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Four decades later, Brewer & Shipley to return to Tarkio Folk duo still "smokin'" after 40 years

In the spring of 1971, folk singing duo Brewer & Shipley were riding high on the Top 10 success of "One Toke Over The Line." In need of a follow-up single from their third album "Tarkio," the decision was made to release "Tarkio Road" which garnered even more chart success for the duo. However, only those intimately familiar with Missouri geography could have known that the album title and its second single evolved from a small town with approximately 1,900 residents located in the northwest corner of Missouri.

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, 40 years after "Tarkio Road" found a home on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, Brewer & Shipley will return to Tarkio to reunite with the residents of the rural community, which they helped introduce to the rest of the country. The band is making its appearance in Tarkio during the Tarkio College Alumni Weekend.

When asked about the origin of the song, Michael Brewer recounts, "There are so many bogus tales of the song." He continued, "When we left L.A., we moved to Kansas City and started a company (Good Karma Productions) with some friends. At the time, we were virtually playing every college and high school that existed in the heartland. We were driving everywhere and whenever we went to Iowa or Nebraska, we would take the same two-lane highway, which went through this little town, Tarkio, MO. In fact, we played the college there as well. We found ourselves on that highway so many times that we eventually nicknamed it Tarkio Road."

"This was 1969-1970 and we were fresh out of L.A., so we didn't really fit in with everyone in the heartland at the time," Tom Shipley added. "We kind of glowed in the dark, so we had to pick and choose where we'd stop to eat and get gas. Pretty innocent, though the rumors of us being arrested there make for a much better story."

Michael Brewer and Tom Shipley were among the pioneers of folk rock throughout the early/mid seventies - releasing seven albums and charting a total of three singles on the Billboard Hot 100. Though they will always be remembered for the hit that etched their name in rock his-

tory, few recall the story - and the controversy - that surrounded it at the time. "One Toke Over The Line" was first performed live at Carnegie Hall, when after their second encore, the duo found themselves tapped out of material. Never intended as a single, the song was eventually released due to the overwhelming response it was receiving in concert. Despite the fact that it was being banned by radio stations across the country for its "controversial" lyrics, the song still reached the top 10.

Ironically, simultaneous to US Vice President Spiro Agnew specifically referring to the duo as being "subversive to America's youth" and US President Richard Nixon adding them to his enemies list (a badge they still wear with honor), the song was being performed on the *Lawrence Welk Show* with Welk calling the song "modern spiritual." Video of this performance can be viewed on YouTube.

A favorite of musicians from the era, Brewer & Shipley shared the stage and/or recorded with many of the biggest artists, including: Elton John, The Eagles, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Bonnie Raitt, Jerry Garcia, Electric Light Orchestra, Jethro Tull, Humble Pie, Ted Nugent, Mike Bloomfield, Leon Russell, Jimmy Messina and Black Sabbath, among others. Constantly touring, Brewer & Shipley could regularly be found performing in such notable venues as Carnegie Hall, The Bottom Line, The Troubadour, The Roxy, The Cellar Door, Keil Opera House, etc. In recent years, the duo has witnessed rejuvenated interest in their music, beginning with the re-issue of the critically acclaimed "Tarkio" release, which was soon followed by the inclusion of "One Toke Over The Line" on the *Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas* motion picture soundtrack (starring Johnny Depp). The duo was later invited to contribute guest vocals to a cover of their trademark song performed by The Rainmakers on "Hempilation II." Other compilations have included "The Best of Brewer & Shipley" and "Tarkio/Weeds."

So how did the upcoming 40th anniversary show in Tarkio show come to be? "I received an email from a long-time Brewer & Shipley fan

now living in Denver," stated the duo's manager, Alan Rommelfanger. "He was interested in hosting a private party in Tarkio for a small group of friends who had attended college there in the early 1970's. Upon further discussion, we realized that there was an opportunity to do something much bigger, particularly given the significance of the 40th anniversary of "Tarkio Road" as a single."

Now long-time residents of Missouri, Brewer & Shipley continue to perform regularly to audiences comprised of old fans and a younger generation who have been turned on to their music. Regarding the duo, Ron Sylvester of *The Branson Note* wrote, "An actual group from the '70's still capable of making vital music." Visit www.brewerandshipley.com for more information and photos on the duo.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive May 14

On Saturday, May 14, letter carriers across the country, in partnership with the US Postal Service, will be collecting food for families in need. Simply place non-perishable food items next to your mailbox before your regular delivery time on the 14th. Your letter carrier will pick up the items and bring them to the Tarkio Post Office for distribution to local food banks or pantries.

Westboro Alumni Banquet May 21

The Westboro Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 12 noon at the Fire Station in Westboro, MO. Attendees are asked to RSVP by May 18 to Nancy Martin at 660-984-5449, or Norma Mather at 660-984-5654.

THS awards' assembly May 13

The Tarkio High School awards' assembly will be held on Friday, May 13, at 1 p.m. in the Tarkio High School Gym. Scholarships will be presented to seniors, as well as individual awards for students grades seven through 12 who have excelled in their classes this past school year. Everyone is invited to attend.



Cleaning up the town

THE TARKIO SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' HEALTH CLASS - Picked up trash along the streets in Tarkio on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. From left to right are: front row - Destiny Klosek, Blair Broermann, Noelle McMahon, and Amanda Culver; and back row - Genetri Staten, Candace Campbell, Mackenzie Mayer, Lea Peregrine, Tabitha Rosenbohm, and Alissa Hurst. The eighth grade girls' health class also picked up trash on Wednesday.

Graduation ceremony for THS Class of 2011 this Sunday

The graduation ceremony for the Tarkio High School Class of 2011 will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2011, in the Tarkio High School Gym. This year's graduating seniors are Shannon Boyer, Dalton Brooks, Sarah Brought, Krystal Brown, Ryan Burke, Samuel Bruce Graves, III (Trey), Ashley Harbin, Donovan Jones, Kyle Livengood, Cody Mandeville, Jase Masonbrink, Taylor McCartney, Denise McEnaney, Erica Merriett, Jesse Murphy, Jessica Murry,

Brianna Navin, Dillon Noland, Michael Ohrt, Shonilea Oppie, Michelle Sharp, Abbie Smith, Marcellus (Marc) Stillwell, Johnathon Stout, Zachary Toben, Karly Umbarger, Kaly Williams, and Shelbie Wooten. This year's graduation speaker is US Congressman Sam Graves. Congressman Graves is a life-long Tarkio resident, husband to Tarkio Elementary teacher Lesley Graves, and father of graduating senior Trey Graves. He graduated from the University

of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He is a former volunteer fireman and Eagle Scout. He is also a sixth-generation farmer.

Be sure to stay after the ceremony and congratulate this year's seniors as they line up outside. A "graduation tabloid section" appears in this week's issue of the *Avalanche*. It includes pictures of the seniors, their parents and plans after high school, as well as the schedule for graduation on Sunday.

Monica Bailey named ACDC Director

Monica (Martin) Bailey of Tarkio is the new Executive Director of the Atchison County Development Corporation (ACDC). Monica came to ACDC with a varied community development background that includes strategic planning/visioning, asset mapping, project management, event coordination and communications.

Since May of 2010, Monica's duties at ACDC have involved collaborating with Eileen Irvine (ACDC's recently retired director), developing new and improved communications materials, creating additional opportunities for community interaction and feedback, and encouraging and initiating economic and community development in Atchison



**ACDC Director
Monica Bailey**

Tarkio golfer Derek Rohlfen headed to 72nd Boys' Golf Championship

Tarkio High School golfer Derek Rohlfen is once again headed to State Golf. This will be the second trip for the sophomore, who tied for 42nd last year at State with a 182 (100 and 82). Rohlfen placed first with a score of 81 at Sectionals in Richmond, MO, on May 4, 2011, to ensure his advancement to the final stage of the 2011 golf season. The Sectional Golf Tournament was held at Shirkey Golf Course, where Tarkio's other golfer, Nic Schebaum, scored a 119 (the cut-off for state qualifying is a 98).

Tarkio Coach Luke Cox commented, "Shirkey was a tight course full of trees. I think Derek

is becoming mentally tougher at every match. Nic shot one of his best scores of the year. Unfortunately, at this level, he fell a little short. Nic has a lot of potential to succeed next year. Derek is looking forward to competing at State again."

Derek will be competing at the 72nd MSHSAA Boys' Golf Championship on May 16 and 17, at the Sedalia Country Club in Sedalia, MO. A "send off" will be held at Tarkio High School on Friday, May 13, following the awards' assembly, and everyone is invited to attend and wish Derek good luck.

County. Monica's economic philosophy is to retain and expand current businesses and entice new business by improving infrastructure and quality of life. She also strongly believes the county must increase emphasis on the value of its youth. If youth are shown that they are valued in their home county, then they will return home, raise their families, and become leaders here.

Monica said, "My time at ACDC has been spent celebrating the wonderful projects that have come to fruition after years of hard work and diligence. ACDC is ready to embark on the next season of its journey, and I am ready to lead."



Lions Club plants field

LARRY HICKS WITH THE TARKIO LIONS CLUB - Plants the field between Hwy. 136 and the Tarkio Water Plant on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Grebe Pioneer Seed furnished the seed and Mo Valley - Rock Port sprayed the chemicals and fertilizers. Corn was planted in the field.

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Dr. Eduardo Fernandez to practice at hospital clinic

Northwest Health Services is proud to announce a partnership with Community Hospital-Fairfax in Fairfax, MO. Dr. Eduardo Fernandez will begin practicing at the hospital clinic on May 9, 2011. He will be seeing patients at the hospital on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Dr. Fernandez will continue practicing at the Mound City, MO, and Oregon, MO, clinics, as well as area nursing homes. The Mound City clinic will continue to see patients Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dr. Fernandez has practiced at Northwest Health Services in Mound City since 2007. Dr. Fernandez commented, "I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the needs of the communities, offering my services at both locations."

It is important to Northwest Health Services and Community Hospital-Fairfax that consumers have accessible primary care services in Mound City and Fairfax. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Community Hospital-Fairfax clinic at 660-744-2276 or Northwest Health Services at 816-271-8262.



Market hog and lamb weigh-day

BILL LEE OF TARKIO, RIGHT - Weighed hogs for area 4-H and FFA members who plan to compete in the market hog or lamb rate-of-gain contests at the 2011 Atchison County Fair. The weigh-day was held at the fairgrounds in Rock Port, MO, on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

Quote of the Week

Always remember that you are absolutely unique, just like everyone else.
 Margaret Mead



Ask Elsie Fae

For Years I have occupied the front pew in the North section of the United Methodist Church. Since no one sits within twenty feet of me, visiting strangers think I'm going to sing or preach.

However, one Sunday this past April, Dillon Noland dared to join me in my pew. He told me that he, Kyle Livengood, and Trey Graves were coming to my house to visit.

Well, that hasn't happened!! Thank goodness I didn't bake a cake!

Scott Smith can't get over the fact that I didn't know his name. Well, if he hadn't had such an unusual name I might have been able to remember it!!

Monday my son-in-law, Eddie Bredensteiner, was

upset. He hadn't realized that I would also be eating in Westboro, and he had already paid his bill when I arrived.

I'll try to make it up to him.

Dr Ireland is building a plane. That makes about as much sense as me baking a cake.

We have a few Christians and a lot of Muslims living in the U.S. now. The first thing we know, we will all be required to pray on a throw rug.

Hospital report: Keely Gloe has arrived in Omaha. Kymm is much better, but Shane will require quite a lot of attention for the next 18 months.



Last week, my sisters, several other members of my family, and I gathered in the yard of our house, our home for years, and watched the excavator hit it again and again and knock it to the ground. Mom and Dad had lived there since 1937. We had lived a mile away and moved there when I was two years old.

Dad was found dead on the seat of the tractor that pulled the corn picker in November of 1960. Mom stayed there with the remaining three children still living at home and kept the home fires burning. When she was in her 91st year of life, she moved to the low rent housing and then to the rest home where she lived until her death in 2002 at the age of 92. My sister Lyllis purchased the farm and house in 2004. The house stood empty for more than 9 years.

It was not just a house, it was a home. Mom and Dad raised us without a lot of extras, but we were always fed, clothed, and loved. The house held so many memories. There were many, many happy times, sad times, worries, and illnesses. We were not rich, but we didn't even know it because we had what we had and that was enough. Mom and Dad saw that we got to church each Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church where many of the family and their families are still members.

My grandpa Nels Nelson purchased the 80 acres, where the house was located, in August of 1900. He and his wife Mary Laumann moved there shortly after he purchased the farm. The farm was homesteaded by Geo. Wilson on October 15, 1858. Robert and Miles Wilson inherited the farm July 1, 1862. The farm was purchased by John Harrel in October of 1881. Henry Kahle, Grandma Nelson's uncle, purchased the farm in February of 1883. H. G. Laumann and Nels Nelson purchased the farm in 1900. Nels purchased the other half from H.G. Laumann in 1902. I do not know when the house was built. My dad and mom, Lee and Dora Nelson, moved on the farm in 1937 when my grandpa retired and moved to Rock Port. In July of 1959, my dad and mom inherited the 80 acres at the death of my grandpa Nelson. My dad got to own the farm for one year before he died.

We watched with sorrow as the excavator moved around the house, crushing in the roof, the sides, and eventually the entire house was knocked to the ground. One of my sons remarked that it made you realize what force a tornado has to shred houses, barns and other buildings and spread parts all over the area. The excavator hit with a lot of force, but it took a lot of hits to get it knocked to the ground. Our childhood home put up a good fight. It stood proud and tall until it fell to the battle. The memories were not crushed beneath the broken floors, splintered sides, fallen brick and ripped shingles.

The memories are still in our hearts. I can close my eyes and see the stairs dented by years of feet running up and down; the closets that Dad made for us in our rooms; the wainscotings that covered the walls in the upstairs rooms; the "North Room" that held the overflow of things that were not used anymore; the small room off the kitchen that had been a pantry at one time; the back porch; and the kitchen where we always gathered and the place we knew Mom would be when we went home to visit. I will never forget the Christmas Eves that we gathered there, the snacks on the table, the coats piled high on Mom's bed, her Christmas tree and the love that we shared. We bid farewell to the home we loved.



Rhoades harvests turkey

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - Are Debbie and Vernon F. Rhoades of Fairfax, MO. Vernon shot this 24 1/2 pound turkey on Monday, May 2, 2011. It had two-inch spurs and a 10-inch beard. His brother, David Rhoades, helped him carry in the turkey as Vernon is on crutches.

Community Calendar

- THURSDAY, MAY 12**
 6:30 p.m., Bingo at the Tarkio Nutrition Center
- FRIDAY, MAY 13**
 1 to 3 p.m., THS Awards' Assembly in the THS Gym (A "Send Off" for State-Bound Golfer Derek Rohlfen will follow)
- SATURDAY, MAY 14**
 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
 9 a.m., AA at the Atchison County Health Center in Tarkio
 10 a.m., THS Track at Sectionals
 10 a.m., Pancake Eating Contest at Tarkio Rehab
- SUNDAY, MAY 15**
 2 p.m., THS Graduation in the THS Gym
- MONDAY, MAY 16**
 Boys' State Golf
 6 p.m., Honey Tree Nursery School Program at the Community Building in Tarkio
- TUESDAY, MAY 17**
 Boys' State Golf
 12 noon, Tarkio Rotary Club at Farmers State Bank in Tarkio
 7 to 8:30 p.m., Kids' Korner Circus (Program) in Tarkio
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**
 6 p.m., THS Football Spring Parent/Player Meeting in the THS Auditorium
- THURSDAY, MAY 19**
 6:30 p.m., Bingo at the Tarkio Nutrition Center

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HONEY TREE NURSERY SCHOOL STUDENTS - Enjoy a day at the zoo on Monday, May 2, 2011. The students toured the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, NE, and learned about many different kinds of animals.

Honey Tree preschoolers enjoy a day at the zoo

Preschool program May 16

Honey Tree Nursery School students took their annual field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, NE, on Monday, May 2, 2011. Ms. Shannon and 11 of her students had great weather to enjoy a wonderful day at the zoo looking and learning about many different animals. Many family members joined the children for their trip. The Honey Tree program will be held on Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the Community Building in Tarkio. "All-American Graduation" is the theme for the program. Children will be singing some of their all-time favorite songs learned throughout the year. Students and families will enjoy dinner together at 6 p.m., followed by kids' singing and graduation ceremony for four students going on to kindergarten. Honey Treet students are Sydnee Bruns, Kamryn Brown, Alex Barnett, Emma Rhine, Olivia Schaefer, Audrey Rhine, Owen Derosier, Brady Cox, Quin Staten, Kale Lekey, Linkin Murry, and Garret Rosenbohm. Graduates are Alex, Linkin, Garret, and Audrey. The school year will wrap up at Honey Tree on Wednesday, May 18.

TOPICS

Congratulations to Derek Rohlfen for qualifying for State Golf and to all the Sectional Track Qualifiers.

Get your cameras ready for Tarkio High School's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in the Tarkio High School Gym. Don't forget to bring extra batteries and some tissues as well!

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Tarkio High School musicians host Spring Concert

The Tarkio High School Choir, Jazz Band, and Concert Band held their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in the high school gym. Awards were also presented to the students throughout the night.

The choir started the concert off with four songs, including: *Come My Friends* by Robert C. Lau; *Early In The Morning* by Paul Stookery; *The Water Is Wide* by Mark Hayes; and *For Good* by Stephen Schwartz. After the choir performed, those students who had received I ratings at District Music Contest and then went on to compete at State Music Contest, performed their solos and ensembles. These students included Michelle Sharp, Cavin Joesting, Donovan Jones, Shannon Boyer, Jessica Murry, and Krystal Brown. Choir members include:

Altos - Ashley Harbin, Krystal Brown, Taylor McCartney, Abby Athen, Nicole Blea, Melissa Culver, Keisha Williams, Rachel DiRoma, Yolanda Duran, Shelby Wiley, Rebecca Henning, Katie Stevens, Baleigh Ohrt, and Sam Wright.

Sopranos - Karly Umbarger, Michelle Sharp, Shelby Wooten, Jessica Murry, Kaly Williams, Megan Culver, Shelby Gilliland, Blaze Erickson, Karley Knoth, Abby McEnaney, Michelle McEnaney, Lacie Peregrine, Jade McAdams, Bridget Stillwell, Desiree Wallace, and Britnee Wolfe.

Tenors - Austin Bennett, Donovan Jones, Tyler Mitchell, Nash Hart, and Philip Merriett.

Basses - Dakota Crawford, Max Graves, John Lang, Cavin Joesting, Johnathon Stout, Keaton Shaw, Scott Sachs, and Tristan McIntosh.

The jazz band performed two songs: *Basin Street Blues* by Spencer Williams; and *On Broadway* by Michael Sweeney. Jazz Band members include:

Flute - Shannon Boyer and Jessica Murry.

Clarinet - Dani Smith.
Baritone Saxophone - Krystal Brown.
Tenor Saxophone - Ashley Harbin.
Alto Saxophone - Mr. Brad Mathers.
Trumpet - Michelle Sharp.
Piano - Donovan Jones.
Auxiliary Percussion - Shelby Wooten.

The band ended the night's performances with three songs: *The Flying Eagle* arranged by J.R. Watson; *Prelude and Fugue* by Johann Sebastian Bach; and *The Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Band members include:

Clarinets - Karly Umbarger, Taylor McCartney, Britnee Wolfe, and Jasmine Vogler.

Soprano Saxophone - Ashley Harbin.

Flutes - Jessica Murry, Shannon Boyer, Baleigh Ohrt, and Kaly Williams.

Piccolo - Katarina Bennett.

Tenor Saxophones - Denise McEnaney and Cavin Joesting.

Alto Saxophones - Jay-Dee Wilcox, Andrew Sloop, and Keisha Williams.

French Horn - Katie Stevens.

Baritone Saxophones - Sarah Brought and Michael Ohrt.

Bass Clarinet - Dani Smith.

Trombones - Tyler Mitchell and Nash Hart.

Tuba - John Lang.

Baritones - Abby Athen and Nicole Blea.

Trumpets - Michelle Sharp, Derek Rohlfen, Austin Bennett, Bridget Stillwell, Rachel DiRoma, Desiree Wallace, and Aerin Rennaker.

Percussion - Francis Bautista, Franc Bautista, Philip Merriett, Jordan Riley, J.D. Walter, and Bryce White.

Awards and recognitions given to students included:

Color Guard - Denise McEnaney (Captain), Michelle Sharp, Sarah Brought, Taylor McCart-

ney, Dani Smith, Katarina Bennett, Baleigh Ohrt, and Keisha Williams.

Drum Majorettes - Ashley Harbin and Katie Stevens.

Retiring Drum Major - Ashley Harbin.

Band and Choir Officers - Cavin Joesting, Michelle Sharp, Krystal Brown, Ashley Harbin, Shannon Boyer, Jessica Murry, and Katarina Bennett.

Four-State and All-District Honor Choirs - Cavin Joesting and Donovan Jones.

District Music Contest I Ratings - Michelle Sharp - vocal solo and vocal trio; Krystal Brown - vocal trio; Cavin Joesting - vocal solo; Jessica Murry - flute solo; Shannon Boyer - flute solo; and Donovan Jones - piano solo, vocal solo, oboe solo, French horn solo, and vocal

trio.
State Music Contest - Donovan Jones - piano solo I, vocal solo II, French horn solo II, and oboe solo III; Michelle Sharp - vocal solo II; Cavin Joesting - vocal solo I; Jessica Murry - flute solo II; and Shannon Boyer - flute solo II.

Outstanding Instrumentalists - Michelle Sharp, Krystal Brown, and Donovan Jones.

Jazz Awards - Shannon Boyer and Krystal Brown.

High Point Band - Shannon Boyer.

High Point Choir - Donovan Jones.

American Choral Award - Michelle Sharp and Krystal Brown.

John Philip Sousa Award - Jessica Murry and Ashley Harbin.

Overall Senior Musician - Donovan Jones.



AMERICAN CHORAL AWARD RECIPIENTS - Are Michelle Sharp, left, and Krystal Brown, right, both seniors at Tarkio High School. The two received their awards during the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARDS - Were presented to seniors Jessica Murry, left, and Ashley Harbin, right, at the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.



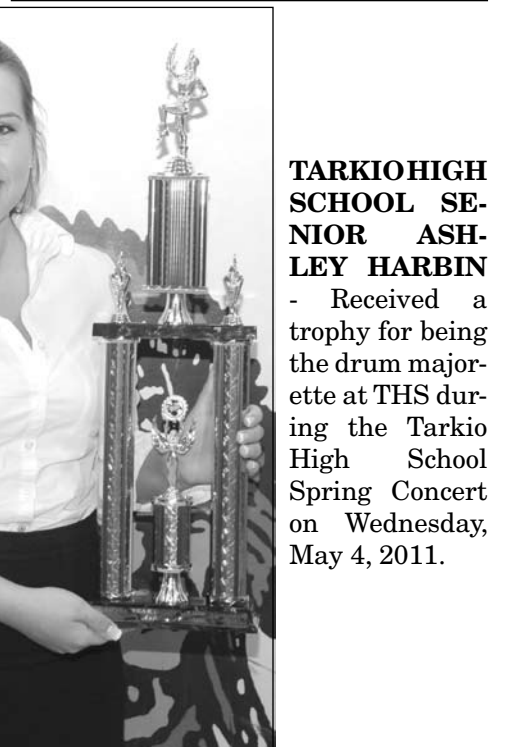
AN AWARD FOR RECEIVING THE HIGHEST POINTS - In band went to Shannon Boyer, left. An award for receiving the highest points in choir went to Donovan Jones. Both received their awards during the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.



DONOVAN JONES - Was named the Overall Senior Musician at the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.



TARKIOHIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ASHLEY HARBIN - Received a trophy for being the drum major-ette at THS during the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.



PRAIRIE WIND FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS - Were recognized at the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. From left to right are Krystal Brown, Ashley Harbin, Shannon Boyer, Karly Umbarger, Baleigh Ohrt, and Katie Stevens.



THE TARKIO HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND - Had the audience swaying in their seats at the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Jazz Band members include, from left to right: Shelby Wooten and Donovan Jones (both at the piano); and Krystal Brown, Ashley Harbin, band director Brad Mathers, Shannon Boyer, Jessica Murry, Dani Smith, and Michelle Sharp. Shannon Boyer and Krystal Brown received Jazz Awards.



THE SENIOR TRIO - Including, from left to right, Michelle Sharp, Donovan Jones, and Krystal Brown, performed at the Tarkio High School Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The Senior Trio received a I rating at District Music Contest and a III at State. These three musicians were also named Outstanding Instrumentalists.

Fundraiser for Tasha Beason Berls

A fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. for Tasha Beason Berls of Kansas City, MO, formerly of Tarkio. Tasha is currently fighting stage 4 lung cancer. The cancer is called adenocarcinoma, a form of lung cancer that is growing in prevalence among young women who are nonsmokers. Tasha is in the midst of her first round of chemotherapy, but her treatment could be lengthy and is costly.



A FUNDRAISER FOR TASHA BEASON BERLS - Formerly of Tarkio, will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Terrace on Grand in Kansas City, MO. Berls is currently fighting stage 4 lung cancer.

tizers, one drink ticket, music, dancing, entertainment, and participate in an auction, and more. For tickets or to make a donation, contact: ONG Law Firm c/o Tasha Berls Foundation, 4601 College Blvd., Suite 110, Leawood, KS 66211. Donations may also be left at the Tarkio Avalanche, where they will be picked up the day of the fundraiser. Items for the silent auction may also be donated. For more information, contact Regena Irvine at 913-706-8080 or RegenaIrvine@hotmail.com.

Despite her diagnosis and the fatigue brought about by chemotherapy, Tasha has continued working at Blackburn Elementary in the Independence, MO, School District. Just prior to her illness, she was voted teacher of the year for the 2010-2011 school year. However, as treatment becomes more intense, she will miss more and more work. Her sick time expired weeks ago and each day missed due to chemo, doctor's appointments, or just plain fatigue is a day the family goes without pay at a time their medical bills are building.

The fundraiser will be held at Terrace on Grand at 1520 Grand in Kansas City (parking - Kansas City Star parking lot - 16th and Grand). For \$35, attendees can enjoy heavy appe-

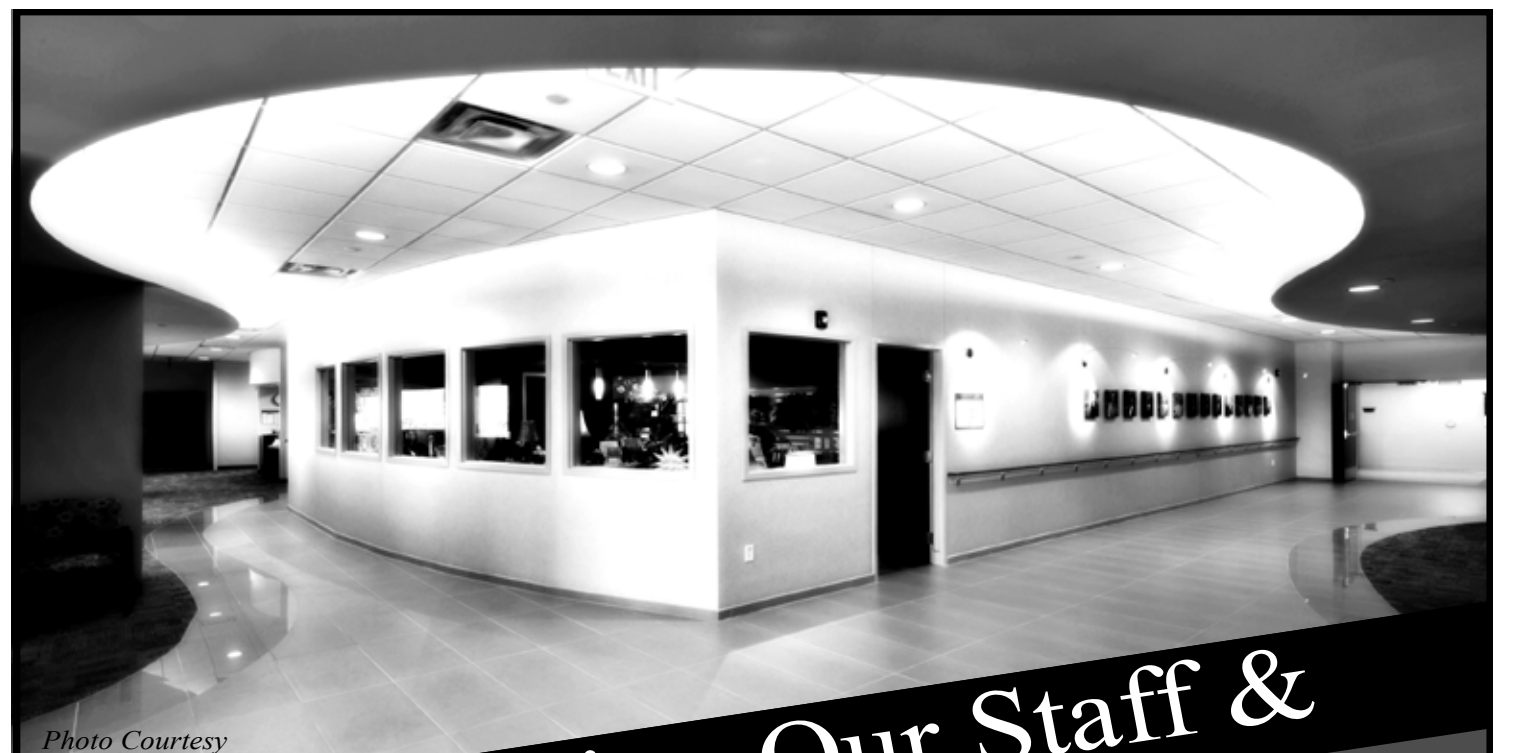


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Obituaries



Lois Mae (McGinnis) Lester

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011, at Davis Funeral Home in Tarkio for Lois Mae (McGinnis) Lester, 83, of Tarkio. Interment was held at Center Grove Cemetery, Westboro, MO.

Lois passed away on Friday, April 29, 2011, at Tarkio Rehabilitation and Health Care in Tarkio. She enjoyed life on this earth for 83 years, but after dealing with extensive heart trouble, traded up to her new mansion in Heaven. She is enjoying God's presence along with her grandparents, the Walkers' and McGinnis'; mother and father, Alma and Forrest McGinnis; brother, James W. McGinnis; children, Kay and Kelly Rowland; most recent husband, Earl Lester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Born in Westboro, Missouri, on March 25, 1928, Lois lived most of her life in and around Tarkio, with intervening residencies in Colorado, South Dakota, and other Missouri cities. During this time, Lois was also married to Col. Darrell Rowland and Kenneth Hallanger.

Lois attended University of Colorado and took a break to marry and raise a family, then resumed her education at Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Lois performed administrative duties for the federal government and several corporations.

Lois's very active life included participation in numerous social and charitable organizations, plus she supplied Beanie Babies to the children staying at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. Lois was a member of Tarkio Presbyterian Church.

Of course, these activities required the help and support of numerous friends and relatives.

Lois leaves behind a loving family, including son, Kimbol "Kim" Rowland and his wife, Linda, of Chandler, Arizona; grandchildren, Melanie Calabrese and her husband, Cameron; and great-grandchildren, Noah and Madeline of Chandler, Jason Rowland and daughter, Claire, of San Diego, California, and Ryan Rowland and his wife, Deanna, of San Diego. Other survivors include numerous local cousins, including Lila Mae and Dale Faulkner, Mary Lou and Cleo Dukes, Opal Louise and Don Noble, Dean and Shirley Mather, Sharon McCall, Betty Jean and Dean Freeman, Marvin and Kathy Walker, and Phyllis Clark; plus other relatives scattered throughout the country.

The family is eternally grateful for all the friends and cousins that made a difference in Lois's life over the years by looking after her and transporting her to and fro. Also, for reading her letters to the editor and complimenting her on those. Lastly, to those friends and cousins that made sure Lois was not alone during her final transition to eternity, we THANK YOU.

Memorials may be directed to Tarkio Nutrition Center or Tarkio Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be made at www.mint Erfuneralchapels.com.



Gabrielle "Gabby" Matthes

Gabrielle "Gabby" Matthes, age 17, of rural Adams, NE, died Monday, May 2, 2011, at BryanLGH Medical Center West, Lincoln, NE. She was born June 5, 1993, at Liberty, MO. Gabby was a senior at Freeman High School.

Throughout her elementary and high school years, Gabby was involved in several sports including volleyball, basketball and softball. Her main passions were in art and music, in which she was talented in both. Gabby loved to sing and was a member of the Freeman Show Choir, along with creating artwork.

Gabby was a member of the Nemaha Valley 4-H Club and received her 10 year membership award this past summer. She was employed at Pizza Hut in Beatrice, NE, American Eagle Outfitters in Lincoln, and was just to start another job at the Homestead Cafe in Firth, NE. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in rural Pickrell, NE. Gabby

was always on the go. She loved to be socializing and shopping.

Survivors include her parents, Todd and Cindy (Wenihan) Matthes of rural Adams; sister, Megan Matthes of rural Adams; grandparents, Betty and Gary Wennihan of Fairfax, MO, and LaMarr and Wanda Matthes of Falls City, NE; great-grandmothers, Bernice Matthes and Marie Singleton of Falls City; aunts and uncles, Deana Wennihan of St. Joseph, MO, Tracy Matthes and wife, Christine, of Elkhorn, NE, Zach Matthes and wife, Lori, of Camdenton, MO, and Molly Matthes of Elkhorn, NE; and eight cousins. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Ray and Ruth Wennihan, Erman and Mary Graves, Ordos Singleton, and Dale Matthes.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011, at Christ Lutheran Church, rural Pickrell, with Pastor Greg DeBoer officiating. Burial was held in the Christ Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pickrell. A memorial is established to the Gabby Matthes Memorial Scholarship Fund. A register book is also available online at www.harmanwrightmortuary.com for messages of condolence. Harman-Wright Mortuary in Beatrice is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Graveside service for Madaline Gilliam

Graveside service and burial for Madaline Gilliam, formally of Tarkio and Fairfax, MO, will be held at Home Cemetery in Tarkio on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 3 p.m.

50th anniversary for Thomsons

Please join Stephen, Dayton, Dalton, and Ethan in celebrating the 50th anniversary of their grandparents, Dolly and Richard, with a card shower. Dolly and Richard Thomson were married on May 13, 1961, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tarkio. Their parents were the late Earl and Wilma Peregrine and the late Waldo and Hazel Thomson. The grandsons, along with their parents, Donald and Jennie, Ronald and Shelley, and Rhonda and Jeff, invite you to send cards to the couple at 20614 T Avenue, Tarkio, MO 64491.

Baby shower

Stella Nicole Scott, born April 12, 2011, daughter of Trey and Carrie Scott, will be visiting her grandparents, Glenn and Jayne Scott and Ray and Kay Bolger, in Tarkio the weekend of May, 14, 15, and 16. She will be honored at a "Come and Go" shower/coffee at the First Baptist Church in the north end Sunday School room on Monday, May 16, at 9 a.m.

Stella has enough clothing, but she could use Similac Formula Advanced (with a blue lid), diapers larger than size 1, and any safety item (plugs for light sockets, etc.). Anyone who would like to meet Stella is invited to share a "cup o' coffee" and a roll while she has her bottle.



ANNETTE KAPLAN OF TARKIO - Speaks to those who attended the National Day of Prayer celebration at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

National Day of Prayer ceremony held in Tarkio

A National Day of Prayer (NDP) celebration was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Tarkio. Annette Kaplan of Tarkio welcomed all in attendance.

Allen-Schifferrn American Legion Post #199 presented the colors, followed by the singing of the *National Anthem* by Dennis Martin of Tarkio. Shirley Dobson (National Day of Prayer Chairman) gave the NDP Message. Atchison County Presiding Commissioner Curt Livengood of Tarkio and Bill Slaughter of Fairfax led a prayer for government. Garrett and Janette Smith and their son Cpt. Kalen Smith, all of Rock Port, and Marshall Kaplan of Tarkio all prayed for the military. Everyone sang *My Country Tis of Thee*. Pastor Mike Eighmy of Fairfax and Glenn Rolf of Westboro led prayers for the church. Jami and Brian DeRosier of Tarkio

led a prayer for family. Everyone then sang *America the Beautiful*. Tarkio R-I Superintendent Tim Lenz and Patty Rolofson, both of Tarkio, led prayers for education. Mike Farmer and Casey Martin both led prayers for the media. Everyone sang *Shine, Jesus Shine*. Betsy Chapin and Bob Koch, both of Tarkio, led prayers for business. Annette Kaplan concluded the prayers, followed by Shawn Minter of Rock Port singing *God Bless The USA*. Everyone sang *God Bless America*, followed by the retiring of the colors by the Legion Post, which concluded the ceremony.



Avery Danyel Fast Daughter for Fasts

Amy and David Fast of Fairfax, MO, are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Avery Danyel Fast. Avery was born at Community Hospital-Fairfax in Fairfax, MO, on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 8:15 a.m. She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces. Avery's brother is the late Dayne Fast.

Maternal grandparents are Fred and Desiree Stone of Lathrop, MO. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Judy Fast of Burlington Junction, MO. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Jon and Marjorie Sloan and Joan Sloan of Burlington Junction, and Donald Fast and the late Lola Fast of Burlington Junction. Maternal great-grandparents are Fred and Betty Stone of Holt, MO.

The family of Wilbur Hannah would like to thank our friends and family for their support during our loss. We appreciated your prayers, cards, and visits. A special thank you to the First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they provided the day of his service.

Rene and Nancy Comtois and family
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Atchison County sixth graders graduate D.A.R.E. program

Atchison County sixth graders pledged their allegiance to the fight against drug abuse by staying drug free at D.A.R.E. graduation on Monday, May 2, 2011. The ceremony was held in the Tarkio High School Gym. This year's graduates had a special surprise. Daren the Lion (the D.A.R.E. mascot) attended the ceremony.

Atchison County Sheriff Dennis Martin welcomed all in attendance and Deputy Rick Sons gave the introductions. Deputy Sons also presented the recognitions, followed by a slide show presentation. This year's essay winner was Jamie Garst of Rock Port, MO. She read her winning essay, which was followed by the conferring of certificates for all D.A.R.E. graduates.

This year's graduates included:

Tarkio - Bree Barnett, Maddy Brown, Karly Eymann, Haley Hall, Chase Henson, Dawson Joesting, Shelby McCartney, Hailey Mutchler (Tarkio's essay winner), Roni Peters, Kris Riley, Nicholas Sapp, Angelo Segura, Selena Somerville, and Martin Stillwell.

Fairfax - Dakota Allen, Michael Baker, Goldie Barnes (Fairfax's essay winner), Audrae Bates, Randell Brown, Brody Cooper, Alysia Garrison, Armando Mendoza, Caitlyn O'Riley, and Mason Straub.

Rock Port - Juleighanne Adams, Paityn Alberti, James Barnhart, John Barnhart, Alexis Baucom, Dillon Bothwell, Jackie Bradley, Journi Burke, Hannah Crow, Dayle Davis, Amber-

lee DeRosier, Erika Dietze, Shelbie Gaines, Jamie Garst (County essay winner), Tyler Jones, Courtney Lahue, Jamie Lansdown, Alexis Lewis, Hannah Mace, Noah Makings, Montana Martin, Ethan Miller, Dallas Moore, Trenton Oswald (Rock Port's essay winner), Melissa Parsons, Corelyn Perry, Christopher Paris, Megan Stevens, and Melanie Wilson.

This year's D.A.R.E. Role Models (Atchison County seniors) were:

Tarkio - Karly Umbarger, Ashley Harbin, Taylor McCartney, and Sarah Brought.

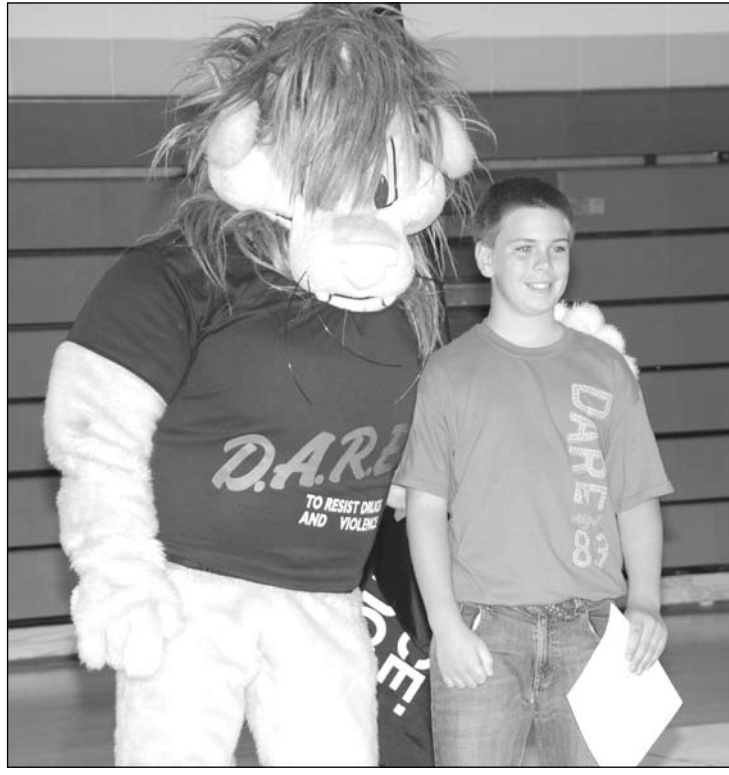
Fairfax - Alicia Clark, Ashley Clark, Ashton Lewis, Dyllan Mattly, Jill Riley, Graham Scarbrough, Samantha Stoner, and Emily

VanGundy.

Rock Port - Molly Carpenter, Hayley Christian, and Chelsea Cooper.



ATCHISON COUNTY - Sheriff Deputy Rick Sons speaks during the Atchison County D.A.R.E. graduation on Monday, May 2, 2011, in Tarkio.



TARKIO D.A.R.E. GRADUATE - Nicholas Sapp, right, has his picture taken with Daren the Lion at D.A.R.E. graduation on Monday, May 2, 2011, in Tarkio.

Atchison County Commission accepts resignation of Atchison County Public Administrator Karen Lester

April 28

The Atchison County Commission met on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Atchison County Courthouse in Rock Port, MO. Present were Presiding Commissioner Curt Livengood, North District Commissioner David P. Chapin, South District Commissioner Kent Fisher, and Clerk of the Commission Susette Taylor.

The commissioners continued discussion with Road and Bridge Supervisor Adam Meyer about pushing 250th Street. He reported that it has been the county's policy in the past that when a rock road is pushed, the land owners replace the needed rock. They all agreed that they needed to look at the road before continuing discussion on the matter.

Presiding Commissioner Livengood and South District Commissioner Fisher attended the Kitchen Table Talk hosted by Claire McCaskill's Office with Greg Razor. Assessor Lori Jones was in to present the May 1 compliance documents from DeBruce Grain for the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Agreement. Clerk Taylor stated that the Tax Increment Finance Board held their annual meeting and had requested the commissioners appoint Ginny Vernon to fill the vacated position of Jerry Moore and to reappoint Kristy McEnaney to another term. The com-

missioners appointed Ginny Vernon and Kristy McEnaney to their respective positions.

Clerk Taylor presented the Annual Railroad and Utility Form 13 to the commissioners for their approval. All forms were complete and approved for submittal to the State Tax Commission. The commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor Meyer went to drive 250th Street before continuing any discussion about pushing the road in advance of the new water line going in. There being no further business to come before the commission, the commission adjourned.

May 3

The Atchison County Commission met on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Atchison County Courthouse in Rock Port, MO. Present were Presiding Commissioner Curt Livengood, North District Commissioner David P. Chapin, South District Commissioner Kent Fisher, and Clerk of the Commission Susette Taylor.

E-9-1-1 Emergency Management Director Rhonda Wiley was in to update the commission on the status of equipment grants. She reported that all are complete and sub-

mitted for final approval and reimbursement.

The commissioners reviewed bids for a five step lawn care program. There was only one bid for the program and it was from Shipp's Lawns, Maitland, MO. The bid for the 5 step lawn program in the amount of \$1,550 from Shipp's Lawns was accepted. Clerk Taylor presented information on a Board of Equalization workshop that will be hosted by the State Tax Commission in Gallatin on June 15. The commissioners all agreed to attend.

Public Administrator Karen Lester asked if she could have a few moments with the commissioners to present her letter of resignation from her position as Atchison County Public Administrator effective July 1, 2011. The commissioners accepted the resignation. Karen was the first Public Administrator for Atchison County and has held the office since 1997. Clerk Taylor will notify the local committees of the resignation and an appointment to fill the position will be made by the Governor. There being no further business to come before the commission, the commission adjourned.

Relay for Life kick-off organizational meeting

The Atchison County Relay for Life kick-off organizational meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tarkio. Please attend if you are interested in organizing a team for Relay for Life.

Pancake eating contest May 14

What better way to celebrate the end of Nursing Home Week than to reach out to the community. That is just what Tarkio Rehabilitation and Health Care in Tarkio is doing. For the second year in a row, the health care center is helping the local Food Pantry. This time it will be a Pancake Eating Contest scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the dining room of the facility. An entry fee of \$5 per person applies with all proceeds going to the Tarkio Food Pantry. Bring your appetite and enthusiasm for a good cause. For questions please contact Carmel-Beth Kemerling, Social Services/Activity Director, at 660-736-4116.

THS Spring Athletic Banquet May 24

The Tarkio High School Spring Athletic Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Tarkio. Athletes to be recognized include basketball players, wrestlers, cheerleaders, boys' golf team members, and track team members.

THS football players to be auctioned off for work

The 2011 Indian Football Team will be hosting a work auction following the Tarkio High School Athletic Banquet on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Community Building in Tarkio. The banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. with bidding to follow.

Football players will be auctioned off in pairs for work. Purchasing a pair will give you rights to them for four hard hours of work. A work schedule will be made out at the time of purchase. All payments are due at the time of purchase. Work hours must be completed by June 11. If you have any questions, please contact Ty Ratliff at 660-736-4177, Ext. 3123.

Whether it be work around the yard, garage, or farm, these boys are here to work. We are committed to helping you in your toughest chores. The 2011 Indians are looking forward to another great year of Tarkio football!

AVALANCHE

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JANICE PHELPS OF ROCK PORT, MO, SECOND FROM LEFT - And Karen Fischer of King City, MO, second from right, were installed as new members of the William White Chapter, NSDAR, on May 3, 2011, by Regent Mary Lee Privett, right, and Chaplain Linda Lee, left.

William White Chapter, NSDAR, meets

The William White Chapter, NSDAR, met May 3, 2011, at Sharp's Grove Church. The ladies of the church served a delicious luncheon for 20 members and guests. Mary Lea Privett, Regent, opened the meeting with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and singing of the *National Anthem*. Chaplain Linda Lee gave the prayer and devotion.

Marjorie Field gave an interesting program on cookbooks. It is truly remarkable how the homemakers of yesterday were able to prepare food without all the gadgets of today! The meeting was opened with the DAR ritual. The President General's Message was read by Ruth Rother. The National Defense Report was given by June Markt and she also read a very interesting email. Evonne Wright gave the Sunshine Report.

Annamarie Hunziger presented a report of the Spring Conference that took place April 29-30, 2011. The President General, Merry Ann T Wright, attended the conference and presented those chapters who had attained 100% for the President General's Project. William White received this award.

Karen Fischer of King City, MO, and Janice Phelps of Rock Port, MO, were installed as new members by Mary Lee Privett and Linda Lee. William White Chapter will meet September 6, 2011. Anyone interested in becoming a DAR member should contact a local member for information. It is an organization open to those that can prove an ancestor had an active part in the establishment of this new nation, which became the United States of America.



City-Wide Clean-Up a success

MANY PEOPLE TOOK ADVANTAGE - Of City-Wide Clean-Up Week, getting rid of their old furniture and junk. City-Wide Clean-Up Week is held annually after the City-Wide Garage Sales to allow people to dispose of items that didn't sell and are too big for normal trash pickup.



Senior Citizen Elections

EDNA OXFORD OF TARKIO - Votes for Senior Citizen Representatives at the Tarkio Nutrition Center on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

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Indian golfers place third at 275 Conference Meet

The Tarkio High School Boys' Golf Team traveled to Mound City, MO, on Monday, May 2, 2011, to compete in the 275 Conference Golf Meet. Tarkio came in third as a team with a score of 426. Mound City placed first with a score of 361, followed by Craig-Fairfax in second with a score of 379. West Nodaway placed fourth with a score of 445. South Holt placed fifth with a score of 591. Rock Port's score was

not available.

Tarkio's Derek Rohlfen tied for first place (with Mound City's Miles Jumps) with a score of 81. Dakota Wooten golfed a 109. Michael Ohrt golfed a 115. Austin Bennett golfed a 121. Tarkio Coach Luke Cox commented, "I was pleased with our overall effort. We've made a lot of strides this year. We have a lot of potential to do well the next couple of years."



AUSTIN BENNETT - Prepares to tee off in the 275 Conference Golf Meet in Mound City, MO, on Monday, May 2, 2011.

See you later...Not goodbye

By: Shelby Wooten

I believe it's safe to say one of the more unique qualities about Tarkio High School is that most students can easily find a place to fit in. There is no limit in which students can be involved.

The "cliques" overlap, allowing, for instance, individuals to be both jocks and brainiacs. This promotes students to try out for various teams and be in several clubs; in turn, bringing everyone closer and introducing them to people they otherwise wouldn't intermingle with. There are numerous examples of this throughout the student body. For example, look at seniors Ashley Harbin, Kyle Livenood, and myself. We are all quite different, but we have all worked together in the classroom, different sports,

scholar bowl, and clubs such as Musical Theatre, FCA, FCCLA, and FBLA. It is these types of experiences that help students develop into well-rounded young adults and makes not only Tarkio High School, but also Tarkio's community, so welcoming.

Having lived in Tarkio for five years, I have experienced this first hand. My experience living here has been more than wonderful. Graduation this Sunday and leaving for college in August will both be bittersweet events; however, I will always be sure to visit and as always, I'm sure, will be welcomed back with open arms. Thank you to the Tarkio High School staff, students, and the community for making me feel at home and for making every day great.

Smoke Signals

- Tarkio High School Journalism Class



Shelbie Wooten: Finally a Senior Spot about HER

By Shannon Boyer

In 8th grade, all of our classmates and me were marveled by the new girl. The first thing I knew about her was that she played the clarinet, and that was only because of where she was seated in band class. Throughout the years since Shelby Wooten moved here, we've learned a great deal about her. She is the daughter of Gary and Christina Wooten. She also has two siblings: a younger brother Dalton, who is a junior at Tarkio High School, and an older sister Kember, who is a sophomore at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO. Shelby also wanted to be sure that I mentioned

her incredible grandmother, Patsy Perry.

Shelbie is the girl who has written almost every single Senior Spotlight this year. Here's a blank section in the page. This is where you will lay down your paper and quietly applaud the young lady for her efforts, for she has put hours upon hours into these informative pieces.

Alright, moving on... There's so much to say about this girl and such a small amount of space on this page. Shelby is notorious for driving about 10 to 20 miles over the speed limit on the highways. When doing so, she is probably heading to work at Food Country in Rock Port, MO. When she's not stocking

her high school career, this little go-getter has been a part of jazz band for one year, Culture Club for two years, Cheerleading for two years, Academic Bowl for three years, FCA for three years, the golf team for four years, FBLA for four years, chorus for four years, Musical Theater for four years, and Interact for four years.

Now give yourself a moment to soak all of that in. Along with all these extracurricular activities, Shelby has been involved in the church bell choir. She even manages to maintain her tan complexion year-round. When does this girl sleep? That's what I want to know. We're talking about the only teenager I know of who makes her bed every morning. The girl keeps herself busy. Shelby also loves gardening and has more recently taken up the hobby of mowing the lawn, which grandma Patsy is probably quite appreciative of. In case you were wondering, Shelby prefers the rider over the push mower. She also enjoys golfing and driving her cart off the rocks by hole 9 of the Tarkio Golf Course. Did I just say that? You didn't hear it from me.

When asked about her childhood, Shelby said that the most prominent memories were those from her time spent camping every summer with her family. Shelby also mentioned that she loved all the spontaneous moments she shared with her cousins, Lindsay and Lacie, when she would visit them. The next question which was asked of her apparently got her stumped: "What is your favorite high school memory?" It was about 24 hours before I finally received a response, which came to me in the form of a text message. Shelby's favorite moment was when a group of boys from Tarkio High put together a Michael Jackson-themed routine for the cheerleaders when they were going off to perform at the state basketball games. I'd like to add that these were not Shelby's exact words. Throughout the entire interview and within this text message, she told me to "re-word that so it sounds better." She's a trip, let me tell you! This is the girl who has written Senior Spotlights all year and she's asking me to pick better words for her. You'd also think that the process of writing everyone else's Senior Spotlight would prepare her to

answer the exact same questions herself, but that theory was shut down. I believe the only response I got out of her mouth immediately after I had recited the question was when I asked how to spell her mother's name. I've decided that that's a good thing, though. It really shows Shelby's true character because she's always searching for the best way to do things.

After graduation, Shelby plans to attend the University of Missouri in Columbia to major in medical sciences. Her ultimate life goals include marrying a good looking man with a couple of tattoos and living in a warm state. Along with that, she aspires to become a successful genetics researcher and maybe adopt one child. Through all of this, I'm sure she'll still find a way to keep that tan.

FIVE IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS FOR SHELBY

1) What's the worst thing about writing Senior Spotlights?

Having to come up with five irrelevant questions for everyone is tough. Asking everyone the same questions weekly gets a little repetitive too.

2) If you could have any type of house, what kind would it be and why?

A traditional castle - It would give me that old time feel. It'd be like having a time machine.

3) What's one normal activity you'd never take part in? Why wouldn't you?

Cruising on Main while blasting thug tunes - That's just a good way to let everyone know that you have no life.

4) Would you rather eat raw meat or drink water out of a tub that you've just bathed in?

The second one - That's gross. I don't even like my steak a tiny bit pink.

5) What's one job you'll never apply for even if you find yourself in heaps of debt and why?

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groceries or checking out customers, she can be found hanging out with her friends and family or watching her favorite movie, *The Notebook*. Shelby loves Diet Coke and couldn't live without Italian food. She'll listen to just about any type of music; country is the only exclusion. She loves to watch the television show "Glee" and her favorite book is *A Great and Terrible Beauty*. Shelby is a very involved girl. Throughout

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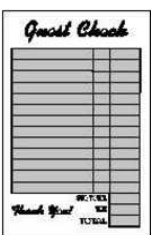
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Tarkio Jr. High Track Teams both place fourth in 275 Conf. Meet

The Tarkio Jr. High Track Teams competed in the 275 Conference Track Meet in Tarkio on Monday, May 2, 2011. The Tarkio girls placed 4th as a team with a score of 69. The Tarkio boys placed 4th as a team with a score of 65.

Individual Tarkio statistics follow:

GIRLS

Discus - Beth Bennett, 6th, 59'4"; and Kat DeRosier, 7th, 55'3".

Shot Put - Kaleigh Quimby, 7th, 25'10 1/2"; and Beth Bennett, 8th, 25'8".

Long Jump - Emily Graves, 1st, 14'8 1/2"; and Noelle McMahon, 12th, 9'2".

Triple Jump - Blair Broermann, 6th, 25'9 1/2"; and Hadley Barnett, 9th, 22'11 1/12".

High Jump - Blair Broermann, 4th, 4'; and Hadley Barnett, 6th, 3'6".

Pole Vault - Emily Graves, 2nd, 6'6"; and Amanda Culver, 5th, 6'.

75 Meter Hurdles - Emily Graves, 1st, 12.91.

100 Meter Dash - Amanda Culver, 8th, 15.21; and Alissa Hurst, 12th, 17.29.

200 Meter Dash - Emily Graves, 6th, 29.03; and Amanda Culver, 7th, 32.59.

400 Meter Dash - Lainey Ripley, 3rd, 1:15.11; and Kaleigh Quimby, 7th, 1:24.66.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Lainey Ripley, Hadley Barnett, Amanda Culver, and Noelle McMahon), 7th, 1:04.13.

800 Meter Run - Destiny Klosek, 2nd, 2:53.03; and Gentry Staten, 6th, 3:21.84.

800 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Kaleigh Quimby, Hadley Barnett, Kat DeRosier, and Noelle McMahon), 7th, 2:26.24.

1600 Meter Run - Blair Broermann, 1st, 6:28.11; and Gentry Staten, 6th, 7:00.18.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Lainey Ripley, Destiny Klosek, Blair Broermann, and Noelle McMahon), 3rd, 5:18.20.

BOYS

Discus - Connor Shaw, 8th, 84'6"; and Dylan Crawford, 12th, 76".

Shot Put - Dylan Crawford, 7th, 32'3 1/2"; and Connor Shaw, 10th, 29'11 1/2".

Triple Jump - Jacob Masonbrink, 5th, 31'.

High Jump - Deaven Tunnell and Blaine Lambert, tie for 3rd, 4'10".

Pole Vault - Seth Fletcher, 5th, 6'; and Brendon Bruns, 6th, 5'6".

100 Meter Hurdles - Blaine Lambert, 1st, 17.40.

100 Meter Dash - Blaine Lambert, 2nd, 13.08.

200 Meter Dash - Deaven Tunnell, 5th, 28.17.

400 Meter Dash - Deaven Tunnell, 1st, 1:02.54; and Brendon Bruns, 9th, 1:19.49.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Connor Shaw, Brendon Bruns, Jacob Masonbrink, and Dylan Crawford), 6th, 1:02.06.

800 Meter Run - Seth Fletcher, 6th, 2:40.93.

1600 Meter Run - Seth Fletcher, 2nd, 5:45.15.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Blaine Lambert, Seth Fletcher, Jacob Masonbrink, and Deaven Tunnell), 1st, 4:27.85.



COMPETING IN THE 100 METER DASH - At the Jr. High 275 Conference Track Meet on Monday, May 2, 2011, in Tarkio is Tarkio's Amanda Culver.

JH Tiger Relay results

The Tarkio Jr. High Track Teams traveled to Grant City, MO, to compete in Tiger Relays on April 28, 2011. The Tarkio girls' team placed 4th overall with a team score of 39. The Tarkio boys' team placed 10th overall with a team score of 13.

GIRLS

Discus - Beth Bennett, 5th, 64'2".

Triple Jump - Hadley Barnett, 4th, 26'10 1/4".

Long Jump - Emily Graves, 1st, 13'11 1/2".

Pole Vault - Emily Graves, 2nd, 7'; and Amanda Culver, 4th, 6'.

75 Meter Hurdles - Emily Graves, 2nd, 13.22.

100 Meter Dash - Emily Graves, 6th, 14.29.

1600 Meter Run - Blair Broermann, 5th, 6:44.

BOYS

High Jump - Deaven Tunnell, 4th (tie), 5'4".

1600 Meter Run - Seth Fletcher, 4th, 5:48.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Blaine Lambert, Seth Fletcher, Jacob Masonbrink, and Deaven Tunnell), 3rd, 4:34.71.



CONNOR SHAW - Competes in Shot Put at the Jr. High 275 Conference Track Meet on Monday, May 2, 2011, in Tarkio.

Several Tarkio High School tracksters qualify for Sectionals

The Tarkio High School Track Teams traveled to Rock Port, MO, to compete in the Class 1 District 8 Track Meet on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Tarkio athletes who qualified for Sectional Track, to be held in Albany, MO, on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., are: Shelby White in the Pole Vault; Girls' 400 Meter Relay Team (Katie Stevens, Abby Athen, Sarah Brought, and Shadie Beeson); Boys' 400 Meter Relay Team (J.D. Walter, Alex Toben, Brice Lambert, and Chris Niles); Jeremy Booher in the 3200 Meter Run; J.D. Walter in the 200 Meter Dash; Michael McMahon in the 1600 Meter Run; and Alex Toben in the Pole Vault.

Individual Tarkio statistics follow:

GIRLS

Discus - Regan Erickson, 6th, 85'5"; and Ashley Bryant, 12th, 59'9".

Shot Put - Ashley Bryant, 6th, 29'5 1/2"; and Regan Erickson, 14th, 23'3 1/2".

Long Jump - Kamden Poppa, 16th, 11'4 1/4".

Triple Jump - Abby Athen, 9th, 29'5 1/4"; and Kamden Poppa, 11th, 27'5".

High Jump - Blaze Erickson, 9th, 4'2"; and Abby McEnaney, no height.

Pole Vault - Shelby White, 2nd (tie), 8'6".

100 Meter Hurdles - Abby Athen, 10th, 20.22; and Abby McEnaney, 11th, 20.47.

100 Meter Dash - Shadie Beeson, 7th, 14.52.

200 Meter Dash - Shelby White, 7th, 30.10; and Blaze Erickson, 15th, 32.96.

300 Meter Hurdles - Abby McEnaney, 8th, 56.16; and Kamden Poppa, 9th, 57.86.

400 Meter Dash - Nicole Blea, 16th, 1:27.51; and Aerin Rennaker, 18th, 1:47.76.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Abby Athen, Shadie

Beeson, Sarah Brought, and Katie Stevens), 3rd, 55.92.

800 Meter Run - Jade McAdams, 9th, 2:55.75.

800 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Shadie Beeson, Abby McEnaney, Katie Stevens, and Shelby White), 6th, 2:00.09.

1600 Meter Run - Michelle Sharp, 5th, 6:27.26; and Rebecca Henning, no time available.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Abby Athen, Blaze Erickson, Jessica Murry, and Kamden Poppa), 8th, 5:31.19.

3200 Meter Run - Baileigh Ohrt, 5th, 14:59.37; and Michelle McEnaney, 6th, 15:39.68.

3200 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Baileigh Ohrt, Sarah Brought, Rebecca Henning, and Jade McAdams), 5th, 11:15.30.

BOYS

Discus - Keaton Shaw, 11th, 86'5".

Shot Put - Trey Graves, 5th, 40'11"; and Keaton Shaw, 14th, 33'2".

Long Jump - Jordan Riley, 15th, 12'6 1/2".

Triple Jump - Trev Martin, 12th, 29'.

High Jump - Brice Lambert, no height.

Pole Vault - Alex To-

ben, 1st, 11'6"; and Andrew Sloop, no height.

100 Meter Dash - Chris Niles, 7th, 12.32; and Cavin Joesting, 11th, 13.10.

200 Meter Dash - J.D. Walter, 4th, 24.73; and Cavin Joesting, 10th, 26.90.

300 Meter Hurdles - Max Graves, 8th, 48.70; and Andrew Sloop, 11th, 52.15.

400 Meter Dash - Bryce White, 10th, 1:03.03; and Jordan Riley, 17th, 1:11.22.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (J.D. Walter, Alex Toben, Brice Lambert, and Chris Niles), 2nd, 46.39.

800 Meter Run - Bryce White, 9th, 2:33.18; and Trev Martin, 12th, 2:45.12.

800 Meter Relay - Tarkio (J.D. Walter, Alex Toben, Brice Lambert, and Chris Niles), no time available.

1600 Meter Run - Michael McMahon, 4th, 5:06.74; and John Lang, 10th, 5:49.94.

3200 Meter Run - Jeremy Booher, 3rd, 11:31.99; and Tyler Mitchell, 5th, 11:48.67.

3200 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Jeremy Booher, Michael McMahon, Tyler Mitchell, and John Lang), 5th, 9:22.22.



SEVERAL TARKIO HIGH SCHOOL TRACKSTERS - Qualified for Sectional Track, to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Albany, MO. From left to right are: front row - Michael McMahon, Shelby White, Katie Stevens, Shadie Beeson, Abby Athen, and Alex Toben; and back row - Brice Lambert, Jeremy Booher, J.D. Walter, and Chris Niles. Not pictured is Sarah Brought.

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THS Track Teams both place third at 275 Conference Meet

The Tarkio High School Track Teams traveled to Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, to compete in the 275 Conference Championships. The Lady Indian track team placed third with a score of 70.33. The Mound City Lady Panthers came in first with a score of 164, followed by the Rock Port Lady Blue Jays in second with 101.33. The Indian track team placed third with a score of 79. The Mound City Panthers came in first with a score of 163, followed by the Rock Port Blue Jays in second with 143.

Individual Tarkio statistics follow:

GIRLS

Shot Put - Ashley Bryant, 4th, 28'3 1/2"; and Regan Erickson, 9th, 23'3 1/4".

Discus - Regan Erickson, 5th, 83'1/4"; and Ashley Bryant, 7th, 70'6".

Triple Jump - Abby Athen, 3rd, 30'7 1/2"; and Kamden Poppa, 5th, 29'4".

Long Jump - Kamden Poppa, 6th, 13'3 1/2".

High Jump - Blaze Erickson, 4th, 4'2"; and Abby McEnaney, no height.

Pole Vault - Shelby White, 2nd, 7'6".

100 Meter Hurdles - Abby McEnaney, 6th, 20.29; and Abby Athen, 7th, 20.91.

100 Meter Dash - Shadie Beeson, 8th, 14.77.

200 Meter Dash - Shelby White, 5th, 30.69; and Blaze Erickson, 12th, 32.83.

300 Meter Hurdles - Abby McEnaney, 4th, 55.96; and Kamden Poppa, 7th, 58.39.

400 Meter Dash - Nicole Blea, 12th, 1:28.82; and Aerin Rennaker, 13th, 1:42.01.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Abby Athen, Shadie Beeson, Sarah Brought, and Katie Stevens), 2nd, 57.72.

800 Meter Run - Jade McAdams and Michelle Sharp, no times available.

800 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Shadie Beeson, Abby McEnaney, Katie Stevens, and Shelby White), 2nd, 2:02.21.

1600 Meter Run - Michelle Sharp, 4th, 6:08.90; and Jade McAdams, no time available.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Abby Athen, Kamden Poppa, Blaze Erickson, and Jessica Murry), 5th, 5:17.70.

3200 Meter Run - Baileigh Ohrt, 4th, 14:26.72; and Michelle McEnaney, 5th, 15:23.99.

3200 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Baileigh Ohrt, Sarah Brought, Jade McAdams, and Michelle McEnaney), 4th, 11:55.85.

BOYS

Shot Put - Trey Graves, 5th, 38'6"; and Keaton Shaw, 11th, 32'8 1/2".

Discus - Keaton Shaw, 9th, 78'3".

Triple Jump - J.D. Walter, 5th, 36'3 1/4"; and Trev Martin, 12th, 29'10 1/2".

Long Jump - Chris Niles, 4th, 17'11"; and Jordan Riley, 13th, 13'8".

Pole Vault - Alex Toben, 1st, 11'; and Andrew Sloop, no height.

100 Meter Dash - Chris Niles, 3rd, 11.90; and Cavin Joesting, 9th, 13.17.

200 Meter Dash - J.D. Walter, 3rd, 24.97; and Cavin Joesting, 8th, 27.52.

300 Meter Hurdles - Max Graves, 7th, 50.15; and Andrew Sloop, 8th, 51.42.

400 Meter Dash - Bryce White, 6th, 1:03.55; and Trev Martin, 10th, 1:06.15.

400 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Chris Niles, J.D. Walter, Alex Toben, and Brice Lambert), 1st, 47.42.

800 Meter Run - Bryce White, no time available.

800 Meter Relay - Tarkio (J.D. Walter, Alex Toben, Brice Lambert, and Chris Niles), 1st, 1:38.16.

1600 Meter Run - Michael McMahon, 4th, 5:07.51; and John Lang, no time available.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Brice Lambert, Michael McMahon, Alex Toben, and Andrew Sloop), 3rd, 3:55.05.

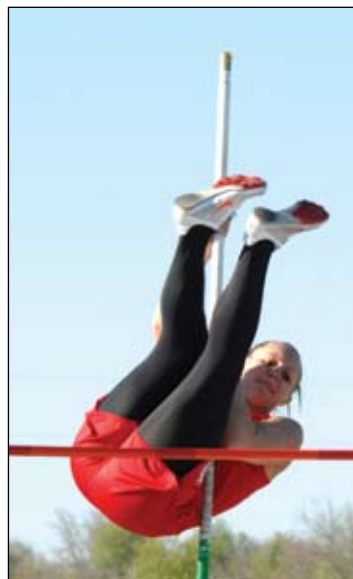
3200 Meter Run - Jeremy Booher, 2nd, 10:54.41;

and Tyler Mitchell, 4th, 11:31.33.

3200 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Jeremy Booher, Michael McMahon, Tyler Mitchell, and John Lang), 3rd, 9:24.97.



TYLER MITCHELL - Competes in the 3200 Meter Relay at the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.



POLE VAULTING HER WAY - Into 2nd at the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, is Shelby White.



BRYCE WHITE - Placed 6th in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:03.55 at the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.



COMPETING IN THE 300 METER HURDLES - At the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, is Tarkio's Kamden Poppa, who placed 7th with a time of 58.39.



SHADIE BEESON GETS SET - For the start of the 100 Meter Dash at the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. She placed 8th in the event with a time of 14.77.



MAX GRAVES GETS READY - For the start of the 300 Meter Hurdles (in which he placed 7th with a time of 50.15) at the 275 Conference High School Track Meet in Mound City, MO, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Center Stage

Highlighting M & S Storage

There is a new business in Tarkio, MO. M & S Storage, owned and operated by Mark and Shelly Cofer, opened for business in March. M & S's units are located at 111 N. 2nd Street in Tarkio, MO and they can be reached by phone at (417) 350-9747 or (660) 744-6373.

The units were fully built and ready for storage in February. Mark mentioned that the idea came about when his father was in need of a place to park his trucks. Mark had been thinking about erecting storage units and decided that the need for these was greater in Tarkio.

M & S offers two sizes of units. They have eighteen 10 foot by 20 foot units and four 10 foot by 10 foot units,



as well as offering outside storage for campers, boats, and similar items. Most unit contracts cover six months at a time, but the Cofers do sometimes accommodate with a month by month lease.

JH boy tracksters compete in Cardinal Relays

The Tarkio Jr. High Boys' Track Team traveled to Rosendale, MO, to compete in Cardinal Relays on April 14, 2011. Tarkio placed 9th overall with a team score of 19.

Discus - Dylan Crawford, 5th, 89'8".

Pole Vault - Seth Fletcher, 3rd, 7'.

High Jump - Deaven Tunnell, 3rd, 5'.

1600 Meter Run - Seth Fletcher, 6th, 5:59.747.

200 Meter Dash - Deaven Tunnell, 5th, 28.839.

1600 Meter Relay - Tarkio (Seth Fletcher, Brendon Bruns, Jacob Masonbrink, and Deaven Tunnell), 5th, 5:04.64.

needs that have been addressed by their customers.

This is Mark and Shelly's first venture into storage unit ownership. They worked hard this spring to ensure that the units and the lot where they are located were raised above the flood plain level and then had it inspected by the Federal Emergency Management Association.

M & S Storage and Mark are a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and they have a website, www.nwmo.com, that is used to promote the business. The units are pretty well self-maintained and Mark feels secure in the safety of the units due to security measures he has in place as well as the awareness of the local law enforcement.

When I asked Mark what made his storage units stand out, he mentioned that each unit has a groove in the concrete pad for the door to slide into. This creates a moisture control barrier.

Mark enjoys living and working in this part of Missouri. He and his wife are both native to this area and moved back here after college to raise their children in the small town environment. When asked if there was anything that they would change within their company the answer was to have built more smaller units and a few even larger units that would house boats and large vehicles. M & S's goal for the coming year is to construct additional units to meet the

When asked the question "what word comes to mind regarding your business when I mention the letter 'E'?", Mark came up with efficiency. He stated that there is not a lot of glitz and glamour in storage units but they are efficient and meeting needs.

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