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Thursday		78° 60°
Friday		79° 57°
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Sunday		84° 61°
Monday		81° 64°
Tuesday		83° 61°



Three Charged in Burglary in Ringgold County

Three people have been charged in connection with a home burglary that took place in Ringgold County on June 1st, 2008. Paul Maudlin, Redding, Collins Lee Straight, Mt. Ayr and Sherry Craven, Mt. Ayr, have been charged in conjunction with a robbery at the home of Lille Rinehardt of Mt. Ayr.

According to reports the break-in occurred while Rinehardt was at church. The theft was discovered when she returned home and discovered that her home had been robbed and that money and old coins were missing from the residence.

The robbery was reported to the Ringgold County Sheriff's Department. Straight and Craven were taken into custody on June 1st and Maudlin was arrested on June 2nd. Straight and Maudlin have been charged with second degree theft and third degree burglary (class D felonies) and are both in custody in Ringgold County at this time. Craven has been released on a OR bond. Straight was convicted on May 29th of fifth degree theft in Ringgold County.

Farm Service Agency Announces CRP Release For Livestock Feed Needs

On May 27, 2008, Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced that USDA has authorized certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for haying and grazing. CRP participants can complete the request to use CRP acreage for critical feed use beginning at the present time, however haying or grazing cannot begin until after July 16, 2008.

CRP participants can use their own acreage for haying or grazing or lease the privilege to other producers. Participants who choose to release their acreage will be required to pay a \$75 administrative fee per contract and will not be assessed any further payment reductions from their annual rental payments."

Eligible land may not be hayed or grazed until July 16, 2008 or later, which is after the primary nesting season, which for Missouri, is May 1 through July 15th. In addition all hay and livestock must be removed from the CRP acreage by November 10, 2008.

Only certain CRP practices are eligible for this release. For more information on CRP haying and grazing eligibility and program provisions, call the Worth County FSA at 660-564-3341 or visit online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Pain At the Pump Spreads to County Budget

Grant City – The high cost of diesel fuel is impacting the Worth County road and bridge budget. With diesel now costing in excess of \$4.70 per gallon, the weekly expense for operating the three (3) graders, two (2) trucks, one (1) mower and one (1) trackhoe is more than \$500.

The County will have to make adjustments to other areas of the road and bridge budget to accommodate the higher cost of fuel.

The cost of fuel for the Sheriff's Department is currently more than 50 percent of its annual budget, with less than half of the year gone

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Police Chief Arrested in Creston On Rape Charges Assistant Also Arrested

Grant City-Creston Police Chief James Christensen, 40, and his Assistant Chief were arrested on Friday, June 6th and charged in the rape of a woman that allegedly occurred at a country bar. Christensen and John Sickels, 38, were charged with second degree sexual abuse. The charges allege that Christensen and Sickels were involved in a forced sex act committed while being aided or abetted by another person. Both men voluntarily surrendered to authorities on Friday.

The incident allegedly occurred at a bar at or around closing time and involved a female employee. Bail has been set at \$25,000 each for Sickels and Christensen. If convicted, they face a maximum prison sentence of up to 25 years.

Man Charged in Ringgold County Murder.

Mt. Ayr-A College Springs Iowa man has been charged with first degree murder in connection with the human remains discovered by hunters on December 3rd in rural Ringgold County. The body was that of a male determined to be in his twenties more than likely Caucasian or Hispanic wearing jeans, a moron hooded sweatshirt and DVS brand shoes.

Edward Eugene Gray Jr. of College Springs was charged on Tuesday, June 3rd with first degree murder in Mt. Ayr Iowa. The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the Ringgold County Sheriff's Department are investigating the case.

Hit With Hail

Grant City-A sudden storm slammed parts of Worth County early on Monday evening. The storm dumped hail on parts of the county and rainfall amounts were recorded up to two inches.

The James Farm which is located south of Grant City received 8/10th of an inch of rain with pea size hail (which Lori Holmes declared to be the size of carat diamonds). The temperatures dropped fifteen degrees in twenty minutes.

Gimme Shelter

One Family's Dream



Grant City – There is a place where those who have no voice, no choice and no way of influencing their future are being cared for. They are being housed, fed, loved and have their medical needs taken care of - without them even asking and with no charge to them. Some have a home for life and no questions are asked, no papers are demanded and the only thing they have to do is continue to breathe. Where is this place and who are the people who are supplying these needs?

On a winding northwest Missouri country road that seems traveled only by those who wish to relieve themselves of a burden too heavy is a place that for many may be the end of the line and for others the beginning of hope.

This place is called M'Shoogy and it is couple's dream. One couple's hope and one of America's shining stars of what can be done in the name of humanity. Volunteers offer their labors of love to ease the pains of the days and horrors of the nights for the residents here. The funding for the continuance is tenuous and the hope that this can be a permanent place after the founders' lives have passed is at this time only a hope – a dream that has encompassed the lives of Gary and Lisa Silverglat for the past 23 years. It is now the main

reason for concern as days and years pass and no one else steps up to the plate to carry this torch into the future. That the cause is right and the needs are real is obvious.

Currently, with 250 dogs and another 150 critters, the annual budget for general care alone is \$300,000. Gary and Lisa receive less than one tenth of this amount in donations yearly. They have had to cash out most of their investments just to keep afloat. At this rate, M'Shoogy's will not be able to continue on indefinitely. The Silverglats are hopeful that money will start coming in from outside sources so that needy animals will be able to continue to find refuge at M'Shoogy's.

Dogs and cats can be adopted for a nominal fee of \$59, which includes their spay/neuter and all vaccines. To learn more about M'Shoogy's and what you can do to help the animals by keeping this wonderful organization running, please visit www.mshoogys.org or call 816-324-5824. M'Shoogy's is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, so all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law and greatly appreciated.

The knowledge that how we treat the least among us proves who we are as a nation, a species and even who we are as individuals has been known for centuries.

Grant City – With rain falling in the area and north of the Missouri border becoming analmost a daily occurrence, flash floods and flood conditions continue to be something that Worth Countians need to be alert about. The Grand River and its forks are "bank high" and the One Hundred and Two River has gone over its banks; with low water crossings becoming high water levels and the Missouri River reaching flood stages, it is important to understand how to remain safe and how to keep property as secure as possible.

The following are tips for evacuation and personal safety in case of a flood: Leave early to avoid being marooned on flooded roads.

Make sure you have enough fuel for your car.

Follow recommended routes. Do not sightsee.

As you travel, monitor the NOAA Weather Radio and local radio broadcasts for the latest information.

Watch for washed-out roads, earth-slides, broken water or sewer mains, loose or downed electrical wires, and falling or fallen objects.

Watch for areas where rivers or streams may suddenly rise and flood, such as highway dips, bridges, and low areas.

Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. Turn around and go another way. Do not underestimate the destructive power of fast-moving water. Two feet of fast-moving flood water will float your car. Water moving at two miles per hour can sweep cars off a road or bridge.

Rising Water

Flood Warnings in Worth County As Rain Continues To Fall



If you are in your car and water begins to rise rapidly around you, abandon the vehicle immediately.

The Hidden Danger - Low-Water Crossing

Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle related. When driving your automobile during flood conditions, look out for flooding at highway dips, bridges and low areas.

Even the largest and heaviest of vehicles will float. Two feet of water will carry most cars away.

As little as six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Do not drive through flowing water!

A hidden danger awaits motorists where a road without a bridge dips across a creek bed.

Motorists develop false confidence when they normally or frequently pass through a dry low-water crossing. Roadbeds may have been scoured or even washed away during flooding creating unsafe driving conditions.

Those who repeatedly drive through flooded low-water crossings may not recognize the dangers of a small increase in the water level. Driving too fast through low water will cause the vehicle to hydroplane and lose contact with the road surface.

Visibility is limited at night increasing the vulnerability of the driver to any hidden dangers. Heed all flood and flash flood watches and warnings. A simple rule of thumb is – if you cannot see the road surface, do not drive through it.

Keeping Cool in the Library



Grant City – The Summer Reading Program is going strong at the Partnership Library located at the Worth County R-III School grounds. This Kindergarten through Eighth Grade program has approximately 30 students signed up and coming in three days a week.

Mary Seat, Judy Matteson and Janice Borey spend approximately three hours giving additional reading instruction, either through one-on-one tutoring or with the aid of computer reading comprehension programs with the students.

This program will run from May 27 through June 27.



Pictured above (top) - a reading circle in the Partnership Library shares the fun of learning; (below) students work on reading comprehension computer software to enhance their reading skills

Numbers of Needy Increasing

Grant City – With the rising cost of everything associated with transportation, the cost of food has also gone up. Nationally, America's Second Harvest, a national hunger-relief organization based in Chicago, said some food banks are reporting demand 20 percent above last year's. Spokesman Ron Fraser said the increase is higher in places, and food pantries have even had to close because of shortages.

According to Mission Possible in Grant City, there has been an increase in needy families seeking assistance. Helping out those in need locally can be accomplished by donating to the Mis-



Pictured Above: Esther McClellan sorts donations at the Mission Possible Center in Grant City. sion Possible located on the east side of the Square in Grant City.

Running for Relection

Groom Continues the Race



Grant City – The race for the office of Sheriff includes incumbent Neal "Bear" Groom, who has been the Sheriff of Worth County for more than seven years. Groom graduated from high school in 1970 in Harrison County and lives in the Denver

area. He has one son, Travis, and one granddaughter, Brigitte, who will be three in November. Groom stated that he "is a full-time Sheriff and has no other job to distract" him from the duties of office.

He was first elected to the office of Sheriff in 2001 and believes

that during his term in office that there has been a reduction in the drug crimes in the county.

Groom said that with the price of gasoline increasing, he does believe that everyone should be more aware of securing their property to guard against theft, which may increase because of the financial hardships that go hand in hand with the higher prices.

Groom said that he believed that the donation of child car seats and being able

to distribute those to needy families had helped to make a difference for many people. He really enjoys participating in community and county events and working with the public.

He further stated that "helping folks out" was a highlight of the job.

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