of Fairfax, and Grant Meyer of Conception Junction, MO, each scored two runs in the victory.

Game two saw the Vipers pulling out a close victory against the KC Rebels by a score of 5-3. Cooper started the game and pitched five innings, giving up only two

hits and striking out five. Lewis came in to finish the last inning and held the Rebels scoreless. The hitting was distributed among Lewis, Brant Price of St. Joseph, Jewett, and Bean. Each had one hit, and Lewis also had two RBI.

Sunday, April 20, the Vipers played the 810 Zone Bandits and came up on the losing side of a 14-2 game. The Vipers struggled to find their bats, only getting three hits. Zimmerman had one hit and scored both of the team's runs.

The Viper 2-1 record in pool play earned them a spot in the single elimination tournament. There they faced the Lawrence Jets, number one seed from the other pool. Again, the Vipers bats went silent and they lost 10-2. Some bright spots were Lewis, Cooper, and Chase Staples of Maryville, each collecting a hit. Defensively, the Vipers turned an outstanding double play. Lewis fielded the ball at shortstop, threw it to Zimmerman at second base to collect the force out. Zimmerman then fired the ball to Cooper at first to get the batter! After this great start to the season, the Vipers are looking forward to playing at Tiffany Hills in North Kansas City next weekend!

Elementary field day

The Fairfax Elementary Field Day will be held on Friday, May 2, at the high school football field. In case of inclement weather, field day will be rescheduled for Monday, May 5. The Fairfax Student Council will have a food stand during field day or students can sign up for a sack lunch.



Irish Grove Class of 1938

70-year class - Pictured above are members of the Irish Grove Class of 1938. Left to right, bottom row - Ford Burke, Jr., and Russell Curry; middle row - Gladys Green and Richard Portis; and top row - Halley Ford, superintendent.



FHS golf action

Golfing at Mound City - Pictured above is Fairfax Golf Team member, Aaron Theas, attempting a put at the Mound City, MO, golf course on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.



Shepard

concentrates

Season coming to an end - Pictured above is Fairfax Golf Team member, Tommy Shepard, as he concentrates while golfing in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, April 15. The last match for the Fairfax team is Tuesday, April 29 in Mound City.

Market Hog and Lamb Weigh Day for 2008 County Fair

4-H and FFA members who plan to show market hogs or lambs at the 2008 Atchison County Fair need to bring their hogs and lambs to weigh day at the fairgrounds in Rock Port, MO, this Saturday, April 26, 2008. Hogs will be weighed from 9 to 11 a.m., and lambs will be weighed from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Those exhibitors needing to weigh early because of school commitments later that day may bring their animals as early as 7 a.m. Exhibitors must be a member of 4-H or FFA by weigh day in order to participate.

The market hog show is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, at 6 p.m. Both breeding and market hogs will be checked in from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. before the show; market hogs will be weighed in during this time as well. Lambs will be weighed in on Thursday, July 17, from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the show will start at 1 p.m. The livestock premium auction will be Friday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

Those interested in showing at the Missouri State Fair can have blood samples taken on hogs, or noseprints taken on lambs or meat goats, that morning. The Missouri State Fair will be held August 7-17 in Sedalia. Hair samples on hogs, lambs, or meat goats for DNA identification can also be taken for the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition at weigh day. The Expo will be September 23-28 in Omaha, NE. To show at Ak-Sar-Ben, you must be a 4-H member and 10 years old as of January 1, 2008. For more information, contact the Atchison County Fair Board, or the Atchison County Extension Center.



EMPEROR PENGUINS - Waddle past a U.S. Air Force plane in Antarctica.

Greetings from the Great White South

Brian Hess, a former Tarkio resident, writes to the local newspapers from Antarctica.

Hello Tarkio,

I just heard some of you are taking a trip. The flight to Australia is a long one. All I saw of Australia was the airport, but New Zealand is real cool. The Kiwis are friendly people. All I saw was the Christchurch area on the South Island. Have a nice trip.

Down here, we just had a three-day storm pass

through. Got some snow, but a lot of wind. Hopefully, before long, I will see the southern lights. The skuas, a scavenger bird, have left for the winter, and I don't see much of my penguin friends anymore. The pictures I am sending are of an adelic penguin on his belly, which is a quicker way for them to get around on land; and some emperor penguins at the airfield, taken when we had some planes here.

Brian

Atchison County Relay for Life kickoff event

Atchison County residents are invited to kick off the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Atchison County. This kickoff celebration is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Relay For Life and how to get involved. Relay For Life is a community event that honors cancer survivors, current cancer patients, and caregivers. The relay also pays tribute to those who have lost their battle with cancer. The Relay For Life of Atchison County is Saturday, September 13, 2008, at Blue Jay Stadium in Rock Port, MO.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay-style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminarias around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors, as well as friends and family members lost to the disease.

Everyone is welcome to attend the kickoff event, scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Tarkio First Baptist Church. The Relay For Life committee members are hosting a spaghetti dinner for the Relay For Life volunteers to thank them for helping with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Atchison County. To RSVP call (660) 254-2809. For more information about the American Cancer Society, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



Indian Relays - Pictured above is Fairfax's Ashton Lewis as she runs in the 200 meter dash event during the Indian Relays on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.



Long jump - Pictured above is Mary Gilbert, a member of the Fairfax Junior High Track Team, long jumping during the Indian Relays on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.



Flying through the air - Pictured above is Fairfax's Tristan Ray as he competes in the long jump event on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.

Results from Indian Relays

The Fairfax Junior High and High School Track Teams competed in the annual Indian Relays held in Tarkio, MO, on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The following are team members that medaled at the meet:

Junior High

800 Meter Relay - Mary Gilbert, Aleesha Ball, Becky Geib and Darian Burke, sixth place, 2:12.77.

Shot Put - Jamie Silkett, sixth place, 26'04".

High Jump - Darian Burke, first place, 4'04" and Becky Geib, sixth place, 4'.

Discus - Lauren Clark, fifth place, 55'.

High School

100 Meter Hurdles - Colleen O'Riley, second place,

17.09.

800 Meter Relay - Colleen O'Riley, Amanda Geib, Ashton Lewis and Chelsea Miller, third place, 1:59.85.

1600 Meter Run - Colleen O'Riley, third place, 6:14.24.

400 Meter Dash - Amanda Geib, fifth place, 1:07.15.

300 Meter Hurdles - Colleen O'Riley, fifth place, 52.98, and Ashton Lewis, sixth place, 53.94.

Shot Put - Amanda Geib, first, 33'08".

High Jump - Jill Riley, second place, 4'08".

Discus - Amanda Geib, second place, 96'05.25".

Triple Jump - Tyler Heits, fifth place, 36'09.25".



Triple Jump - The annual Indian Relays were held on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO. Pictured above is Fairfax Track Team Member, Jill Riley, as she triple jumps.



Giving it her all - Pictured above is Jamie Silkett, a member of the Fairfax Junior High Track Team, as she puts the shot during the Indian Relays on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.



100 Meter Dash - Pictured above is Fairfax Bulldog, Jacob Beck, as he runs in the 100 meter dash event during the Indian Relays held in Tarkio, MO, on Saturday, April 19.



400 Meter Dash - The junior high and high school Indian Relays were held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, in Tarkio, MO. Pictured above is Fairfax's Becky Geib as she runs the 400 meter dash.



Junior high action - Pictured above is Fairfax Junior High Track Team member, Kourtnee Bradley, during the Indian Relays on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.



Terrell runs hard - Pictured above is Jeanna Terrell, a member of the Fairfax Junior High Track Team, during the Indian Relays on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.



Hurdle event - Pictured above is Fairfax Junior High Track Team member, Mercy Codgill, as she runs the hurdles on Saturday, April 19, in Tarkio, MO.

Tiger Relay results

The Fairfax High School Track Teams competed in the annual Tiger Relays at Worth County High School in Grant City, MO, on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. The Fairfax girls placed sixth with 34 points.

Fairfax tracksters placing were:

Shot Put - Amanda Geib, second, 32'03".

Discus - Amanda Geib, second, 105'01.50".

High Jump - Jill Riley, third, 4'10".

300 Meter Hurdles - Colleen O'Riley, fifth, 55.82.

100 Meter Hurdles - Colleen O'Riley, third, 17.34.

1600 Meter Run - Colleen O'Riley, fourth, 6:26.87.



Third place finish - Pictured above is Fairfax Track Team member, Jill Riley, as she high jumps during the Tiger Relays held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Grant City, MO. Jill placed third in the event.

Northwest Missouri judges taking on cases in other counties

The judges in extreme northwest Missouri are being called upon to frequently handle cases outside of their circuit. The Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri consists of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties. The elected Associate Circuit Judges from these counties are respectively: Zel Fischer, Edward Manring, Wm. S. Richards, Glen A. Dietrich, and Joel Miller. Roger Prokes serves as Circuit Judge for the circuit. These judges have an obligation to handle all non-municipal cases within their five-county area. Although these judges are elected locally, they have a state-wide responsibility to serve when directed by the Missouri Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has authority to assign local trial judges to other Missouri counties to meet existing needs. It has sent judges from the Fourth Circuit to handle cases throughout the state. This typically occurs where a local judge has a conflict of interest or is disqualified. Within the last year, assignments have been received to handle a variety of cases including: a case where a judge from eastern Missouri was sued in a family dispute over his mother's estate; a murder case from Harrison County; an armed robbery from Harrison County; juvenile backlog in Clay County; and a potential class action suit from Ray County. In that same year, Fourth Circuit judges were specially sent

to Jackson County to handle cases involving charges of wrongful employment terminations at a major law firm, the theft by an employee of over \$200,000 in computer equipment from the Jackson County courts, the dissolution of marriage of a prominent attorney, and a civil action between a major brokerage and a small software firm which resulted in a \$4.2 million judgment.

Recently, Roger Prokes sat as a special judge hearing arguments with the Missouri Supreme Court. It is anticipated that starting in July of 2008, in addition to on-going special assignments, that each of the judges of the Fourth Circuit will be ordered to serve four weeks per year in Jackson County. In the past, these Fourth Circuit Judges have served as needed, up to two weeks per year, in Jackson, St Louis, Greene and Stone counties. The required 24 weeks of assignments solely to Jackson County is an effort by the Chief Justice to reduce backlog in that metropolitan county which contains Kansas City.

These assignments are mandatory and may result in delays in setting cases or the cancellation of regularly scheduled dockets in the Fourth Circuit. In response to these demands, the judges of the Fourth Circuit are developing plans to increase their efficiency in serving their home communities while meeting the new out-of-circuit requirements.



STANDING NEXT TO - The American Red Cross Disaster Supply trailer that is now stationed in Atchison County are, from left to right: front row (kneeling) - County Commissioner Kent Fisher; and back row - Atchison County Sheriff Dennis Martin, 9-1-1 Dispatcher Mark Manchester, County Commissioner Larry Hicks, Dana Thompson, Carmen Ellison, Rock Port Police Chief Curtis Elam, Ralph Dishon, Steven Shineman, 9-1-1 Director and Emergency Management Director Rhonda Wiley, and Eric Anderson.

Atchison County receives Red Cross Disaster Supplies Trailer

The American Red Cross has received seven Disaster Supplies Trailers filled with response supplies as part of a \$38,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. One of those trailers has been placed in Atchison County, with Nodaway, Holt, Clinton, Harrison, Grundy, and Dekalb counties receiving the other trailers.

"While outside help and supplies would be provided as soon as possible, we would like the local communities to have basic supplies and equipment to care for people immediately after a disaster and up to 72 hours without outside help," stated Karla Long, Emergency Services Director, Midland Empire Chapter. The trailers provide the basic materials to open any shelter, including registration forms, signage, hygiene items, diapers, first aid supplies, cots, and more.

"We would wish to provide all people cots or floor pads and blankets immediately at all shelters. For the healthy and younger people looking for the safety of a shelter, cots or floor mats and blankets are a luxury for the first hours in times of a disaster. However, for the older, sick, or injured people, cots or mats and blankets are a must and 100 cots or floor pads with blankets will

be available immediately on each trailer," stated Long.

The supplies are accessible to county emergency managers and American Red Cross volunteers in each county. They would be activated by a request from an authorized emergency manager, law enforcement officer, fire department official, or by the appropriate elected official in times of need.



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Graves speaks at wind power celebration

Green Switch celebration - U.S. Congressman Sam Graves of Tarkio, MO, speaks to attendees of the Green Switch Celebration at the Atchison County Memorial Building in Rock Port, MO, on Friday, April 18, 2008, with Eric Chamberlain of Rock Port, coordinator of Rock Port's wind power, at right. The event was a celebration of Rock Port being the first 100% wind powered community in the United States. Graves presented the city of Rock Port with a congressional record recognizing the achievement.

Atchison County Court

The following cases were heard in Atchison County Court in the courthouse in Rock Port, MO:

State vs. Russell Ray Golden - CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64. Case filed on December 26, 2007.

Warren S. Wright vs. Robert K. Liles - Personal Injury - Vehicular. Case filed on November 18, 2005. Jury Trial scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2008.

Rosemary Moore vs. Missouri Department of Social Services - Other Administrative Review. Case filed on March 7, 2007. Case dismissed by court without prejudice.

Rodney Lee Hall vs. Debra Lea Hall - Dissolution Without Children. Case filed on August 3, 2007. Setting - Bench Trial - scheduled for June 3, 2008.

State vs. Mark S. Sachs - Felony Domestic Assault

- 2nd Degree. Case filed on March 14, 2008. Sentencing Hearing scheduled for June 3, 2008.

State vs. Kevin L. Green - Felony Non-Support in Each of Six Individual Months Within Any 12 Month Period - Amount Owed Is In Excess Of \$5,000. Case filed on March 31, 2008. Arraignment scheduled for May 6, 2008.

State vs. Joshua C. Smith - Felony Tampering With Motor Vehicle - 1st Degree. Case filed on March 6, 2008. Arraignment scheduled for May 6, 2008.

State vs. John K. Hildenbrand - Felony Probation Violation. Probation Violation Hearing scheduled for July 8, 2008.

State vs. Amy Smith - Felony. Case filed on October 12, 2006.

State vs. Candice K. Taylor - Felony Unlaw-

ful Use Of Drug Paraphernalia - Amphetamine/Methamphetamine. Case filed on October 17, 2007. Suspended Imposition of Sentence - 5 Years Supervised Probation and 30 Days Shock in the Atchison County Jail and Fined \$46.

State vs. Christopher M. Brooks - Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Except 35 Grams or Less of Marijuana. Case filed on March 14, 2008. Sentencing Hearing scheduled for May 6, 2008.

Reverend Rachel Lancey vs. Tirzah M. Vogler - Adult Abuse Stalking Filing. Case filed on April 2, 2008. Adult Abuse Hearing scheduled for August 5, 2008.

Steven Lewis, Et Al. vs. Lyle Brown - Other Real Estate Actions. Case filed on September 27, 2007.

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In the Estate of GRACE E. FINCH, Deceased.
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
(Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GRACE E. FINCH, Decedent:

On March 25, 2008, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of GRACE E. FINCH, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Atchison County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is: Jean A. Wiles, 220 Hwy. 66, Plattsmouth, NE, 68048. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address, and phone number is Dan Smith, 213 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482; 660-744-2575. The personal representative's designated agent's name, business address and phone number is: Dan Smith, 213 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482; 660-744-2575.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of decedent's death: December 6, 2007
Date of first publication: April 3, 2008

Zel Fischer, Judge

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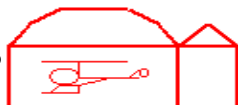
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Atchison County Commission meets

The Atchison County Commission met on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the Atchison County Courthouse in Rock Port, MO. North District Commissioner Larry Hicks reported that he had stopped and inspected the building at the landfill site and it measures approximately 30 feet by 60 feet and could be utilized for storage needs.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Adam Meyer was present to discuss the condition of Old Highway 111 in front of the Hunter Cemetery. Both he and the commissioners agreed that something must be done to the road this year to maintain any type of base. Meyer reported that he had contacted Caterpillar about renting a milling machine. The cost of rental is \$6,000 per week, but they would agree to prorate the charge for the time used. Meyer thought that they could complete the work needed with the machine in no more than two to three days. Supervisor Meyer stated that they would mill the asphalt and then grade and shape the road. A sheep foot would be rented to compact the surface and they would finish the road by applying

gravel. Holt County Road and Bridge has used this very same procedure on an old section of Highway 111 left in Holt County and Supervisor Meyer felt, after inspecting it, that it was in very good condition and would address the problems being experienced with the road and leave it in a condition that the county would be able to maintain from now on. North District Commissioner Larry Hicks made a motion to proceed with the project as soon as the weather would allow. The motion passed. Supervisor Meyer will proceed with getting the project lined up.

Supervisor Meyer also reported that he had spoken to Mark Huck, Engineer with Harrington and Cortelyou, about the City of Rock Port Bridge. Huck reported that it has still not been approved to bid due to the increased construction cost of the estimate. Since the county has agreed to use its soft match funds for the project, there are not enough dollars available at this time to move ahead with the project. The commissioners may need to discuss options with the city, as the cost of the project

will only continue to rise if it continues to be delayed and this is forcing the county to use funds that could be allocated to other bridge projects.

Dave Duncan, President of Tiffany Care Center, was present to visit with the commissioners about consolidating some rooms at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Rock Port that they are currently using for storage to allow the county a few additional rooms for office space and storage for the 911 Center. Emergency Management and E9-1-1 Communications Director Rhonda Wiley was present for the discussion. The commissioners, Wiley, and Mark Crawford all traveled up to the 911 Center, where they met with Duncan, Patty Steinberg, Mrs. Knauss, and Kevin Schomburg to look at the rooms and discuss some consolidation options. Everyone was in agreement that it could be done. The commissioners agreed to put together a detailed time line for approval by Duncan. When the project is approved, the commissioners will work with Steinberg and Schomburg to coordinate the project.

Community Hospital, Fairfax, invites public to health fair

By: Jennifer J. Danley, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Community Hospital-Fairfax

Author's Note: This is the first article of a three-part series that describes the events offered at the Community Hospital, Fairfax, MO, Health Fair.

Everyone age zero to one hundred who is interested in learning about health issues and celebrating National Hospital Week is invited to the Community Hospital, Fairfax, Health Fair. The event, which will host several informational booths and activities, takes place throughout the hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2008, from 2 to 6 p.m. The theme "On the road to a healthier you" will take visitors on a ride to a more healthful lifestyle and making smart choices in their everyday lives.

In the hospital's cafeteria, Nutritional Services Director JoAn Whittington and Kay Wing, a certified diabetic educator and registered dietician, will have information on Type 2 Diabetes in children and overweight children. Their program will take children through "red light and green light" food choices and provide examples of healthy activities. The Dietary Department will provide healthy snacks and drinks and will demonstrate proper portions for adults and children using the "Zimbabwe Hand Jive".

Other important information covered at this station includes warning signs for children who may become overweight, physical activity and risk factors of diabetes in children. Kay Wing explains that the road towards a healthy life starts earlier than most people think. "The prevention of heart disease begins in childhood," she says. That prevention is one of the many reasons why the hospital's dietary staff will address what children and parents need to know about eating healthy.

Visitors will receive home brochures and handouts, including a children's food pyramid poster. There will also be more information for adults on diabetes in the hospital's conference room. Karen Wedlock, RN, a certified diabetes educator, will perform blood sugar tests and provide information for prevention of heart disease. "I always tell people that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Wedlock says.

There will be other stations in the hospital's solarium and conference room that will focus on healthy living, heart health, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks and adults can enter to receive a free lab profile from the Community Hospital, Fairfax, Laboratory services. The hospital's Health Fair is a great opportunity for adults to learn more about their health and for parents to bring their children to a worthwhile activity.



May Specialty Clinics

Cardiac Clinic:	May 6, 27-Dr. Coatsworth May 13, 20-Dr. Whitney	Sleep Study: Available Tuesday nights with appointments-#260
Vascular Clinic:	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Wellness Program: Monday, Wednesday & Friday-Appt. #264
ECHO Clinic:	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Bone Densitometry Clinic: May 16
Nuclear Medicine:	May 13, 27	Evening Mammos: May 8-4:30-7:30 and daytime appointments
Pulmonology Clinic:	May 12-Dr. Keim	Diabetes Education: May 13, 14, 20-Karen Wedlock, RN, CDE
Orthopedic Clinic:	There is no orthopedic clinic in May	Nutritional Counseling: May 7, 21, 28-ext. 266 Kay Wing, R.D.L.D., CDE
Eye Surgery:	There is no scheduled eye surgery in May	Home Health Services: Nursing & Physical/Occupational/ Speech Therapies
Eye Clinic:	May 27-Dr. Madson	Blood Pressure Clinics: May 8- Rock Port May 15- Tarkio May 24- Mound City
Neurology Clinic:	May 28-Dr. Makos	
Urology Clinic:	May 14, 29-Dr. Partamian	
OB/GYN Clinic:	May 30-Dr. Dawson	
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