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Feb. 4-10



Thursday
Scat'd Rain
38/30



Friday
Rain/Snow
41/27



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
39/26



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
41/24



Monday
Partly Cloudy
44/25



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
40/24



Wednesday
Sunny
44/28

Weather Trivia

Why does salt keep snow from turning to ice? ?
ANSWER: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

Meeting Scheduled For SCH/GS

There will be a meeting of the Stone County Historical/Genealogical Society on February 7, 2010 at what was previously the old Christian Church in Galena at 1:30 p.m. We are inviting the public to attend and bring ideas for projects for historical preservation for 2010. We welcome ideas such as cemetery identification and preservation, historical theater, historical site preservation, etc. If there are questions please call 357-6173.

Stone County Emergency Management

Stone County Emergency Management will be hosting a Weather Spotters Class Tuesday evening Feb 16, 2010, 7:00pm at the east campus of Kimberling City Baptist Church, 161 Heavens Way, Kimberling City, MO.

The class will be presented by the Springfield Office of the National Weather Service and is open to the public.

For further information contact Stone County Emergency Management Office by call 417-739-2181.

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Drug Trafficker Nets Twelve Years

For over seven years Janice McTyer avoided and fought the criminal justice system trying to find a way to keep out of prison. Wednesday afternoon, after watching several hours of testimony and evidence, she gave up the fight, pled guilty and was sentenced to twelve years in prison by Circuit Judge Robert Wiley.

On November 7, 2002, Stone County 911 center received a call regarding a possible burglary in process at Twin Oaks resort on DD highway. Deputy Matt Maggard arrived to find

Janice McTyer at the main cabin at the resort and claiming to have the right to live there. According to the owner of the resort who was living in Colorado at the time, there should not have been anyone staying in the main cabin. While at the cabin Deputy Maggard noticed items typically associated with drug usage although he did not notice any drugs. The officer then checked out the other cabins and located some methamphetamine in a cabin that also contained per-

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Missouri Farm Bureau Thank A Farmer Week

Stone County Farm Bureau will be celebrating this week by donating money to provide food through the Angel Food Program. We have chosen five churches county-wide to work with and give back to our community. We will also be attending the food presentation at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield during that week.

Thank a farmer for food, clothing, shelter, transportation and so much more. In one form or another, our farmers and ranchers contribute to the quality of life we enjoy, so join Stone County

Farm Bureau and the Missouri Farm Bureau in celebrating "Thank A Farmer Week", February 7-13.

This week-long event reminds us of the contribution made by men and women who have chosen a career of providing food and fiber for the world. Thanks to technology and efficiencies in agriculture, one U.S. farmer today can provide food and fiber for 155 people. This number has risen steadily each decade allowing fewer people to engage in agriculture yet enjoy the products

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Senate Rejects Tax Increase On Farmland

Senators Say Now is Not the Time to Raise Taxes

The Missouri Senate today voted 30-3 to reject a tax increase on Missouri farmland that was established by the State Tax Commission. The Commission raised taxes on farmland an average of 11.5 percent, causing concern from farmers and ranchers.

State Senator Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 35 & 32 rejecting the tax increase. Stouffer said that while property tax levies are set locally, the commission's increase in farmland productivity values means a tax increase on farmers and ranchers statewide.

"What we have is an industry with extremely volatile markets combined with record production expenses, weak demand and landowners struggling to man-

age debt and cash flow," said Stouffer. "Now is a bad time to raise taxes on any Missourian, including the state's landowners."

Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, is a co-sponsor of the resolution and said the state should avoid creating roadblocks for family farmers.

"We need to be finding ways to lower taxes for our farmers, not force them to shoulder a higher tax burden," said Crowell. "If our family farms see increases in their expenses, it will only contribute to an already wounded economy in our state. Farmers are the backbone of Missouri's economy, and it is the state's job to provide every avenue possible for farmers to succeed."

The State Tax Commission *continued on page 3*

Stone County Voters Choose Nita Jane Ayres

February 2, 2010 Stone County voters in 12 precincts went to the polls to help decide who would be the next 62nd Representative.

The voters gave Nita Jane Ayres a strong victory over her Libertarian opponent Patty Tweedle. Nita received 1001 (78.20%) votes and Patty received 275 (21.48%).

There were 14,653 voters

eligible to vote and only 1,281 (8.74%) turned out to voice their opinion.

Come on Stone County we can do better than that, our right to vote is not only a privilege but an honor, many of our residents have fought and died to give us such freedoms and we should not take that for granted. Remember every election is important!

Sex Offenders Convicted/Sentenced

On October 5, Troy Baumgardner, July 18, 1988, of Christian County, Missouri pled guilty to first-degree child molestation for an incident that occurred in March 2009. On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, Circuit Judge Robert S. Wiley sentenced the defendant to five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

According to information presented in court by Stone County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Selby, in March of 2009, the defendant did not have a place to stay. He worked with the 13 year old victim's parents and they agreed to let him stay with them for a short period of time until he could make other arrangements. One evening while the parents were gone the defendant began drinking, became drunk, and then had sexual contact with the 13-year-old daughter of the homeowners.

The victim told her mother who reported it to law enforcement. During an investigation by the Stone County Sheriff's Department the defendant admitted to investigator Shawn Fields that he had molested the victim.

Prosecutor Selby was pleased that the defendant pled guilty and spared the victim and her family from having to go through a trial, however, he was disappointed in the sentence.

"I would have liked to see the defendant get a little more time on his sentence," Selby stated, "however, I think because of his age the Judge believed that the five year sentence was appropriate. The victim and her family were satisfied with the outcome."

Thirty-nine year old Stacey Winkler, of Columbia, Missouri *continued on page 3*

Second C.E.R.T. Training Class

By: Tom Martin, Director, Stone County Emergency Management

Stone County Emergency Management is in the process of scheduling our second C.E.R.T. training class in Stone County.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT):

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their

neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

This class will be held at the Reeds Springs School on Monday nights starting, February 15 at 6:00pm and continuing each Monday through March 22, 2010. Below is a short summary about CERT program and why you should be involved. For additional information or to register for these classes please contact Stone County Emergency Management by calling 417-739-2181.



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10 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of The Crane Chronicle/Stone County Republican dated Thursday February 3, 2000 Fred Hall Editor.)

Royalty selections at the Crane Middle School, Snowflake Dance were: King and Queen Josh Glossip and Ashley Cope; Prince and Princess: Will Vaught and Heather Moreland.

Brandon Rinker was named on "The President's List" at Hannibal - La Grange College requiring a 3.5 GPA or better. He chose Hannibal - La Grange after receiving two scholarships, and academic and an athletic scholarship to play baseball. He is a graduate of Crane High School and son of Johnnie and Crystal Rinker of Crane.

20 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of The Crane Chronicle/Stone County Republican dated Thursday February 1, 1990 Dolores Shiveley, Editor.)

Cara Lea Walker of Springfield and little Ben Walker son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Walker visited Minnie Grisham Saturday morning. Minnie said little Ben is walking now.

Five generations of Dora Chambers' family enjoyed a get together recently. In order they are: Dora Chambers, Beatrice Simpson, Marquette (Simpson) Wilson, Tony Wilson and Austin Wilson.

Mindy Edmondson is Girl Scout of the week. She is in first grade at Crane Elementary and this is her first year in Brownies. Mindy's parents are Phil and Brenda Edmondson of Crane.

35 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of The Crane Chronicle/Stone County Republican dated Thursday January 30, 1975 Benton and Dolores Shiveley Editors)

Four generations enjoyed a get together at the home of Donnie and Barbria Steele of Crane. They were Goldie Raper Maples, Barbria (Raper) Steele, Sheila (Steele) White and Gretchen White.

The Crane Pirates Basketball team and their dates were treated to a steak dinner at the Shady Inn in Springfield last Saturday evening. The night was in recognition of the Pirates winning the SWCL Tourney title the previous week. Special guests were Coach and Mrs. Conrad and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Butterfield.

The Hurley Senior Class will be sponsoring a Country and Western Music Show on Saturday night February 1, in the high school gym. Admission is by donation. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

45 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of The Crane Chronicle dated Thursday February 4, 1965, Leon Fredrick, Editor)

Kindergarten is where children make new friends. Monica Reel and Marty Hilton wanted to spend more time together, so Marty got permission to go home with Monica after Kindergarten one day. After exhausting indoor toys they decided to play outside. It was a warm January day. Remember? As they started out, Orvilene heard Monica say, "This is my kitty-cat, but I don't know if it's a girl or boy cat." Marty promptly replied, "I know how you can tell it's a girl or a boy." Orvilene poised to intervene if necessary. "If it has long hair" continued Marty, "it's a girl cat and if it's a boy cat it has short hair." So Orvilene reports that the children, after considerable deliberation decided that Monica's cat is a boy.

Stone County Senior Center

Kathy Turner, Administrator

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A special thank you to the Elsey First Baptist Church for the wonderful donation of 338 UPC symbols from Best Choice labels. The Crane Senior Citizens Center participates in the Best Choice Save-A-label Program. For every 1, 000 Best Choice UPC symbols redeemed the Center earns \$30. Elsey Baptist Church's donation of symbols will go along way to earning the Center much needed funds. The Center urges everyone to save the symbols from Best Choice labels and bring them to the Center for redemption. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to Volunteer

Nellie Brecht, who oversees the bundling and sending the labels in for redemption. Nellie wishes a Happy New Year and God be with you to everyone.

The Center also collects aluminum cans for redemption. For your convenience to donate aluminum cans to the Center, a container is just inside the back door to the Center.

Due to weather conditions, the Senior Center was closed Friday, January 29; therefore January birthdays were not celebrated during the noon hour. Among those observing January birthdays were: Lloyd Stout, Jr.,

Nellie Brecht, Lexie Schwitters, Charles Wade, Pauline Gipson, Margaret Hall and June Esary. A Happy Birthday wish is extended to everyone who celebrated a birthday during the month of January.

Coming Events and Activities: Thursday, February 4- Salad bar to complement noon lunch menu; Monday, February 8- Volunteer Tax Counselor, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

first come, first served basis; Tuesday, February 9- Pitch At Noon; Wednesday, February 10- North Stone County Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, February 11-Foot Care Clinic, conducted by Grace Health Care Service, 9 a.m., appointments required, Salad Bar to complement noon lunch menu.

On The Mark

Mark Hansche

Ozark Mountain Regional Healthcare Center
Crane, Missouri 65633

Do you remember being 15?

When I was 15 I had two all consuming thoughts: owning my own car, and Darlene Davis. I went to school and had good grades, I worked hard on my family's place and I had a job in town, but even with all that, I was focused on my own little world. I didn't know my world was about to change drastically. Over the next year or so, my parents would split and subsequently divorce. My dad would move away, and my mom would become absolutely consumed with keeping bread on the table for my little brother and coping with the end of a 25-year marriage. I knew that things would never be the same, and I felt like I might never be happy again even if I got the car of my dreams and Darlene were to pledge her undying love!

Some friends of mine, Paul and Larissa, are missionaries to Cambodia. My wife and I try to support them financially whenever we can and we keep in touch through e-mail and their occasional newsletter from Phnom Penh. The work that Paul and Larissa do there is amazing and heart wrenching. They teach English as a second language and have a Christian School. They minister to street people and have a program called Sparrow's Nest to help young girls and boys who are victimized by the sex trade. Here is what Paul wrote under the Sparrow's Nest heading in the newsletter I received last week:

"Recently we found a 15 year old girl lying in the garbage. She had been drugged; gang raped, and left in the garbage for 3 days. When our team went out to minister the street-families brought them to the girl. We got her out

of the garbage, gave her water and food, and cleaned her up. We took her to a doctor and then got her into a Christian women's shelter that specializes in victimized women.

She is now doing well. Painting and drawing and fitting in great with that "family". They love her! She still has not begun to speak due to the trauma she experienced, so please keep her in your prayers. Her name in Own."

I don't know about you, but when I read that I was overcome with a lot of emotion. The dad in me was immediately angry with the evil people who would hurt this young girl, and I was heartbroken that anyone could do something like that to another human being. I was also disgusted. I was disgusted with my own self-absorption at 15, with the complete apathy of most the 15 year olds I meet today, and disgusted with this helpless feeling that I have when I read about something like that. But as I processed all these feelings, I realized that I was not helpless. I realized that I could help.

I could help by starting with me. By being better informed about not only what's really going on in the world, but about how I can help in my own community. I can help by letting my friends know I support their work. I can help while sitting in my comfortable chair in my warm house with my hot cup of coffee...and write a check. I can help by letting you know you can help too. And I can help by hitting my knees and praying for a little girl I never met. I can pray for Own.

I'll be right here praying next week. I hope you'll join me on the journey.

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Drug Trafficker Nets

sonal property of the defendant. Based on that information the officer arrested the defendant and took her to the Stone County jail. The next day, November 8, officers did a more thorough search of the main cabin and found nearly two pounds of methamphetamine hidden under clothes in the washing machine.

Stone County Prosecutor Matt Selby charged the defendant, 50-year-old Janice McTyre of Little Rock, Arkansas, for possessing the illegal drugs found on No-

vember 7, and with drug trafficking for the large amount of drugs found on November 8. However, before the trafficking charges were filed the defendant bonded on the possession charges and then took off. Warrants for her arrest were issued, however, the defendant remained at large until she was arrested in Arkansas nearly five years later.

Although several witnesses were no longer available and some were difficult to find the prosecution proceeded. "I was



concerned at times,” Selby conceded, “Two of our officers are now serving overseas, the person who owned the resort at the time of the crime is no longer available, and we had a difficult time locating the person who made the initial 911 call.” Over the past three months the Prosecutor’s Office has appeared at several court hearings concerning the evidence and a variety of motions filed by Ms McTyre. The prosecution was successful throughout the process with the case eventually culminating in the defendant’s conviction last Wednesday.

According to the Prosecuting Attorney the law requires that the defendant serve her entire sentence on the trafficking conviction. “The law does not allow for the possibility of parole on this type of charge” said Mr. Selby and added that “Ms McTyre not only brought a large amount of drugs into Stone County and absconded for several years, but during the time that she was gone she continued to traffic in methamphetamine transporting large amounts of the drug from California into this part of the country. A substantial sentence was appropriate in this case and she should serve the entire twelve years.”

The prosecutor also praised the efforts of Deputy Maggard and the other officers who worked the case stating that “this was an odd situation when Sgt. Maggard arrived on the scene and due to his observations and thoroughness he noticed things that did not appear to make sense, put the pieces together, and ended up making an arrest that resulted in well over \$100,000 worth of illegal, dangerous drugs being taken off of our streets.”

Missouri Farm Bureau
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provided.

For the first time in human history, most people have little contact with the source of their food supply, relying on others to produce what is needed. Food items line the grocery store shelves and fill restaurant menus, but many people fail to make the connection between farmers and their food supply, according to Rick Squibb (County FB President).

Thanks to farmers, our food supply is abundant, very affordable and healthy. The most recent information from the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Economic Research Service indicates American families and individuals spend, on average, about 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food. Other countries spend a much larger percentage ... Japan, 14 percent; China, 32 percent; Philippines, 38 percent; Jordan, 43 percent and Pakistan, 50 percent.

If every cent earned beginning January 1 was spent on food, the average American would have earned enough money to pay for their food supply by February 7, representing one tenth of the annual earnings.

Commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers are used in personal care products, construction, health care, manufacturing, entertainment, education, printing, sports and transportation. Yet, because they are always available, they are taken for granted with little thought given

Sex Offenders
was also recently sentenced on sex charges in Stone County Circuit Court. On or about December 12, 2008, the defendant was charged with the felony of sexual misconduct with a minor based on an investigation by a Stone County investigator looking into Internet crimes against children. A jury trial was scheduled for Wednesday, January 20 and 21, 2010 in Galena and on January 20 a jury panel had been summoned and was present at the courthouse. As the prosecution began to present its case in a pre-trial hearing, the defendant decided that he did not want to have the trial and pled guilty to the charges.

Prosecuting Attorney Selby described the evidence to the court stating that a Stone County inves-

to who helped to produce them. Agriculture is an important part of Stone County’s economy. Farm businesses give back to the community in many ways while providing for all of us.

Join the Stone County Farm Bureau in pausing to “Thank a Farmer” during our special promotion February 7-13.

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tigator posing as a thirteen year old girl was contacted in a chat room by the defendant on November 28, 2008. The defendant quickly turned the conversation or chat to comments of a sexual nature asking the size of girl’s (investigator’s) breasts and asking her if she would let him see them if he was there. The next day the investigator once again went to the chat room where the defendant contacted her again and immediately told her that he was nude and that he was sending her a web cam broadcast of himself. He then exposed his genitals to her over the Internet while continuing to make sexual comments and asking sexual questions. The defendant’s identity was determined through his Internet address, Department of

Revenue records, and, of course, his picture on the web cam.

Judge Wiley sentenced the defendant to five years probation. According to the Prosecuting Attorney, “The defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for life and will also have to attend and complete sex offender counseling and treatment while on probation. If Mr. Winkler violates his probation he will be sentenced to four years in the Missouri Department of Corrections which is the maximum sentence on this type of case.”

Senate Rejects
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raised land valuations last month. By statute, the General Assembly has 60 legislative days to reject the tax commission’s recommendations.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, said the Senate would continue to work quickly on the measure to ensure they meet the legal deadline.

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