

# 2012: A Year in Review



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## January

Fayette resident Charlie Adams was presented with a Quilt of Valor at Schnell Hall Tuesday evening. Adams accepted the quilt in memory of all those who did not survive the battle of Iwo Jima....

Presiding County Commissioner Lowell Eaton announced Tuesday that Howard County was cleared to start replacing three bridges on County Road 431....

A Cooper County grand jury has changed the charges from assault to murder against a Glasgow man accused of a fatal beating at the Tiger Pawn II in Boonville.... Calvin Lee Dibble, 26, of Glasgow, was arrested in Shawnee Mission, Kan. on Nov. 18 after the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the Mid-Missouri Case Squad and the Boonville Police Department investigated the deadly beating of a Boonville pawn shop employee.... On Nov. 17, a man entered the Tiger Pawn Shop 2 in Boonville where he encountered Verdayne G. Schacher II, 63, of Boonville, the manager and only staff person in the shop. Dibble is accused of beating Schacher repeatedly around his head and face with a blunt object. Schacher died at University Hospital two days later. Investigators were not able to interview Schacher.... Dibble remains in custody at a jail in Kansas on unrelated charges for which he is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in the Kansas county court Jan. 19....

The owner of the dog which bit a 3-year old boy in October pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve two days in the Howard

County Jail.... Tamara J. Huffman, 49, of Franklin, appeared before Judge Mason Gebhardt in the Howard County Court Tuesday. In addition to time in jail, Huffman was ordered to pay court costs of \$114....

Sara Evans signs one of her books for Sydney Lawson, 9, at the book signing held at My Favorite Things in New Franklin on Tuesday. Approximately 100 people lined up to buy a book and get it signed by Sara Evans....

After a fire in Boonesboro left nine people homeless, the community has responded swiftly and generously.... Beds, a couch, lamps, end tables, kitchen table and chairs, and many clothing items have been donated to the Hundley family just five days after a fire destroyed their Boonesboro home early Thursday morning. One Fayette church collected \$1,300 for the family at a Sunday service. The church's donation happened to be the exact amount the family needed to move into their long-term residence in Franklin. "Words cannot describe the generosity of mid-Missouri, family and friends," Jody Hundley said....

The city has made an agreement with local contractor Brooks Ross to renovate the Colonial Mercantile Building. After paying \$15,000 to the bank which owns the property, the city will acquire the deed to the property and then transfer the deed to Ross who will renovate the building so that it is no longer a dangerous building....

Tuesday the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the Appel-

late Apportionment Commission boundaries they drew up for the district seats had exceeded its authority and had drawn unconstitutional Senate districts. The new House maps were not challenged. In a unanimous decision the court ruled that the commission lost all authority to act when it filed the Senate and House plans on November 30. With this act the commission ceased to exist the court ruled. This makes the December 9 revised Senate map invalid....

Tuesday morning Howard County officials, city leaders and MoDOT employees officially opened the twin bridges over the Bonne Femme Creek and the Bonne Femme Creek Overflow on Highway 240 east of Fayette. The south bridge was also widened to add a turn lane for Highway 124. The previous bridges were built in 1932. The cost of the construction was \$1.87 million....

Thanks to federal stimulus dollars authorized in 2009, more Howard County residents will have better access to Internet services. ADB Utility Contractors of St. Louis are laying fiber optic line along Highway 5 between New Franklin and Fayette....

Three candidates have filed for the city of Fayette's mayoral seat: Incumbent Jan Addison, Pam Huttsell and Kenny O'Brian (who now holds an east ward seat)....

Marquise Francis and Michael Pope will vie for the east ward seat which is currently held by Constance Crump who did not file for re-election....



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Charlie Adams and his wife, Betty Adams, stand next to the Quilt of Valor given to Adams at an American Legion meeting in honor of his service in World War II. Adams served in the U.S. Marine Corps in combat in the South Pacific. Standing next to Adams is Linda Lembke and Connie Shay.

SINCE

1840

The Fayette Advertiser first appeared in Glasgow on Sept. 3, 1840. The name of the first owner-editor has been lost, but in 1853, W.B. Twombly sold the newspaper to R.C. Hancock, who move the paper to Fayette. The Fayette Advertiser is observed as the second-oldest weekly newspaper west of the Mississippi River.

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SINCE

1854

Central College has been known for its academic quality, focus on ethical leadership and effort to make the world a better place. In 1964 it became Central Methodist College to reflect its close connection with the United Methodist Church; and in 2005 it became Central Methodist University to reflect its growth across the state of Missouri. From one building and 144 students in 1854 to 5,500 students across the state today, CMU continues to thrive.

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SINCE

1874

The Democrat Leader was in competition with The Fayette Advertiser until 1925, when the two papers merged together and operated under single ownership. The Fayette Advertiser was printed as the mid-week newspaper and The Democrat Leader was published as the weekend edition. The two papers were recently purchased by Roll Media in February 2011.

**The Democrat Leader**

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SINCE

1895

Founded by Thomas Smith; later owners included Hiram Curtis in 1909; former legislator, C.S. Duncan in 1918; and Harry Hall in 1952. In 1957, Tom and Doris Markland purchased the business and renamed it Markland-Funeral Home. When they retired in the early 90's, the funeral home became corporately owned, then was later purchased by Brian and Cynthia Gardner. In 2006, Vernon Yager purchased the business operating it as Markland-Yager Funeral Home, keeping the business locally owned and operated with high standards of professional care and service.

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## February



**Sharon Young**

When Sharon Young first began styling hair 50 years ago, customers came to the beauty salon to relax, get their hair fixed and visit. "Now, people just want to get in and get out as fast as possible," she said. That is just one change Sharon has seen since Feb. 6, 1962. Mickie Foland wants to honor Sharon's service at a reception set for Friday, Feb. 3, at the Peacock Beauty Shop. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Everyone is invited to Peacock Beauty Shop for punch, cake and wishing Sharon well....

The recent discovery of two rare oil-on-panel paintings has provided a significant link to the founding of Central Methodist University in the mid-1850s. Givens Hall, located adjacent to Classic Hall at the south end of the CMU campus, is the university's oldest extant building. Now

used as a guest house, it has had various functions over the years, including serving as the president's home for Howard-Payne College which merged with Central in the mid-1920s. On a quest to find historic artifacts, CMU emeritus Prof. Thomas L. Yancey and plant operations director Derry Wiswell came across the two paintings in the Givens Hall attic. The painter is unknown, but he or she apparently was a skilled artist, according to Yancey. He believes the portraits to be of Adam and Isabella Murray Hendrix, both of whom had been associated with Central since its founding. The paintings are undated, but they are thought to have been produced around the time of the Civil War, if not earlier....

Fayette High School cheer-

leaders were decked out in pink at Tuesday's home game. They participated in the second annual "Pink Out" event, which raised awareness in the fight against cancer....

A sexual harassment civil case and a criminal case were both dismissed Thursday following a meeting between parties.... Julie Hubbard dismissed her civil lawsuit alleging sexual harassment against the Howard County sheriff, commissioners and prosecuting attorney. On the same day, the state dismissed its criminal charges alleging that Hubbard had delivered prohibited articles to Howard County jail inmates....

To make city codes consistent concerning the definition of "family," the council updated the definition of "family" in the city's



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**Seniors Bruce Marshall and Taylor Rice were crowned as Fayette High School's 2012 Courtwarming king and queen.**

"occupancy permit" ordinance which addresses rental property. The update included an allowance for up to four unrelated individuals who may call themselves a "family."....

The Fayette Rotary Club celebrates its 75th birthday today (Saturday). The organization was founded on Feb. 18, 1937. Rotary members took a moment for a group photo at their regular meeting Wednesday at the Student and Community Center on the Central Methodist University campus....

Carol Leech accepts Fayette's 2012 Citizen of the Year award from city council member Larry

Dimond on Saturday at the Town and Country event at Fayette High School....

Paul Lehmann and William Kountz stand next to nine solar panels recently installed by Missouri Valley Renewable Energy on Kountz's property. The solar panels are expected to produce 50 percent of Kountz's energy needs. Kountz is joined by one other Howard County household which has installed solar panels and another two homeowners who are in the process of installing solar energy systems. All were members of the Howard County Sustainable Energy Group.

**SINCE 1903**

The Commercial Trust Co. was founded largely through the efforts of L.W. Jacobs, who was the first cashier, and J.R. Gallemore, assistant cashier. A.P. Hickerson was the first president and B.W. Malone was the first vice president. Other directors in 1903 were: W.A. Feland, J.L. Dougherty and J.G. Crews. The bank has shown continued growth with the growth of the community it serves.

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Carr-Yager Funeral Home, the oldest funeral home in Fayette was founded by Guy Halley, as Halley Undertaking & Furniture, on the square. In the late 30's, Ralph & Madelyn Carr purchased the business which was now at its present location. In 1979 Harvey Lutz married Madelyn Carr, and together they operated the business until her death in 1988. Lutz retired in 1990 selling it to Missouri West Partners. In 2001 Vernon Yager purchased the business and now operates as Carr-Yager Funeral Home, under local ownership and committed to high standards of professional care and service.

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## March

Endless Options' recycling program, EO Recycles, is doing so well that the board of directors are considering expanding the operation. Debra Miller, CEO of Endless Options, described a possible site to the Fayette city council at their regular meeting Tuesday. Preliminary plans are to use space at 116 N. Church St. The front of the space would sell used furniture and household goods. In the rear, recyclables would be collected, sorted and picked up three times a week from a larger recycler out of Boonville....

A head-on collision in Boone County on Friday resulted in a fatal injury of a Harrisburg woman and moderate injuries of a Columbia man. Linda L. Lipscomb, 59, of Harrisburg, was traveling east in a 2006 Chevrolet HHR on Highway 40 at Rocheport Gravel Road at about 10 p.m. when she encountered Kyle G. Overby, 49, of Columbia, traveling west in a 2008 Chevrolet Equinox. Overby crossed the center line and struck Lipscomb's vehicle nearly head-on. Overby's vehicle overturned and traveled off the left side of the roadway. Lipscomb's vehicle came to rest on the left side of the road....

At 7:45 a.m. Monday, a fatal accident occurred 10 miles south of Salisbury on Highway 5. A 2008 Ford Focus driven by Bobbie J. Vollrath, 40, of Salisbury, traveling north, crossed the center line and struck a 2000 Ford F-150 traveling south, driven by Austin J. Cole, 18, of Glasgow. After the collision, Cole lost con-

trol of his pickup truck and collided with Jessica L. Stroebe, 25, of Glasgow, who was traveling north in a 2004 Ford Freestar van. Stroebe's vehicle came to rest off the highway on the east side of the road. Chariton County Coroner Larry Breshears pronounced Stroebe dead at 8:38 a.m. Vollrath was transported to Moberly Regional Medical Center with moderate injuries. Cole was transported to University Hospital with serious injuries....

"We're glad they did a follow-up. They give us credit for all the work we've done," Kathryn Harper told the Democrat-Leader Thursday. She was referring to a follow-up report on an original audit report for Howard County completed in August 2011. Out of 14 recommendations, all were either "implemented" or "in progress" of being implemented. Only two were categorized as "partially implemented" which means the county is implementing the recommendation in part, "but is not making efforts to fully implement the recommendation." Harper stated she felt all recommendations will be fully implemented just given time. The original audit report in August gave the county a "poor" rating. None of the issues contained within the report indicated anything of a criminal nature. Concerns were procedural matters only. Still, some Howard County officials felt the "poor" rating and the attention it received from local media outlets were overblown. Harper, a certified public accountant herself, said in August, "It's really not that big of a story." Presiding



Kenneth O'Brian, Jan Addison and Pam Huttzell seek the mayoral position in Fayette. Michael Pope, behind Huttzell, seeks the East Ward seat.

Commissioner Lowell Eaton said in August, "The wording of the audit makes things sound worse than they really are." Both Harper and Eaton had pointed out that despite declining revenues, the various county budgets remained in the black; that is, expenditures never exceeded revenues....

Mike Neal has filed as an Independent for Howard County Sheriff. He will face Sheriff Charlie Polson, incumbent and Democrat, in the general election in November. Candidates for the Independent party must collect 100 signatures and file by July 30. Neal collected about 140 signatures and filed on March 27. "I want to show people that I'm serious about seeking the office," Neal told the Democrat-Leader....

Some 60 people gathered in the Commercial Trust Community

Room on Monday to personally meet and hear Fayette and Armstrong candidates articulate their positions on economic development, streets and other issues.... Kenneth O'Brian, Jan Addison and Pam Huttzell seek the mayoral position in Fayette. O'Brian expressed concern over the cost of MECO Engineering services. He advocated taking MECO's expert advice but utilizing city crews to complete the work. He also emphasized the need for increased efficiency from city personnel. Addison pointed out accomplishments of the city; for example, The Colonial Mercantile Building was preserved by a local contractor with the city putting out a relatively small outlay (\$15,000). She emphasized the need for updating infrastructure — streets, water and

sewer systems — which, she said, had been deferred. Huttzell advocated for the revitalization of the downtown area through Fayette Main Street, an organization she is leading. She also would consider the hiring of an economic developer and a public works director with an engineering degree who could possibly do some of the work now being contracted to MECO Engineering. Addison said that "money had been wasted" on economic developers. Fayette and Armstrong residents will go to the polls on April 3....

After a lengthy paper review, reference checks, and interview process the Board of Education has approved the recommendation to hire Charles Brown as DES/CMS Principal for the 2012-2013 school year.

SINCE  
**1917**

The Howard County Farm Bureau formed a local board of directors who's express purpose was to improve the quality of life for rural Missourians. The board's first president was M.N. Mayland. In 1946, the sale of insurance products to Farm Bureau members was initiated under the first Howard County insurance agent Ray T. Johnson. Farm Bureau erected it's current building on Hwy 240 in 1998.

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SINCE  
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SINCE  
**1927**

Tom Deatherage and Cale Parrish founded Home Oil Company on the corner of Linn and Morrison after moving the business from a livery stable on Morrison. They began with one hand-operated gasoline pump. Fay Bagby bought the business in 1964. His sons, Don and Gary, continue the business today as your hometown, full service station offering auto service and fuel.

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SINCE  
**1934**

Friemonth-Freese Funeral Service has been family owned and operated since 1934 when Elmer Friemonth opened in Glasgow. As a teenager he had washed horse drawn hearses for Ed Wengler of Wengler Furniture and Undertaking in Glasgow. After his death in 1975, his wife, Maxine, secured a hardship license to continue the business. Her son-in-law, Mark Freese, began his apprenticeship in 1977. In 1991 the business expanded to Fayette and became Friemonth-Freese Funeral Service. Son, Michael Freese, is planning to continue the family business.

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## April



Newly-elected officials to the Fayette city council take the oath of office Tuesday. From left: Mayor Kenneth O'Brian, Wally Eaton (southwest ward), Bobby Robb (northwest ward), and Michael D. Pope (east ward). Later in the meeting, O'Brian recommended and the council voted to appoint Marquise Francis to the east ward seat vacated by O'Brian. Eaton was appointed mayor pro tem.

The owner of the dog which bit a 3-year old boy in October has been ordered to pay \$200,000 to the victim of the dog attack. In a civil case, Judge Scott Hayes ruled on March 30 that Tamara Huffman, 49, of Franklin, shall pay \$200,000 to A.S. who is represented by his mother, Sara Woods....



Marquise Francis

With 46.9 percent of the vote, Kenneth O'Brian was selected as the next mayor of Fayette on Tuesday. O'Brian garnered 174 of the 371 votes cast in the Fayette mayoral election. Jan Addison, currently Fayette's mayor, received 128 votes, while Pam Huttzell had 69 votes. In other contested Fayette

elections, Michael Pope defeated Marquise Francis for the city council seat in the East Ward by a vote of 60 to 36. Also, in an upset, R.C. Robb easily defeated incumbent council member Megan Hess 95 to 44 for the Northwest Ward seat....

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced a settlement on Tuesday with a medical equipment and incontinence supplies provider for allegedly submitting false claims to Medicaid. Just What the Doctor Ordered Inc. and owner/operator Teresa Linneman must pay the state \$217,562.64 under the terms of the agreement. JWTDO, a Fayette-based company, provides durable medical equipment and incontinence supplies for children and adults to Medicaid clients. Under the terms of the settlement, JWTDO and Linneman admitted criminal liability for billing Medicaid for more than 27,000 diapers



The Fayette Academic Bowl team brought home the first ever Academic Bowl District Championship for the school on Saturday. Named to the All-District team as the top scorer for the tournament was junior Thomas Waggoner. Sophomore Feyd Carr was honored with the third-highest scoring position. Above: Fayette High School Academic Bowl Team members are, from left: Mark Tarakai, Randy Hutchinson (team coach), Samantha Williams, Kirby Schoephoerster, Nia Estes, Nazow Tarakai, Feyd Carr, Faith Robinson, Thomas Waggoner.

that were never provided to recipients of Medicaid. The defendants agreed to pay \$207,562.64 to the MO HealthNet Fraud Reimbursement Fund for restitution, damages and penalties, as well as \$10,000 to the MO HealthNet Fraud Prosecution Revolving Fund for case costs....

A recent Missouri Supreme Court decision has many municipal and county entities all over the state concerned about how it will affect their revenues. On Tuesday morning, Howard County Commissioners held a meeting with representatives from Fayette, New Franklin and Glasgow and shared with them what they knew about a recent state Supreme Court decision that will likely affect municipal and county revenue sources of counties which do not have "local use" taxes. Thirty-nine counties already have in place "local use" taxes and will not be affected by the Supreme Court decision. Howard County is one of the 75 remaining counties which do not have "local use" taxation.

Though county and city officials are still learning about the ramifications of the decision, at this point it appears that the decision prohibits the collection of county and municipal tax revenue for the sale of cars, trucks, boats, trailers and motors that are purchased outside the state. It also prohibits the collection of county and municipal sales taxes on individual sales transactions. State taxes can still be collected on both types of transactions. County and city officials do not know how much this will affect revenues....

More than 680 students, faculty and staff members participated in the annual Central Methodist University Leadership Service Day on Thursday. The college community undertook more than 2,000 hours' worth of work that benefited the cities of Fayette, Glasgow, Boonville and Columbia....

After six years of being served by Veolia Environmental Services, the city council rejected Veolia's bid and selected AAA Waste Management, Inc. of Fulton to pick up

household waste, recycling material and yard waste....

Erica Eisenmenger, vice president at Furnell Companies, stands in front of one of the two Kensington Court Apartment buildings recently completed on East Davis Street. The two buildings house a total of 14 apartments all of which have been leased. Tenants will begin moving in on Monday....

Dennis White was promoted to Chief Deputy at the Howard County Sheriff's Department on April 1. He will continue as detective of investigations....

A major change in the alignment of United Methodist pastoral ministries in Fayette has been announced. The new plan includes the two UMC congregations here, Linn Memorial and Saint Paul, and the campus ministry program.... CMU chaplain Lucas Endicott ... will assume the position of senior pastor for both Linn Memorial and Saint Paul. Working with him will be new assistant pastor Jacob Schneider....

**SINCE 1936**

When Howard Electric Cooperative was formed in 1936 through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) under Franklin D. Roosevelt the application showed pledges from 314 farms, 18 townhouses, 6 filling stations, 8 general stores, and 16 commercial farms. Howard Electric has since grown to 3,400 meters and is still proud to be owned by those we serve.

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C&R Supermarket was established in 1957 in LaPlata, MO by co-founders Richard Ramsey and Holland Clem. For over 50 years, C&R has been joined by family members and has grown to a chain of 12 stores. C&R became a part of the Fayette community when it purchased a store owned by Lane McCutcheon in November, 2003. C&R operated in that location for two years and built their existing location in August of 2005. C&R Market... Where Quality Is A Tradition!

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**SINCE 1962**

Veterinarian Dr. R. F. Taylor opened his vet practice in the basement of a house on West Davis in Fayette. By the next year he had moved his practice to Hwy. 5 & 240 in what is now the H & R Block office. Dr. K. M. Vroman joined the practice in 1971 and in 1986 they moved to their present location. In 2012, after more than 40 years in practice together, Dr. Taylor retired Dr. Jessica Stroupe joined the practice.

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**SINCE 1968**

Beaman Plumbing and Heating, located in New Franklin, has been a family owned business for more than 43 years. John Beaman began the business in 1968. In 1993 son, John Robert (Bob), bought the business. Beaman Plumbing and Heating continues to service, install and repair in the surrounding area with friendly sales and service.

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## May

The Fayette Farmers Market attracted hundreds of shoppers at its Grand Opening held Tuesday on the courthouse lawn....

Laci Fuhlage and Jonathan Ebbesmeyer display a copy of the 2012 Howard County fair booklet. The two designed the cover as part of an annual youth competition sponsored by the Howard County Fair Board. Laci and Jonathan are both members of the Fayette Fellowship 4-H and together received a \$50 cash prize....

The U.S. Postal Service announced a new strategy Thursday that could keep the nation's smallest Post Offices open for business, while providing a framework to achieve significant cost savings as part of the plan to return the organization to financial stability. The plan would keep the existing Post Office in place, but with modified retail window hours to match customer use. Access to the retail lobby and to PO Boxes would remain unchanged, and the town's ZIP Code and community identity would be retained. Postal offices in Armstrong, Franklin, Glasgow Harrisburg, Higbee, New Franklin and Rocheport currently are open 8 hours Monday through Friday. Under the new proposal, hours would be reduced to 2 to 6 hours a week day....

Nazow Tarakai sits inside the Fayette High School foyer on Friday, just hours before her high school graduation. She is wearing a T-shirt she received while visiting the Harvard campus in April for freshman orientation. Screaming could be heard in the gym during a basketball game on Dec. 15. Although the game continued, spectators grew quiet, wondering who was screaming and why. The news spread like fire: Nazow Tarakai had been accepted into Harvard College. She and her friends were screaming with excitement because Nazow had just found out by checking her email on the school's computer....

New Franklin City Council members learned of significant grants it will receive

for upgrading its sewage treatment system. They also opted to build a new city animal shelter at their regular meeting Monday. City officials learned Monday that the city has been approved to receive a \$500,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant program and \$101,500 from USDA. Another \$1,350,000 is still needed for the sewage treatment system upgrade. The city is required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to significantly upgrade its sewer system....

The City of Fayette and members of Fayette's Historic Preservation Commission honored owners of three properties Monday evening during ceremonies held on CMU's Inman Plaza. Receiving 2012 Notable Building Awards, from left, are: Hope Tinker and Dave Fortel for the circa-1848 Old Jail (at the corner of East Davis and Louisiana), university President Marianne Inman for CMU's 1895 T. Berry Smith Hall (in background), and Bob and Edris Wilhoit for the circa-1953 Wilhoit Service Station and Barn on Highway 240/5 north of Fayette. The annual awards event, begun in 2001, is an effort to recognize those who have undertaken restoration efforts with an emphasis on historic preservation....

Well-known Howard County businesswoman Stephanie Fuemmeler was recognized Wednesday as Fayette's 2012 Business Leader of the Year. The award has been presented annually since 1984 by the Fayette Rotary Club. May 30....

Ronnia Estes was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Lincoln Public School Committee on Saturday at the former site of Lincoln School in Fayette. Pictured from left: Bernard Ashcraft, Barbara Alexander, Rodneisha Estes, Ronnia Estes, Carlis and Don Jackman. Lincoln Public School operated from 1871 to 1966 for African-American children prior to public school integration.



The Howard County Extension Council sponsored a bicycle decorating contest at the Fayette Farmers Market Grand Opening.

Linda Wallace (center) is lifted down the front steps of the Fayette High School Saturday night by University of Missouri football team members T.J. Moe (left) and Corbin Berkstresser (right) just before prom festivities begin. Linda, who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy, is an avid fan of MU football. Her teacher, Bridget Hussey, arranged for the MU football players to escort Linda to her senior prom and help her dance the night away.



**SINCE  
1968**

Glen Clayton Sr. started fixing cars in his garage on Oaklawn Ave. In 1970 Lee Schweighauser, who was painting signs for Glen, suggested he call the business Mid-Mo Auto Salvage. In 1974 the business moved to its present location. The business has expanded over the last 44 years. Today Mid-Mo Auto Salvage sells cars, trucks, parts and has an excellent body shop.

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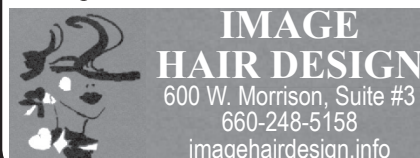
Addison Biological Laboratory, Inc. was founded in 1974 in the basement of a Fayette home where Bruce Addison started diagnosing diseases of local livestock and creating vaccines to protect them. From these humble beginnings, the company grew its biological business and expanded into veterinary products for companion animals. Today, the company occupies two different facilities in Fayette and sells products across the United States as well as over 20 countries throughout the world.

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**SINCE  
1982**

Lisa Lang began her business in the back of Ed and Ethel Dougherty's home, operating under the name, Right Direction. In 1991 Lisa moved to the north side of the square under the new name, Image Hair Design. In 1998 the salon moved to what is now known as the Keller Building, in the former Administrative offices of Keller Hospital. Karen Schweighauser joined her that same year. Sixty-three combined years of hairstyling expertise with a personal touch!



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About 40 people attended the Tuesday ground breaking ceremony for the Armstrong new city hall and community building. Several officials from USDA-Rural Development were present. USDA-RD is providing the bulk of the funds for the city hall/community building through grants and loans. The federal assistance consisted of a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities low interest loan of \$40,940 and a grant of \$145,980....

R.F. "Dick" Taylor, DVM, retired Friday after 50 years of veterinary practice. One of the big changes from 1962 to 2012 is the work that a vet does today compared to 50 years ago. When Doc started his practice, 95 percent of his work was working with large animals (cattle, hogs, sheep) and about 5 percent in small animals. Today it is very close to 50 percent large animal work and 50 percent small animals. "Today almost 50 percent of the cattle the practice works with is at the office," Taylor said. That has changed from when almost all of the cattle work was done on the farm in the past....

A bank robber is still at large after robbing an undisclosed amount of money from the Commercial Trust Co. branch bank in Harrisburg Monday morning. The female suspect handed the teller a note demanding money and stated she had a gun. However, the woman never showed the gun....

The Howard County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) is entering a restructuring period. JoAnn Sumner,

who was employed by the Council as the county-wide economic developer, worked to establish Howard County as an Enhanced Enterprise Zone, obtained Certified Site status for the county industrial park on State Route DD, worked with Zimmer Communications to create a county economic development website, and created an Industrial Development Authority for Howard County. These will all be useful tools for future economic development activities in Howard County. In 2011, she followed up on 12 major industry opportunities as well as counseled with numerous individuals on small business start-ups. Ms. Sumner's last day with the organization was June 8. The HCEDC continues as an active organization with Central Methodist University, Commercial Trust Co., Howard County Commissioners, and Howard Electric Cooperative represented on the board, joined by Howard County 911 and the Fayette Chamber as investors....

Kathryn Yardley of Paragould, Ark., was arrested May 24 in Dunklin County, Mo., after a two state pursuit. According to Paragould police, officers tried to stop Yardley, she fled. Kennett police placed spikes strip, suspect vehicle wrecked. Yardley was taken to the hospital in Kennett. Yardley is charged with Class D Felony resisting arrest. She is in jail on a \$30,000 cash only bond. Officers pursued Yardley because of warrants pertaining to forgery, writing

bad checks and failure to appear. Yardley was convicted of forgery in Macon County (change of venue from Howard County) on December 17, 2009. Yardley forged checks from the Friends of the Howard County Library Board....

Dr. Marianne Inman, the president of Central Methodist University for the past 17 years, has announced plans to retire effective June 30, 2013. Her departure will mark the close of one of the brightest chapters in the nearly 160-year history of the University, noted CMU Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Cox of Bartlesville, Okla. Cox said the board will determine its search process in the coming weeks. The accomplishments of Central Methodist under Inman's leadership are many and substantial....

On Friday evening, nearly 200 folks attended the Juneteenth Celebration's gospel fest. This was likely one of the largest gatherings in the 12-year history of the Juneteenth Celebration. The main attraction on Saturday was the appearance by two current Mizzou basketball players - Phil Pressey and Jordan Clarkson....

A burn ban is in place in Howard County from now until further notice....

Four will vie for the title of Miss Howard County at the 2012 Howard County Fair in ceremonies to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The candidates are Amber Hoskisson, Marie McSparen, Hillary Snyder and Samantha Williams. Seven will compete for the fair's Miss Teen title: Tessa Chambers, Addie McGuire, Samantha Nelson, Patricia Ray, Abbey Ruggles, Rachel Wayland and Sadie Williams.



2012 Miss Howard County Samantha Williams (right) shows her excitement as she is crowned by outgoing queen Nazow Tarakai. Williams will represent Howard County at the 2012 Missouri State Fair Queen Pageant held Aug. 9-10 in Sedalia.


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# 2012: A Year in Review

## July

Council authorized the 2012-13 budget which runs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. It increases street maintenance and economic development. There are no changes to city staff pay. Both revenues and expenditures are decreased....

A burn ban is in place in Howard County from now until further notice. Residents are reminded that if they initiate a controlled burn and the burn gets out of control requiring emergency response, a fine may be assessed....

Howard County Sheriff's Department deputies found an active meth lab inside an abandoned home in north Howard County Wednesday morning. At about 9 a.m. Ronnie Baier was traveling on his tractor hauling hay toward his property where one of his buildings, an abandoned house along County Road 251, was located. Before reaching the house, Baier noticed a silver Pontiac parked at the intersection of County Roads 236 and 251. Baier had been experiencing theft at this house and was carrying a rifle with him. As he approached the building, a man exited the residence and ran toward the Pontiac through a corn field. The man was white, had dark hair and was not wearing a shirt. Baier shot a warning shot and then shot again. The man reached the vehicle and sped away. Baier called 911. Howard County Sheriff Charlie Polson was one of the law enforcement officers to respond. Polson found ingredients for methamphetamine inside the abandoned house. A short time

later in Randolph County, Missouri State Highway Patrol officers stopped a vehicle matching Baier's description. Baier later confirmed the vehicle and the person inside as the ones he saw. The person, Jacob L. Strain, 32, of Bunceton, was unhurt from the shooting. Strain is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Howard County Jail, then transferred to the Cooper County Jail. Strain was on parole from the Missouri Department of Corrections. His parole was revoked and he is ordered to be returned to DOC. Strain will still face the Howard County charges....

A Fayette man charged with statutory sodomy and other charges of sexual misconduct has been found guilty. Dale E. Smiley, 53, of Fayette, was tried in the Randolph County Court (a change of venue) on June 28. After deliberating for about an hour, the jury found Smiley guilty of statutory sodomy (felony), sexual abuse (felony), sexual misconduct or attempt involving a child under the age of 15, first offense (felony), and two misdemeanor counts of sexual misconduct....

After 11 straight days of 100-degree temperatures Howard County is in need of rain and a lot of it, quickly. According to the latest assessment from the U.S. Drought Monitor, the severe drought conditions have rapidly expanded over the area in the last two weeks. This is because of the intense heat in the past two weeks

and below normal rainfall totals since the start of May. The record for days-in-a-row for 100-degree heat in the area is 16 days. This happened twice during July and August in 1936. There were 15 days in a row of 100-degree heat in 1934 during July. Fourteen days in a row in July 1980. Thirteen days of 100-degree heat in July of 1901. The amount of rainfall needed to return central Missouri to near normal is 9 to 12 inches of rain. May and June were two of the driest months on record across Missouri....

"It was beautiful," Susan Wheaton Chambers said about the homecoming of her father, Howell Wheaton, shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday, outside the Courtyard Marriott in Columbia. Susan, her husband Doug, and their children, Tessa and Trace, joined more than 900 other people who waited outside the hotel for the homecoming ceremony. "It was a huge deal," Susan said. "The whole street was lined with flags. There was a huge hot air balloon across the street." Susan's father served in the United States Marine Corps and saw combat in the South Pacific during World War II. "My father has always been proud of being a United States Marine and to have served his country," Susan observed....

Gov. Jay Nixon today requested that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack designate 114 counties in Missouri as primary agricultural disaster areas. The designation would permit assistance from the USDA's Farm Service Agency to farmers in those counties that have suffered losses to crops and livestock as a result of the ongoing drought throughout the state....



## Overall winners of baby contest

JD Hogg (far left) and Aleigh Friebe (far right) were named overall boy and girl winners at the Howard County Fair Baby Contest held Saturday.

Howard County officials here are encouraging a yes vote on the so-called Use Tax proposition which will be on the upcoming Aug. 7 ballot. Those supporting the measure state that this is not a new tax, but simply would replace the local sales tax that recently has been lost because of a Jan. 31 Missouri Supreme Court ruling. As a result, the county already is facing the possible loss of local sales tax revenue on goods and materials (especially vehicles) which are purchased out of state....

Tuesday morning the USDA announced that farmers throughout Missouri affected by the heat and drought that has gripped the state will now have access to low-interest loans and other assistance from the federal government....

Only 7 percent of Missouri's

corn and 10 percent of its soybeans were rated as good or excellent in the most recent USDA Crop Progress and Condition report released July 15. With all of Missouri facing either drought or abnormally dry conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, farmers across the state are facing the effects of the hot, dry weather. Most of the corn crop has been decided. Rain may help the later planted corn. The July 15 USDA report rated Missouri's corn as 38 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 6 percent good and 1 percent excellent. More than 82 percent of the state is experiencing severe drought, while nearly 10 percent in Southeast Missouri is experiencing "severe drought."

SINCE  
**2004**

Community Auto Sales opened our Glasgow office in March of 2004 and followed that by opening our Fayette location in July of 2006. We are still at 506 First St. in Glasgow, but recently moved our Fayette lot to 306 S. Church, where we now have a full service shop to better serve the needs of all of our customers.

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Howell Wheaton stands in between his grandchildren, Tessa and Trace Chambers, about 2 a.m. July 4 in Columbia after returning from a day-long tour in Washington D.C. hosted by the Mid-Missouri Honor Flight. Wheaton is a veteran of World War II and fought in the South Pacific.



# 2012: A Year in Review

## August

July brought us 16 days with high temperatures above 100 degrees, 14 days with high temperatures above 90 degrees and one day with a high temperature of 88 degrees on July 20. There were eight days that the high temperature was above 105 degrees. That is the third highest record of most days over 105 degrees in central Missouri history....

Area residents turned out in force Saturday for the fourth annual Fayette Festival of the Arts on the courthouse square and the event's 13th annual art show. Above, young adult artworks were on display at the art show. At right, Civil War musicians play period music while a boy dressed in Union blue dances a jig. More photos and results from the event are on Page 8....

In convincing fashion, Lisa Asbury defeated Patricia Munk

by more than a 3-to-1 margin to win the Democratic Party's nomination for the Howard County Public Administrator in Tuesday's primary election. The announcement was made shortly after 9:30 p.m. outside the Howard County courthouse. Asbury won the party's nomination by a vote of 766 to 228, earning just over 77 percent of the votes. Following the announcement, Asbury took a moment and spoke to nearly 30 people in attendance on the courthouse lawn, thanking her supporters. The Howard County "use tax" was decided by a much closer vote. The tax did not pass by a vote of 917 to 894....

An escaped inmate from Pettis County was apprehended in Howard County Thursday morning after a failed attempt to escape. Ronald W. Greer, 44, of Sedalia, and two other inmates in

the patrol car were being transported by a Pettis County Sheriff's deputy Thursday morning to Missouri Department of Corrections institutions in Fulton and Vandalia.... When a MSHP patrol officer caught Greer off guard in a wooded area between Route K and Howard County Road 314 at about 10 a.m., Greer surrendered. Though he had a gun, he did not attempt to use it....

Most area schools earned perfect scores on a report issued annually by the state education department. All local schools meet accreditation requirements. Each year, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) considers 14 standards to rate schools in a report known as the Annual Performance Report (APR). Results for 2012 were released Tuesday. Except for Fayette and Harrisburg, the remaining six area school districts met all 14 standards (see table below). Fayette met 10 out of the 14. Harrisburg met 13 out of the 14....

A committee of 12 representatives of Central Methodist University has been appointed to lead the search for the 26th president of Central Methodist University....

Two Kansas City men are charged with receiving stolen property and resisting arrest that involved a car chase that took place Tuesday. One of the men is further charged with attempting to assault a law enforcement officer. William G. Baum, 42, and Jeffrey T. Cadman, 20, both from Kansas City, Mo., are in the Howard County Jail under \$100,000 and \$50,000 cash-only bonds respectively....

Two men were apprehended



Lisa Asbury, left, is congratulated by Patricia Munk following the final primary election announcement outside the Howard County courthouse Tuesday evening. Asbury won the Democratic Party's nomination for Howard County Public Administrator by a vote of 766 to 228.

in New Franklin early Monday morning after attempting to flee law enforcement officers. Both were found to have drug paraphernalia with intent to methamphetamine. Kyle R. Finn, 25, home address unknown, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to manufacture methamphetamine (Class D felony), possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (Class A misdemeanor), and resisting arrest (Class A misdemeanor). Finn is in the Howard County Jail under a \$10,000 cash-only bond. Jeremy W. Gerlach, 30, home address unknown, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to manufacture methamphetamine (Class D felony), possession of marijuana (Class

A misdemeanor), possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (Class A misdemeanor), and resisting arrest (Class D felony). Gerlach is in the Howard County Jail under a \$30,000 cash-only bond....

Kevin Asbury, 44, formerly from the Armstrong area, was sentenced Thursday in the Western District of Missouri Court to nine years in federal prison, without parole. Asbury pleaded guilty in June 2011 in a cattle fraud case costing investors and The Callaway Bank a total of \$7.8 million. Asbury pleaded guilty to bank fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and for misrepresenting the number of cattle used to obtain a loan from The Callaway Bank in June 2011....



DeJonna Powell, Kyreon Lee, Keonna Bush, and Kiera Bush sing at the Fayette Festival of Arts.



A large crowd gathered at the courthouse square Saturday for the Howard County Relay for Life. Participants walked, performed, sold items in the relay in order to raise funds for cancer research and awareness of cancer with the hope of finding a cure for cancer.

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Fayette Homecoming royalty



Carol Leech was 2012 Citizen of the Year



Fayette High School Court Warming Court



Central Methodist seniors Kristen Bailey (left) and Burton Iosefa (right) were crowned the Central Methodist University 2012 Homecoming king and queen.



Howard County Queen and Princess contestants

# 2012: A Year in Review



Clockwise from the top of page: Ribbon cutting for Twin Bridges on Highway 240. Timber rattle snake found north of town by Larry Leaton. Rare Giant Silk Moth found in Fayette. Timber Wolf shot on Franklin Island. Fayette Rotary Club observes it's 75th Anniversary. Justin Felten with his catch of the day at the Fayette Optimists fishing derby. Quilts of Valor presentation to four local World War II veterans at the Fayette City Park on July 4th.



# 2012: A Year in Review

## September



Layne Chenault, and Jady Burch, both 8 years old, were named king and queen at New Franklin's Santa Fe Trail Days.

Preliminary numbers are in for fall term enrollment at Central Methodist University, and the news is good — very good. The challenge may be deciding which part of it is the best news, according to CMU President Marianne E. Inman. After the first week of class, 3,382 students were enrolled at CMU either on campus, off campus or online. A year ago at this same time, officials were excited to report CMU had eclipsed the 3,000-student mark for the first time ever; this year's count reflects a 10.9 percent increase....

An Armstrong man, Donald E. Vroman, 63, died Wednesday from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the vehicle, a 1979 GMC dump truck, had a mechanical failure. It traveled off the left side of the roadway, went down a steep embankment and struck several trees. Vroman was ejected from the vehicle. The accident happened on Missouri Route 3, six miles north of Armstrong in Randolph County....

In a Certificate of Recognition ceremony Wednesday Janie Dunning Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, announced the award of \$1,454,500 to the City of New Franklin. The funds will be used to construct a land application no discharge sewage treatment system. The money consists of a USDA Water and Disposal loan of \$1,353,000 and a grant of \$101,500. The Allstate Consultants engineering firm performed the evaluation of the project. With the new system the waste water will be recycled for irrigation purposes....

Meeting in regular session Tuesday, the Fayette city council

heard concerns about the impact of a new water pipe to be installed along North Church Street. Three citizens expressed concern about the easements requested by the city to place a new water pipe along North Church Street from Highway 5 to Corprew Avenue. Engineers wish to distance the water pipe as far as possible from a sewer pipe which runs near the sidewalk....

After four months of little to no rain, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, brought a welcome relief. Friday's rain measured 2-to-3 inches throughout Howard County, with some places receiving more than 3 inches of rain. Saturday's rain brought another inch of rain for most of the county. There were reports of 5 inches in western Howard County for Friday and Saturday. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 3 and 4, brought almost another inch of rain to the area. Still, weather experts are reporting that 8-to-10 inches of rain is needed in the next month to truly relieve the area of a drought....

A burn ban remains in place in Howard County from now until further notice. Howard County Fire Protection District Fire Chief Bryan Kunze told the Democrat-Leader, "Even though we have received some pretty good rains, the grass is still dry and brittle."...

Though there was little time for sleep during his time at the Democratic National Committee, Seth Markland Jarboe, of Armstrong, says his attendance at the national convention held Sept. 4-6 in Charlotte, N.C. was "a great experience." Seth related his experiences as an alternate delegate at the Howard County Democrat Women Committee meeting held Monday. He had

also addressed the Cooper County Democratic Committee....

A Howard County woman was stabbed twice Thursday evening. Her husband is suspected of stabbing her twice in the abdomen. Wendi Leighton was in stable condition Friday morning at University Hospital after undergoing emergency surgery. She had been lifelifted to the hospital from the Snoddy's Store parking lot. Her husband, Jeff Leighton, 42, is suspected of stabbing her while she was showering at their residence at 158 Howard County Road 435. Leighton has been charged with domestic assault in the first degree and armed criminal action (both felonies)....

A 2 year old boy from Howard County died Tuesday. The Boone County Medical Examiner's Office announced the victim was Coy Boley of rural New Franklin. The boy passed away Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Women's and Children's Hospital in Columbia. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has yet to confirm details of the ongoing investigation....

Council members authorized the purchase of a new sewer jetter for \$50,000 to replace the current jetter which is not functioning at full capacity and is expected to break down soon. The city will make payments over a five-year period with the option of paying it off earlier without penalty. The sewer jetter enables city crews to clean out clogged pipes. Though expensive, the city council did not have much choice in the purchase. The new sewer jetter will enable the city to meet DNR mandates to upgrade its wastewater system....

After nearly a four-month ban on burning, the Howard County Fire Protection District board of directors lifted the ban at a recent meeting. Citizens are reminded that even though the ban is lifted, they should still call the non-emergency number—248-3605—to report when they will do a controlled burn....

Jennifer Bradley, 37, of Columbia, hanged herself sometime on Monday in Franklin. Her body was found at about 4:30 p.m. hanging from a tree behind a residence. Bradley had family who lived in Franklin....

The Missouri Press Association awarded Fayette newspapers honors in the Better Newspaper Contest Saturday, Sept. 22 in Columbia at the 146th annual Missouri Press Association Convention. Sports editor Greg Jackson was awarded second place in the Best Sports News Story....

Last Saturday, Sept. 22, a crew of Fayette Optimists replaced



A young visitor assists a 19th century crafter at the Boonslick Folk Festival held on Labor Day.

the roof on the shelter house at Ricketts Lake (also known as "The Old City Lake"). Pictured here are Mike Raymore and Fred Eaton standing underneath the newly installed roof. Others who helped with the reroofing are Gerald Hrdina, Peter Zimmel, Sam Zimmel, Curtis Baylor and Kirk Fletcher. The lake is named for the late Bob Ricketts, a longtime business and civic leader in Fayette....

Fayette Farmers Market vendors display some of the food given to the local food pantry Sept. 11. Every other week the Fayette Farmers Market donates food to the local food pantry. Pictured from left: Derek Bryant of Blue Bell Farm, Donnice Dowell of Windy Hill Farm, Laura Korte of Country Neighbors Farm, Brittany and Kaleigh Sullivan of Sullivan Farms....

University of Missouri Extension is realigning its regional administrative structure to focus

on high-priority local programs, adjust to uncertain public funding, generate additional revenue, and be programmatically nimble to meet increasing demands for educational programs and services. "Changes in the economic development needs of Missouri, population demographics, societal changes and funding constraints call for new models for allocating funds and staffing," said Michael Quart, vice provost and director. "MU Extension's previous staffing plan of 2007 was based on economic and social factors that are now outdated." Effective Jan. 1, MU Extension will move to a total resource model for regional programs. Rather than budgeting for a specific number of positions, extension regions will be allocated pools of funds to carry out the highest-priority programs for the area. Priorities will be driven by local need and demand as well as campus-based analysis of the greatest impact....



### Armstrong City Hall nears completion

The Armstrong new city hall is nearing completion as this photo taken Thursday shows. Construction began in the spring and is set to be complete some time in the fall. The project includes the community building (handicapped accessible) with sidewalks, landscaping and parking. About three years ago a group of Armstrong residents formed the nonprofit Armstrong

Community Revitalization Committee. With help from the local senior citizen group, the city council, and a large donation from the Bill Markland family, the Armstrong Community Revitalization Committee was successful in procuring donations and USDA-RD grant funds for the new building and surrounding area.

# 2012: A Year in Review

## October



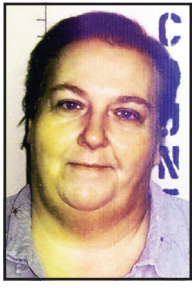
### Way to go FHS Band!

The Fayette High School Band won first in street and field in Class 2 at the Central Methodist University Band Day held Saturday in Fayette. Forty-one bands participated in the annual competition, which is sponsored by CMU's Swinney Conservatory of Music.

A New Franklin man is in the Howard County Jail following a discovery of stolen items at his residence. Tim Renfrow, 31, of New Franklin, was arrested Friday afternoon after officers from the Howard County and Boone County Sheriff's Departments searched Renfrow's residence along County Road 442. Officers found brass and copper items belonging to Schnell Drilling in Rocheport, M&M Gutter and Drain Supply in Boone County, S&S Sod Farm on Highway 40 and Held Agriculture Service on Highway 87. All the businesses had been recently burglarized....

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A former New Franklin native who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$40,000 from the Howard County Friends of the Library was sentenced to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections Wednesday in Macon County Court. Kathryn Yardley, 53, now of Boonville, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony forgery in July 2010. She was issued a suspended sentence in DOC and given five years of probation with the intent she work and pay back the money she had



Kathy Yardley

stolen from the Friends of the Howard County Library while serving as treasurer for the non-profit organization....

Because of a city-wide upgrade to the water distribution system, residents of the city of Higbee are experiencing some temporary inconveniences. On Thursday at 9:20 a.m., a backhoe struck a main water pipe in Higbee causing water to be shut off to all 251 residences and businesses including the Higbee Schools which was forced to release students early. Through grants and low-interest loans from USDA-RD and CDBG, the city is able to pay \$986,000 for the upgrade....

Sometime between 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, one or more individuals kicked in a basement window at Richland Church and tossed in an accelerant that burned curtains and scorched the inner wall, but did not do any other damage as the accelerant apparently died. Church officials report that they have not received any threats nor have any suspects who might have attempted to burn the church. The investigation is ongoing....

Stoneburner Construction from Shelbyville, Mo. was selected to install a water pipe along sections of North Church Street, West Davis, East Morrison, Howard, and Highway 5. Their bid is \$488,400. The council had previously reviewed 11 bids for the North Church Street water line project. They were postponing the selection of a contractor until all easements had been acquired from property owners. As of press time, all easements have been procured or verbally agreed to. The new water pipes will be paid for from low-interest loans and grants from USDA-RD and the

Community Development Block Grant program. In 2011, the city was awarded \$3.6 million for water system upgrades. Because the initial projects — a new city water tower, raising of the Givens Tower, and laying of 6,100 feet of new water pipe — came in below budget, there is money left over to replace additional water lines such as the new water line along North Church Street....

Members Laci Fuhlage, Jonathan Ebbesmeyer, Caleb Coy and Stephen Coy stand in front of their 4-H Fayette Fellowship window display they just finished putting together on Oct. 7 for 4-H Week. Debbie Brucks, Youth 4-H Program Assistant announced Friday that the display was awarded first place. In the Edward Jones window in Fayette, the display highlights the projects and awards the 4-H group has won. All Howard County 4-H groups created displays in area business windows for 4-H Week. The Fayette Fellowship display will remain in the Edward Jones window until the end of the month....

Council members endorsed a Park Improvement Project proposed by Junior Optimist Club members. Junior Optimist Club members Tate Beeler and Blake Huster described the proposal. Fifteen to 20 tractor trailer tires will be placed on Fayette City Park grounds in between the two shelter houses and right below the upper parking lot. The tires are being donated by Sydenstrickers located in Rocheport. Tate and Blake had done their homework. They had



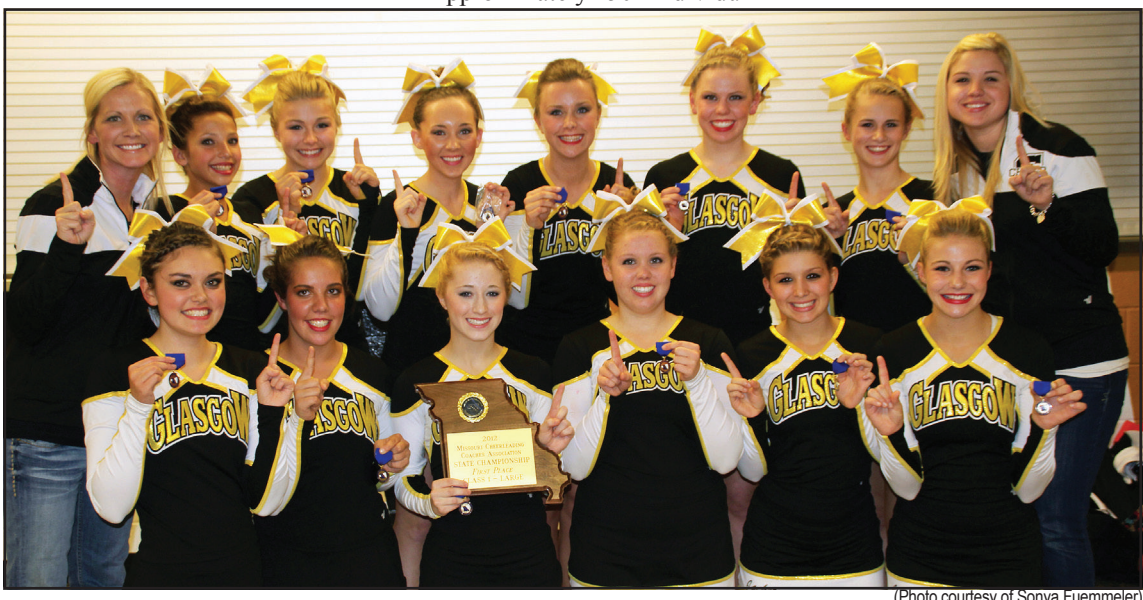
### CMU's long-awaited moment

Pictured above at the Classic Hall ribbon cutting ceremony held Saturday are (from left) Judith Rethwisch, president of the CMU Alumni Association; Board Vice Chair Tad Perry; CMU President Marianne Inman; and Student Government Association President Kristen Bailey. Inset: Renovated Classic Hall.

successfully applied for a grant from the Fayette Area Common Fund for \$900 for a semi-truck load of mulch to place around the tires. They had contacted the Rocheport Sydenstricker dealer who agreed to donate the tires. Both Junior Optimist Club members and Optimist club members will provide the labor. Council members saw the advantages that Blake and Tate listed for the addition to the Fayette City Park. The tires will be low maintenance, resistant to vandalism and weather and provide healthy exercise for kids. Council members were very impressed with the boys concise and clear presentation....

als attended the Howard County Economic Development Council's (HCEDC) Town Hall Forum Tuesday, Oct. 23. There was a consensus of the group that Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation President Corey Mehaffy make a presentation about what Moberly Area EDC could do for Howard County. Joining Moberly Area EDC would allow Howard County to receive more exposure with less funding. The Moberly Area EDC serves the city of Moberly, Randolph, Cooper, and Monroe Counties. Chariton County has been a past member of this group....

Approximately 50 individu-



(Photo courtesy of Sonya Fuemmeler)

## State champions!

The Glasgow High School cheerleading squad won the state title in the Class 1 Large School division of the Missouri Cheerleading Coach Association 2012 Missouri State Cheerleading Championships on Saturday at the Harnes Center in Columbia. Glasgow was one of six schools — including Fayette — to compete in that division. New Franklin's cheerleaders also participated at the state competition. Pictured above with the state championship plaque are (front row) Paige Korte, Peyton Davis, Baylee Carmack, Lauren Kramm, Ashley DeWolfe, Blakeley Fuemmeler; (back row) coach Terin Fuemmeler, Devyn Monnig-Johnson, Reagan Fuemmeler, Kaitlyn Noll, Anne Reynolds, Julia Kramm, Isobel Haskamp and coach Nicole Sanders.

# 2012: A Year in Review

## November

Jay Hazlett, 45, of Fayette, was arrested Thursday for theft and burglary. At 10:10 a.m., Fayette police officers entered C&R Supermarket and arrested Hazlett, the manager of Fayette's C&R Supermarket. He was transported to the Howard County Jail where he remains as of press time under a 24-hour hold. Hazlett is charged with stealing \$1,000 to \$1,300 worth of merchandise over a series of visits to the store after hours....

Mathematics, science, and paper airplanes were the subject matter at the annual Harold Mombert High School Math and Science Competition hosted by Central Methodist University on Nov. 1.

Second place went to the New Franklin High School team of Emily Hendrix, Sara Montgomery and Kalani Pihana, taught by Cana Conrow and Jen Stutzer.

Teams from Marceline and Centralia garnered first and third places, respectively....

A hunter in Howard County shot what appears to possibly be a wolf while archery hunting for deer and coyotes on Tuesday at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Franklin Island Conservation Area. According to MDC, the hunter mistook the animal for a coyote, which are currently in season and for which he had a permit....

The highly-touted Howard County sheriff's race came down to the slimmest of margins in Tuesday's general election. Independent candidate Mike Neal has been elected as the next county sheriff, defeating incumbent Democratic candidate Charlie Polson by 37 votes....

Though New Franklin council members dislike it, sewer rates will have to be increased. They have no choice as required upgrades to the sewer system must be paid for. Sewer rates will have to be increased from the monthly flat fee of \$8.50 to \$22 over a two-year period. The rate increases are essentially mandated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources through the required upgrades to the city's sewer system. The city has acquired low-interest loans from the USDA to

upgrade the sewer system, but USDA requires that sewer rates increase when the city begins paying back the loan....

Howard County and Fayette students Monday morning gathered to honor our nation's veterans, particularly those from Howard County who have served. The event was sponsored, by the DAR and the White-Bell Post 273 of the American Legion....

Hostess Brands Inc., announced Friday morning that it is winding down operations and has filed a motion with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court seeking permission to close its business and sell its assets, including its iconic brands and facilities. Bakery operations have been suspended at all plants. Workers at Hostess Brands Inc.'s Boonville factory were told that they would be unemployed at the end of the day Friday as a result of the company's decision to close operations. About 80 people were employed at the factory which primarily produced Wonder and Home Pride breads....

By a 6 to 1 vote, New Franklin school board members authorized the use of the school's Multipurpose Room to The Center, a local church pastored by Ryan Lyons,

for six months....

Fayette R-III School District Superintendent Jim Judd related recent technology upgrades are almost complete. The district is now wireless, more than 100 iPads are being used by students in class, and the installation of Smart Boards will be complete after one more is installed. Rewiring and re-organization of one of the computer labs at the Daly Elementary/Clark Middle School will be completed over the Christmas break. Judd has heard many positive comments from students, staff and parents, regarding these enhanced learning opportunities. Judd thanked and recognized the Jay Jacobs family for their monetary support for this process. "The school district is indeed truly grateful for all they have done," Judd wrote....

Continuing a tradition of many years, Clell Solomon's Tannenbaum Christmas Tree Farm, located near Armstrong in Howard County, again provided the Missouri governor's Christmas tree. The tree was selected and harvested by Missouri Department of Conservation staffers and Clell Solomon on Nov. 20. The tree was delivered to the governor's mansion Monday morning. Solomon is a retired forester with MDC. His Christmas trees have



been selected for the governor's mansion for the past 32 years....

Stoneburner Construction from Shelbyville, Mo. has begun installing new water pipes along sections of North Church Street, West Davis, East Morrison, Howard, and Highway 5. The new water pipes along North Church Street from Highway 5 to Corprew are being paid for by grants from USDA-Rural Development....

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A Veterans Day ceremony event was sponsored, by the DAR and the White-Bell Post 273 of the American Legion. Guest speaker Staff Sergeant David Maxfield (left) of the Missouri National Guard, a 34 year veteran and Fayette resident, talked of the sacrifice of families that support our servicemen and women. "They provide great support for us and make a difficult time bearable." He also said that the freedoms we have should never be taken for granted. "We are very lucky to have all our freedoms."

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Despite the recommendation of the police chief, council members opted to not purchase a new patrol car....

Council members accepted a bid from Anthem BlueCross to provide health care insurance for city employees beginning Jan. 1. The average cost per employee will increase by about 7.8 percent....

## Techno fever invades 'Freddies'

Closing "A Night at the Freddies" on Saturday at Fayette High School with the final act is "Men With Hats," featuring (from left) Thomas Waggoner, Nick Beckett, Kirby Schoephoerster, Landon Ball, Sam Miller and Nickie Foland. The sextet performed the 1983 techno song "Safety Dance" which was sung by "Men Without Hats," the band from which the group derived its name. The students followed that song with an encore performance, playing the theme song of the NBC sitcom "The Office." The dessert auction, which took place during the two intermission sessions, raised more than \$2,000 for the Fayette Music Boosters.



Mike Neal



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## December

Glasgow senior Baylee Carmack was named queen of the 2012 Glasgow Tournament during halftime of the boys championship basketball game Saturday evening....

The Howard County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) is currently seeking investments from private entities as well as the municipalities and county entities to join the Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDC). Howard County needs commitments of \$80,000 per year for three years prior in order to join MAEDC. Currently MAEDC provides economic development services for the counties of Monroe and Cooper in addition to their economic development efforts for Randolph County and the city of Moberly. HCEDC is requesting funding commitments be made by the end of January to help determine if joining MAEDC is a viable goal that is sustainable....

Well-known Fayette resident William S. (Bill) Holman, a retired U.S. Atomic Energy Commission nuclear engineer who in 1969 headed development of seismometer heaters which made possible NASA's Apollo 11 mission to the moon, has died. He was 89. He was among those in Mission Control during the historic moon landing and retired from the AEC in 1978. A longtime civic leader in the Fayette community, Holman died at his home here at approximately 2:30 a.m. Sunday. He had been in declining health in recent years....

No injuries occurred following a shooting in northeast Howard County Thursday morning. At about 1 a.m., Howard County

Sheriff's deputies were called to a residence along County Road 138 near Route Y where a white pickup truck had driven by and shot toward the residence. While law enforcement were in route, the pickup truck came by again. The individuals inside the residence shot back at the truck. Witnesses saw the truck head north on Route Y. The Randolph County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Fayette Police Department all responded to the incident. Neither the truck nor its occupants have been found. The incident is still under investigation....

Superintendent Jim Judd announced on Friday to Fayette R-III School District staff that he plans to resign following the end of the 2012-2013 school year. He will have served as superintendent for the district for four years....

Two counterfeit bills were passed in Howard County recently. On Monday, Dec. 17, New Franklin Police Chief Dave Wells brought two counterfeit 20-dollar bills to the Howard County Prosecuting Attorney Debra Riekhof. The money had been given to an individual for the purchase of personal property. The counterfeit bills have identical serial numbers: EB763003111. Law enforcement officials urge businesses and individuals to check bills for authenticity. The investigation is ongoing....

The Harrisburg school district recently approved the startup of a football program, thinking the school stood a better chance of finally landing itself in a conference. While it was a step in the right direction, the journey to find

a conference is going to be a little longer for the small Boone County school. The Bulldogs received an email notification on Dec. 21 that their application to join the Lewis & Clark Conference had been denied by one vote. To be added to the conference, Harrisburg needed the approval from five of the six member schools, but only four voted in favor of the Bulldogs to join the conference.

Harrisburg athletic director Steve Combs said he was surprised by the news....

*Paul Quinn, a Democrat, represented state legislative district 9 since 2006. Following redistricting which took place in the spring, Quinn's district boundaries were changed from Howard County and parts of surrounding counties to counties in northwest Missouri around the city of St. Joseph. He lost his bid for the new district 9 in the November election.*

*The following are excerpts Quinn wrote in a letter to his constituents:*

As I leave office, I'd like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to serve. While I would have liked to have retired in a couple years after a fourth term, that wasn't in God's plan for me. It's obvious He knows what's best, because I have really enjoyed spending the down time with my wife and family. That said, I will truly miss my job and most especially, the people who have touched my life along the way.

As I look back on my 27 years as an elected servant, including six years as State Representative, I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. The 9th district is a group of caring and concerned people and you've expected that style of representation in Jefferson City....



Above: Cherry Grove 4-H created a "Country Christmas" scene for the New Franklin Christmas parade on Dec. 8.

Below: PEO Chapter AU won "Best Use of Theme" in the Fayette Christmas parade on Dec. 15



Cub Scout Pack #62 in the Fayette Christmas Parade



### Holiday House touches more than 100 families

The 2012 Christmas Holiday House distributed toys, games, puzzles, and books to 279 Howard County children, representing 125 families. Distribution at the First Baptist Church took place on Dec. 8. This was the eleventh year for the Holiday House project in Fayette. Below: Christmas Holiday House committee members pose for a picture just before gifts are distributed: Pat Hilgedick, Beverly Markland, Carolyn Peery, Becky Callahan, Marsha Broadus, Virginia Williams-Bragg, Therese Stevens and Nancy Anderson.



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## January

**Jan. 3:** Senior defensive back Jacob Heppner and other members of the 2011 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team were recognized during a halftime ceremony at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Heppner was one of 22 football players from across the country selected to the 2011 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

**Jan. 7:** It has been so long since the Glasgow girls won a tournament championship, current superintendent Mike Reynolds was still the head coach when the Lady Jackets won the 2004 Marceline Hoops Tournament. Well, that streak is over. Glasgow, the No. 2 seed, knocked off top-seeded Milan 50-36 to win its first tournament, regular-season or postseason, in eight years.

Some things just never get old. Glasgow head coach Mick Cropp couldn't agree any more with that statement following a 59-49 win over Marceline in the championship game of the Marceline Hoops Tournament. The Yellowjackets have won six consecutive titles at Marceline and in 10 seasons, Cropp has compiled a 28-2 record at this tournament.

**Jan. 10:** Fayette senior Bruce Marshall had another crowning achievement. The Missouri State University recruit scored his 1,000th career point during the third quarter of Fayette's 83-26 win over Slater.

New Franklin junior Tyler White scored a game-high 30 points, which included his 1,000th career point, but the Bulldogs dropped a heartbreaker at home against Pilot Grove 58-57.

**Jan. 18:** The Fayette school district didn't waste much time finding a new high school football, picking a familiar face within the program. After serving as an assistant coach for several years, Tom Oakley will take over as head coach of the Fayette High School football team for the 2012 season.

**Jan. 19:** To many, six 3-pointers may not sound like much, but each one was important for the Glasgow girls basketball team. The Lady Jackets knocked down four of them in the third quarter to take the lead from Salisbury for good. Glasgow held off the Lady Panthers down the stretch for a 43-37 home win.

It was the first of three potential matchups between the Harrisburg and Hallsville girls. Harrisburg drew first blood, winning on the road 60-55 behind a game-high 23 points from Chelsey Kroese, who scored her 1,000th career point during the game.

**Jan. 22:** Armstrong's Patrick Stroupe fell short of qualifying for the 2012 Olympics in the 50-kilometer (31-mile) racewalk, but he

still beat his personal-best by more than seven minutes with a time of 4:19:43 at the event's Olympic team trials in Santee, Calif.

**Jan. 28:** Foul trouble has been a consistent problem for the New Franklin girls basketball team. In the championship game of the Keytesville Tournament, Aly Hundley picked up her third foul in the second quarter. With the sophomore out of the game, Salisbury dominated the rest of the second quarter. That's all the help the Lady Panthers would need in a 43-30 win over New Franklin.

**Jan. 29:** Much like Marion County's previous 45 opponents, Harrisburg discovered how difficult it is to contain senior forward Jessica Redd. The Truman State recruit scored a game-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, leading undefeated Marion County to a 56-45 win in the 19th annual MFA Oil/Break Time Shootout at Miz-zou Arena.

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## February

**Feb. 2:** The Fayette girls had a reason to get excited. They played a perfect game when they needed it the most. In the final two minutes, Fayette outscored New Franklin 9-2, pulling away with a 50-42 road win. It was a game in which the Lady Falcons trailed by as many as 11 points. It's also arguably the biggest win in head coach Mike James' tenure at Fayette and ensures the Lady Falcons of a winning record in the regular season.

**Feb. 3:** Without Reid Littrell in the lineup, Glasgow senior Dillon Yung scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his second straight double-double, leading the Glasgow boys to a 76-22 win at Brunswick. Yung passed the 1,000-point milestone in the win.

**Feb. 4:** Few gave the Central Methodist women's basketball team a chance before the season began. Now those critics can't ignore the Lady Eagles any longer. Sammie Gathercole tied a season-high in scoring with 20 points to lead the Lady Eagles to an 80-68 win at No. 20 MidAmerica Nazarene at the Cook Center. The Lady Eagles ended the Pioneers' 11-game win streak and move within one game of first place in the Heart of America Athletic Conference standings.

Harrisburg senior Tina Chickering has proven you don't have to be 6-foot tall to beat Hallsville. Chickering, the shortest player on the court standing 5-foot-3-inches tall, delivered the biggest blow to the Lady Indians in the championship game of the Southern Boone Classic. She brought her team back into the game with two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter — despite playing with a broken finger on



(Photo courtesy of Carol Smentkowski)

**Fayette head coach Chris Kendrick (left) presents Bruce Marshall with a game ball commemorating his 1,000th career point at Fayette High School. Marshall scored 33 points against Slater in the win on Jan. 10. Marshall scored his 1,000th point on an alley-oop dunk over Slater's Matt Curren in the third quarter.**

her left hand — to spark a Harrisburg rally. The Lady Bulldogs beat Hallsville for the second time this season with a 40-35 win.

**Feb. 7:** Two years ago, Paris' Jon Gilliam dropped 48 points on Fayette. The Falcons finally returned the favor. Fayette senior Bruce Marshall went above and beyond his scoring average, setting a school record with 50 points in a 63-35 win at Paris in Lewis & Clark Conference play. Marshall broke the almost-six-year-old record of 49 points, which was held by 2006 Fayette graduate Matt Sherman, who made 11 3-pointers in a win over Westran on Feb. 17, 2006.

In a split second with time ticking away, Glasgow point guard Blake Hackman shot a look at his head coach, awaiting instruction. Hackman dribbled the ball from coast to coast, driving just outside the lane to his left. The freshman, moving to his left, banked in a four-foot shot with his right hand that fell through the rim with seven seconds on the clock. Aaron Barratt's 30-footer at the buzzer was slightly

off the mark, and for the third time this season, Glasgow edged Cairo, escaping with a 49-48 win.

**Feb. 11:** Everyone knew Melvin Tillman was going to take the final shot for Central Methodist. So did Avila. But Tillman didn't take the final shot. Instead, the sophomore guard faked a 19-footer against a double team and passed the ball in mid-air to Eric Franklin on the right wing with three seconds to go. Franklin, without hesitation, squared up and drilled a 3-pointer with 0.9 seconds on the clock to give the Eagles a 67-65 win at Puckett Field House.

**Feb. 14:** The Glasgow girls achieved two milestones. A 46-35 win at Meadville gave the Lady Jackets their 20th win this season. It's also their first victory of the 2011-12 season against a ranked opponent. Meadville is ranked No. 7 in Class 1 and Glasgow is No. 10.

**Feb. 20:** Hallsville girls basketball head coach Brad Blakemore would have preferred to have a 35-second shot clock when his team played at Harrisburg. Harrisburg easily won the time of posses-

sion battle against the Lady Indians, as well as the game 39-28. The win clinches the 2011-12 regular-season Mid-Missouri Conference title for Harrisburg in the conference's final season.

**Feb. 27:** It was boasted as the best pairing in the first round of the Class 2 District 7 Tournament, and it had the matchups that fans were readily anticipating to see for a second time. But it was someone unexpected who stole the spotlight. New Franklin freshman Aislinn Himmelberg scored a career-high 19 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs to the semifinals with a 51-40 win at Sturgeon High School. With the loss, Fayette ends its most successful season in six years, posting a 14-12 record. The Lady Falcons improved their win total from last year by 12 games.

**Feb. 28:** Fayette has been up against some great individual talent before, but it hasn't seen a one-two punch quite like what Douglass had to offer. Douglass juniors Aaron Smith and James Hughes combined to score 52 points, leading the Bulldogs past Fayette 78-64 in the quarterfinals of the Class 2 District 7 Tournament. Fayette had a 16-10 record.

Graceland, the No. 6 seed in the Heart of America Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament, upset No. 3 seed Central Methodist 61-55 inside Puckett Field House. The Lady Eagles conclude their season with a 17-13 record and had one of the best turnaround seasons in NAIA history.

**Feb. 29:** Elliott Black and Melvin Tillman combined for 41 points, but it wasn't enough as Evangel defeated Central Methodist 81-65 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament quarterfinals. CMU finished with a 14-15 record.

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## March

**March 2:** In a rare occurrence, Harrisburg installed its full-court from the very start of the game to the very end. Harrisburg won its third consecutive district title with a 51-41 victory at Sturgeon.

**March 3:** It appears Glasgow High School is going to have to order a new district championship banner for the girls basketball team. The Lady Jackets have run out of room on their banner to post another year for a district championship. But as far as the Glasgow community is concerned, that's a good problem. Top-seeded Glasgow ended its district championship drought, beating No. 2 Hale 51-34 in the Class 1 District 10 championship game.

The Class 1 District 10 Tournament may have been the easiest tournament of the season for the Glasgow boys basketball team, but it's also the one that will pay off the



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district championship games in back-to-back seasons, the Yellowjackets reclaimed the district title with a 67-31 win over Northwestern.

**March 6:** The Glasgow boys won their Class 1 sectional game, pulling away in the fourth quarter to beat St. Elizabeth 51-42 in Sedalia.

Glasgow head coach Molly Monnig knew her team was going to have matchup problems in her team's Class 1 sectional game against Chamois. Chamois led for most of the game, including the entire fourth quarter, to end Glasgow's season with a 59-49 win. The Lady Jackets posted a 23-5 record.

Central Methodist softball's Aubrey Utley pitched a complete game, no-hitter to highlight a doubleheader split with NCAA Division II Southwest Baptist.

**March 7:** The Harrisburg girls win their third consecutive Class 2 sectional matchup, dominating Windsor 55-15 in Sedalia.

Central Methodist University women's basketball head coach James Arnold was named the 2012 Heart of America Athletic Conference Co-Coach of the Year

**March 8:** Drew Gandy may not be able to play high school baseball in Fayette, but he's coming home to continue his career at the collegiate level. Gandy, a home-school student who resides just outside of the Fayette city limits, signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Central Methodist University.

**March 10:** This year belongs to Harrisburg. The Lady Bulldogs never trailed once in their Class 2 quarterfinal game, getting its revenge against Clopton in a 55-40 win at Moberly Area Community College.

The Glasgow boys went on a 9-0 run to catapult into the lead in the closing minutes, setting the stage for a come-from-behind 31-30 win over Marion County to advance to its first Show-Me Showdown since 2009.

**March 15:** Harrisburg, the No. 2 team in the state, advanced to the Class 2 state championship game with a 62-47 win over North Plate, ranked No. 4 in the final regular-season state rankings.

Glasgow dealt the first big blow against Scott County Central. But like any prize fight, it's the last one standing who is victorious. Scott County Central began to wear down Glasgow in a fast and furious pace, advancing to the state championship game with a 78-48 win over the Yellowjackets.

**March 16:** Mick Cropp guided the Yellowjackets to their eighth third-place finish in school history, topping St. Joseph Christian 56-45 at Mizzou Arena in this year's Show-Me Showdown. Glasgow

ends the season with a 26-6 record.

**March 17:** Nobody from Harrisburg dared to wear green. Even though it was St. Patrick's Day, the Lady Bulldogs went up against the Shamrocks of New Haven for the Class 2 state championship at Mizzou Arena. New Haven may have had the luck of the Irish and several fans decked in kelly green and white, but it was the red and white who celebrated victory. Chelsey Kroese scored a game-high 25 points to lead Harrisburg to a 43-32 victory and its second state championship in three years.

**March 27:** Central Methodist University softball head coach Pat Reardon surpassed the 500-win milestone with the Lady Eagles' win in the first game of a doubleheader against Culver-Stockton College held at Cox Softball Complex.

**March 30:** Fayette junior Nickie Foland went the entire 2011 season without winning an individual track event. He ended the drought with two huge victories for the Falcons at the Fayette Relays. Foland won the boys pole vault (10'-0") and the 3,200-meters (11:39.30).

**March 31:** Drew Hinton established a new Central Methodist school record in the decathlon, scoring 4,562 points and a national qualifying mark at the Washington Invitational.

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## April

**April 4:** Fayette's Bruce Marshall, Glasgow's Nikki Fuemmeler, Reid Littrell and Dillon Yung and Harrisburg's Paige Heibel and Chelsey Kroese were recognized as KRES All-Stars at the annual banquet held at Central Methodist University. Harrisburg head coach Dan Bachmeier was also named

Girls Coach of the Year.

**April 10:** New Franklin freshman Madi Lyons reached a huge milestone early in her track career, breaking the school's record time in the 800-meters at the Westran Triangle. Lyons posted a winning time of 2:38.20 to set the record.

**April 11:** Central Methodist swept a softball doubleheader against No. 20 Evangel. The Lady Eagles defeated the Crusaders by scores of 2-1 and 6-2 to move into first place in the HAAC standings, one full game ahead of Graceland.

**April 12:** Fayette shot a team score of 174 at Hail Ridge Golf Course in Boonville for its first team win under head coach Kirk Besgrove. In addition to team honors, Fayette boasted the meet medalist as well. Junior Thomas Waggoner shot the lowest score of the evening with a 4-over-par 39, a career-best.

**April 18:** For 20 of the past 23 years, the Glasgow girls have won the Central Activities Conference track team title. The trophy will remain in Howard County, but it didn't go to Glasgow. Instead, the New Franklin girls won their first conference track title since 1989, winning five events and posting 178 points. Glasgow finished in second place in the team standings with 157 points and picked up five wins as well. New Franklin's Madi Lyons won the girls individual high points medal.

The Glasgow boys dominated their side of the CAC track meet, running away with the first-place trophy with 205 points, including 11 wins in 18 events. Glasgow's Ethan Thompson won the boys individual high points medal.

With the No. 1 seed in districts on the line, New Franklin put to-

gether a six-run ninth inning to upset Pilot Grove — ranked No. 1 in Class 1 — 8-2 in Pilot Grove.

**April 21:** Winning the play-in game of the Lewis & Clark Conference tournament hasn't been the hard part for the Fayette baseball team. But getting a tournament win after that, well, it's usually been another story. The Falcons finally turned the corner. After losing to top-seeded Paris 10-0 in the semifinals, Fayette rallied for an 8-7 win in eight innings over Salisbury in the third-place game at Moberly's Howard Hills Athletic Complex. The win is Fayette's best conference tournament finish since 2004.

CMU's Shelby Garrigus took first in the long jump at the Central Missouri Mule Relays with a mark of 18'-11.75", which was a National "A" Qualifier, new school record, and currently ranks second in the NAIA.

**April 22:** A Kayla Yount two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the No. 23 Central Methodist softball team a doubleheader sweep of Graceland at the Cox Softball Complex. The Lady Eagles clinched the outright regular season championship for the second consecutive season after defeating the Yellowjackets 5-0 and 5-3 on Senior Day.

**April 24:** Just when everyone thought basketball season was over, the University of Missouri basketball seniors gave area fans one last chance to see the class with the most wins in the program's history. In a barnstorming tour organized by Fayette native and Kansas City resident David Devaney, fans traveled to Macon to see the Northeast All-Stars, a group of high school basketball seniors that included Fayette's Bruce Marshall

and Glasgow's Dillon Yung, challenge a group of six Missouri players in an exhibition game, with the proceeds going toward Macon's Long Branch Area YMCA "Building Strong Kids" campaign. The Northeast team, coached by Glasgow's Mick Cropp, lost to Missouri 125-81.

**April 25:** For the past three seasons, Fayette golf head coach Kirk Besgrove has taken a lot of pride in how much his golf program has improved. Now, he finally has some physical evidence to show for it. The Fayette golf team finished in second place in the team standings at the Class 1 District 3 Tournament at Hail Ridge Golf Course in Boonville, shooting a team score of 383. All team members of the top-two scoring teams advance to the sectional round.

**April 26:** Haley Heuer has been focusing on nothing this spring but trying to prepare to win a track and field state championship title. But she took an afternoon off to finalize the next four years of her track career. Heuer signed a Letter of Intent to compete next season with the University of Central Missouri track and field team.

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## May

**May 3:** It's been a long time coming, but Fayette's golf season is going to go the distance in 2012. Kirby Schoephoerster, Thomas Waggoner and Sam Zimmel are advancing to the Class 1 State Golf Championship after placing in the top 20 at the Class 1 Sectional 2 meet, held at Heritage Hills Country Club in Moberly. This season marks the first time since 2005 that Fayette has sent golfers to the state tournament. In that year, the Falcons qualified Tim Fisher, Dane Fowler and Garth Menees.

**May 5:** A lineout to Kelsey Johnley erupted into jubilation on the field from the CMU softball team, as the Lady Eagles defeated Baker 4-1 to capture the 2012 HAAC Tournament Championship. CMU, ranked No. 20 in the NAIA, earns an automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship Tournament in Gulf Shores, Ala. The Lady Eagles advance to the national playoffs for the first time since 1981, the year of the first annual NAIA National Softball Tournament.

The Peru State baseball team marked its first season in the Heart of America Athletic Conference by winning the 2012 HAAC Tournament with a 4-3 triumph over Central Methodist at Phil Welch Stadium. Peru State will move on to take part in the NAIA National Tournament Opening Round. CMU ends the season with a 25-23-1 record.

The Central Methodist men's and women's track teams each placed second after the final day



The Harrisburg girls basketball team won its second Class 2 state championship Saturday afternoon, defeating New Haven 43-32. Above, (from left) Tina Chickering, Molly Leach, Chelsey Kroese, Jackie Williams, Paige Heibel and Sonja Eaves show the Harrisburg crowd their first-place trophy. Harrisburg's seniors scored every point.

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at the 2012 Heart of America Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships in Lamoni, Iowa. Rebeca Barajas won the high jump (5'-3"), triple jump (37'-1") and was named the meet's Most Valuable Athlete after recording the most points over the weekend.

**May 10:** For Dillon Yung, picking a college was difficult for two reasons. First, and perhaps the more obvious question, was where would he choose to go to college? And second, what sport would he play? He finally settled both decisions by signing a Letter of Intent to play for the Central Methodist University men's basketball team next season, just down the highway from Glasgow.

**May 12:** Fayette and Linn faced each other in districts three years ago, as the No. 7 and 2 seeds, respectively. In 2012, the matchup was practically identical. The outcomes, however, weren't quite so similar. The Falcons saw their season come to an end in the Class 2 District 6 Tournament, falling to the Wildcats 11-1 in six innings. Fayette ends the season with a 6-11 record.

**May 15:** Tyler White hit a solo home run over the left-field fence in the third inning, giving a jolt to New Franklin's offense, and Tyler Hull's two-hitter propelled the Bulldogs to an 8-2 win in the Class 1 District 11 championship game over Pilot Grove. It's New Franklin's first district title since 2006.

The Fayette High School spring sports season came to an end at the Class 1 State Golf Championship, held at Fremont Hills Country Club in Nixa. Junior Kirby Schoephoerster placed himself in the middle of the pack, tying for 52nd place. Junior Thomas Waggoner tied for 76th place and freshman Sam Zimmel took 90th place overall.

**May 17:** Back-to-back RBI doubles by Kayla Yount and Rebecca Lipsey gave No. 20 Central Methodist a 2-0 victory over No. 11 Houston-Victoria (Texas) on the opening day of pool play in the 32nd Annual NAIA Softball Championship.

**May 18:** Haley Heuer, making her first state appearance in the shot put, took fourth place in the Class 2 event with a best throw of 39'-1.5". The top four finishers in the event all qualified from the same sectional.

**May 19:** If there's one thing that has held true all season long, it's that the New Franklin girls' 4x100-meter relay team simply couldn't lose this season. The New Franklin quartet of Taylor Warren, Jasmyne Boggs, Sandra Perkins and Sara Montgomery had its finest performance yet. All three handoffs went smoothly and Montgomery held a comfortable lead as she started her anchor leg. She crossed the finish



The New Franklin girls' 4x100-meter relay team takes in its moment of glory atop the podium after winning the Class 1 state championship race with a season-best time of 51.75 seconds to beat defending state champion Liberal. Pictured above are, from left: Sara Montgomery, Jasmyne Boggs, Sandra Perkins and Taylor Warren.

line in a time of 51.75 seconds to win the Class 1 girls title in the event by seven-tenths of a second.

In addition, Haley Heuer repeated her second-place performance in the Class 2 girls discus event and Glasgow's Landon Brand took eighth place in the Class 1 boys pole vault to get on the podium.

The Central Methodist softball team wrapped up its most successful campaign in three decades with a 5-4 loss to Indiana Wesleyan to conclude play in Pool F of the 32nd Annual NAIA Softball Championship. The Lady Eagles concluded their season, posting a 1-2 record in pool play and finished with a final record of 41-14.

**May 21:** There wasn't a whole lot New Franklin could do to shake Sturgeon pitcher Spencer Kelly. The junior threw seven shutout innings and only allowed New Franklin to hit the ball out of the infield three times. Sturgeon's offense struggled as well, but it managed to pull through for a 2-0 win in Sturgeon to end New Franklin's postseason run in the Class 1 sectionals.

**May 26:** Central Methodist's Lucas Manring placed third in the finals of the men's 800-meters to

highlight the final day of action for the Eagles at the 61st Annual NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships. Manring becomes a two-time All-American in the outdoor event, also garnering the accolade in 2011. Sophomore Ryan Sherman, a 2009 Fayette High School graduate, placed 10th overall in the men's 200-meter semifinals.

**May 31:** Harrisburg's Chelsey Kroese was recognized as the "Best of the Best" in the Mid-Missouri area, receiving the Sloan Clinic/KRCG Student-Athlete of the Year award. Kroese received a \$1,000 scholarship for her achievement.

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## June

**June 10:** Fayette's Hank Hilderbrand won the Super Stock Division at the Mid-Missouri Soap Box Derby held in downtown Columbia. As a regional champion, Hilderbrand has qualified to compete in the 75th annual All-American Soap Box Derby. It will feature more than 550 qualifiers from 40 states and several foreign countries. Hilderbrand, who was sponsored by the Fayette Optimist Club, was one of 15 competitors in the Super Stock Division. He defeated Thomas Ferguson to win

the title.

**June 11:** The Central Methodist softball coaching staff is named the 2012 National Fastpitch Coaches Association NAIA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year, the Association announced. The staff includes head coach Pat Reardon and assistant coaches Ross Dowell, Katie Peterson, Gene Reardon and Audrey Crabtree.

**June 22:** Jody Ford, an assistant football coach at Central Methodist University for the past four years, has been appointed head coach. Ford replaces Alan Dykens, who resigned the previous week.

**June 25:** It's one thing to win a league title, but it's another to run through the schedule with an undefeated record. And Fayette did just that. The Fayette Jr. Babe Ruth baseball team ended the season with a 10-0 win in five innings over Prairie Home at Estes Field, ending the season with an 11-0 record this summer.

**June 30:** For the second straight year, Harrisburg retains the bragging rights of keeping the Kenny Blakely Classic trophy. The team, led by Johnny Spry, Jay Spry, John Isaacs and Kurt Rohr, won the tournament with a scramble round of 55 for a score of 17-under-par.

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## July

**July 4:** The heat wave provided plenty of sun and lots of sweat, but that didn't slow down the Fourth of July Sand Volleyball Tournament, hosted by the Fayette Fire Department. The Down and Dirty Damians beat Team Sammy in the championship, crowning a new winner. The Down and Dirty Damians consisted of Damian Shiflett, Nate Breland, Shane Fletcher, Kayla Schmidt, Shelby Grindstaff and Christa Snoddy.

**July 21:** Hank Hilderbrand competed against the best of the best at the 75th annual All-American Soap Box Derby, held in Akron, Ohio. In his first race of the day, Hilderbrand won the race with a time of 29.60 seconds, advancing to the second round with 38 other racers. Hilderbrand lost his race in the second round.

**July 22:** Ryan Buffington is introduced as Clark Middle School's head football coach at "Meet the Coaches" night held at the Fayette High School gym. Buffington will be the CMS Falcons' third head coach in as many years, taking the place of former head coach Ryan Heaton.

**July 24:** The CMU athletic department makes the announcement that Zach Towe, Bill Hollman, Pat Reardon and Jeff Sherman will be enshrined into the Hairston Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

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## August

**Aug. 6:** Fayette native Matt

Sherman was hired as the head assistant coach with the Graceland University men's basketball team.

**Aug. 21:** A capacity crowd turned out to Miknan's Main Street Pub to watch the debut of the Eagle Lunch Hour. The weekly show takes place throughout the 2012-13 academic year and will feature CMU coaches and players to recap the previous week of action and to preview upcoming events and contests.

**Aug. 24:** Over the past couple of years, Fayette head coach Tom Oakley endured more than a few rough games as the Falcons' assistant coach. His first game as Fayette's head coach was about as rough as it could get. The Falcons were unable to slow down Hallsville's dual-threat running game of running back Dalton Lindsay and quarterback Levi Howard. The two combined to score three of Hallsville's six touchdowns in a 40-0 shutout against Fayette.

**Aug. 28:** Kenzie Smentkowski and Caitlin Wells brought the Fayette softball team out of its slump. Smentkowski went 4-for-4 and hit for the cycle and Wells pitched a five-inning no-hitter in Fayette's 14-0 win over Calvary Lutheran, the Lady Falcons' first win of the season.

**Aug. 31:** On occasion, some coaches receive a Gatorade bath after winning a big game, maybe even their first as a head coach. Fayette head coach Tom Oakley was soaked by a two-hour rain shower instead. Running back Chance Goff scored two rushing touchdowns and Collin O'Connell returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown, sealing a 20-6 win for Fayette over North Shelby on a rainy evening at Thomas S. Davis Memorial Field. It's the first time since 2008 Fayette has picked up a win prior to Week 4 of the season.

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## September

**Sept. 1:** Jody Ford's honeymoon period as Central Methodist's new head coach lasted for the first quarter. The Eagles held a 7-6 lead over No. 5 MidAmerica Nazarene through the first 20 minutes, but the Pioneers scored the game's next four touchdowns, including a defensive score, to pull away for a 34-14 win at Davis Field.

**Sept. 11:** The New Franklin softball team has had a pretty easy time holding onto the crown as the best high school softball team in Howard County, but Glasgow gave the Lady Bulldogs a scare. Glasgow held a 5-0 lead going into the bottom of the second inning, but New Franklin rallied and scored big, including a 10-run fourth inning that catapulted into a 15-8 win for the Lady Bulldogs in New Franklin.

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**Sept. 13:** With time left for one final play, everyone in the stands — and most likely, everyone on the Salisbury sideline as well — knew who was going to run the ball for the Clark Middle School football team. And it still didn't matter. Running back Ahmad McCutcheon broke a couple of tackles along the way and was all by himself when he crossed the goal line, scoring a 27-yard touchdown with 2.7 seconds remaining on the clock, tying the game at 14-14. Moments later, he ran the ball to the right just inside the pylon to score the 2-point conversion, giving the Falcons a 16-14 win at Salisbury, extending the school's win streak to nine games.

**Sept. 16:** The pairing of Dave Huntsman and Lee Schweighauser won the 19th annual Falcon Open with a score of 63 at the Fayette Golf Course. The Fayette Athletic Boosters sponsor the tournament and reported that 17 teams participated this year.

**Sept. 21:** In desperate need of a jolt, Fayette's offense picked the right time to come alive. After averaging less than 100 yards of offense per game through the first four weeks of the season, the Falcons put together 278 yards of total offense to beat Slater 41-26 on Homecoming. Fayette junior running back Jason Esau was announced as the KRES End Zone Show's Player of the Week. Esau had a career night, rushing the ball 27 times for 178 yards and three touchdowns. He also had a 13-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown on defense.

**Sept. 22:** Central Methodist kicker Ezequiel Rivera tied a school record by booting a 55-yard field goal through the uprights in the Eagles' 32-7 win at Culver-Stockton College. Rivera's kick tied Greg Hession's 1984 mark.

**Sept. 26:** The Harrisburg baseball team was scheduled to play a seven-inning contest against Cairo. The Bulldogs and the Bearcats got a little more than they bargained for. It took 14 innings, but Cairo squeaked out a go-ahead run on a dropped third strike to beat Harrisburg 6-5.

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## October

**Oct. 1:** Harrisburg's Amy Thornhill had one of the best rounds of her career, just four days after shooting her worst round. The senior shot a 44 on both the front nine and back nine at the Class 1 District 5 Tournament at Heritage Hills Country Club in Moberly, taking second place out of 52 golfers with an 18-over par 88. Thornhill missed out on winning the district tournament by one stroke, losing to Nichole Marquis of Moberly, who shot an 87. Harrisburg's Macy Arp and Hailey

Lowrey and Glasgow's Erin Reynolds also advanced to the sectional round with Thornhill.

**Oct. 3:** Much like the 2011 St. Louis Cardinals, Fayette was down to its final strike and pulled through to keep its season going. The difference is, Fayette didn't tie the game or take the lead. The Lady Falcons were just trying to get their district opener to go the full seven innings. Fayette, the No. 5 seed in the Class 2 District 14 Tournament, did just that in a 10-2 loss to Knob Noster at Higginville.

**Oct. 8:** The third time is still the charm for Harrisburg. Kassi Blakemore drove in two runs and Kimmie Roberts struck out 16 batters to lead Harrisburg to a 7-1 win over New Franklin in the Class 1 District 7 championship game in Pilot Grove. It is the third consecutive district crown for Harrisburg since moving down to Class 1.

For the first time since 2009, the Harrisburg girls golf team will have its season end at the state tournament. Amy Thornhill finished in a three-way tie for eighth place at the Class 1 Sectional 3 tournament at Green Hills Golf Course in Chillicothe, shooting a 26-over par 98.

**Oct. 10:** Each of Harrisburg's previous two sectional appearances in 2010 and 2011 were suspenseful and kept fans on the edge of their seats. Silex didn't allow the tension to reach a climactic point. Ashley Brown hit a solo home run and had two RBIs and Natalie Fleming sprayed six hits in a complete-game 6-1 win over Harrisburg in the Class 1 sectionals at Silex. Harrisburg ended the season with a 15-12 record, losing to the eventual state champions.

**Oct. 11:** The Clark Middle School football team's season finale read like a classic novel. It had all the twists and turns, several events that thickened the plot and an ending that has you reading intently until the very last page. For the second time this season, the Falcons rallied on their final offensive drive and scored the go-ahead touchdown in the final minute, beating Slater 22-20 on the road. The Falcons end the season with a 5-1 record, only losing to Marceline.

**Oct. 13:** After being shut out for four straight weeks to open the season, the Fayette Optimist Youth Football 3rd-4th grade team turned the page at Thomas S. Davis Memorial Field. The Falcons came from behind to beat Westran 7-6, improving to 1-4 this season. The 5th-6th grade team won the afternoon game, beating Westran 20-0 to improve to 4-1 this season.

**Oct. 16:** Harrisburg senior Amy Thornhill ended her high school golfing career shooting a 21-over-par 93 on the second day

of the Class 1 Girls Golf State Championships at New Bloomfield. Thornhill's two-day total of 194 put her in 36th place out of 89 golfers. At one point, Thornhill was at 10-over par through the first 12 holes, which includes a birdie on the par-3 12th hole.

**Oct. 26:** Fayette found itself in the matchup it wanted to start the 2012 high school football playoffs. But even in the No. 4-5 district pairing, the Falcons found themselves overmatched once again. Princeton quarterback Colton Hartley stole the show in the Class 1 District 6 quarterfinal matchup. The dual-threat quarterback produced 389 yards of total offense, threw for three touchdowns and rushed for three more to lead the Tigers to a 42-7 win in Princeton, ending Fayette's season with a 2-8 record.

**Oct. 27:** Central Methodist's Trevor Robinson had two sacks against Evangel to become the school's career sacks leader with 26 sacks, but the Eagles lost to the Crusaders 49-16 at Davis Field.

**Oct. 29:** The Central Methodist women's basketball team had one of the biggest turnaround seasons in NAIA history last year. As it turns out, the magic is still going for the Lady Eagles. CMU went on the road in its first exhibition game of the season, beating NCAA Division II Missouri University of Science and Technology 56-52 in Rolla.

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## November

**Nov. 2:** Melvin Tillman shot 50 percent from the field and scored a game-high 22 points to lead Central Methodist University to a 72-64 season-opening win against Park University in the MidAmerica Nazarene Tip-Off Classic.

**Nov. 3:** The Central Methodist women's cross country team won its second consecutive Heart of America Athletic Conference championship at Graceland, winning the HAAC Championship meet in the team standings with a score of 32 points. CMU had four runners place in the top seven at the meet and all of CMU women's cross country runners ran the course under 20 minutes.

**Nov. 6:** The Central Methodist women's basketball team might not want to read the police blotter in the Columbia newspapers. There is a chance Stephens College may have turned the Lady Eagles in for theft. CMU picked up 18 steals and forced 28 turnovers — most of which came in the second half — to pull away for a 68-43 win in their season opener at Puckett Field House.

**Nov. 9:** Despite winning 10 out of 11 football games over the past two seasons, Clark Middle School doesn't have anything physical to

show off its success on the gridiron. The boys basketball team somewhat filled that void. The Falcons beat Paris 51-40 in the championship game of the Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament. Fayette came home with a first-place plaque to show off their achievement.

**Nov. 13:** Diane Shipley resigned after three seasons as the head volleyball coach at Central Methodist University, Athletic Director Ken Oliver announced.

Central Methodist University is ranked No. 18 in the 2013 NAIA Softball Coaches' Preseason Top 25 Poll, announced by the NAIA national office. The ranking marks the highest in school history after finishing last season at No. 19.

**Nov. 17:** Central Methodist University placed 25th at the 2012 NAIA Women's Cross Country National Championships at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Vancouver, Wash. The Lady Eagles were paced by Emily Nealley, who finished 149th overall in the meet out of 320 runners. Fayette native Tabatha Dickey was fourth on the team in her final race for the Lady Eagles, crossing the finish line in 20:30.

**Nov. 26:** The Central Methodist University women's basketball team didn't get off the bus until 5 a.m. when they returned to Fayette from their trip to Chicago. But eight hours earlier, players and coaches were celebrating one of the biggest wins in the program's history. In a back-and-forth battle that featured nine lead changes and eight ties, CMU took down NCAA Division I Chicago State University 50-48 at the Jones Convocation Center.

**Nov. 29:** The Central Methodist University football program announced that it has forfeited its two victories from the 2012 season due to the use of an ineligible player. CMU's 28-20 win over Avila University and 32-7 win over Culver-Stockton College have both been forfeited. Per NAIA rules, the Eagles will take a 1-0 forfeit loss for each game. CMU's official record for 2012 will be recorded as 0-10.

Melvin Tillman scored a game-high 19 points for Central Methodist University in a 59-56 men's basketball victory over No. 21-ranked Evangel University in the Ashcroft Center in the Heart of America Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

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## December

**Dec. 1:** Glasgow head coach Molly Monnig won two Glasgow Tournament championships as a player. Now she has won one as a coach. The Glasgow girls basketball team won its first Glasgow Tournament championship game since 2001, beating top-seeded

Harrisburg 50-36 to remain unbeaten to start the 2012-13 season.

Glasgow is a team that has always taken pride in its defense. But in the Glasgow Tournament championship game, the Yellowjackets made a statement against a perennial basketball powerhouse. The defense held Harrisburg to one of its lowest point totals under head coach Steve Combs. Glasgow won its fourth consecutive Glasgow Tournament championship with a 46-30 win over the Bulldogs.

**Dec. 6:** Central Methodist University Athletic Director Ken Oliver announced that Allison Jones-Olsen has been named the new head coach of the volleyball program and senior women's administrator.

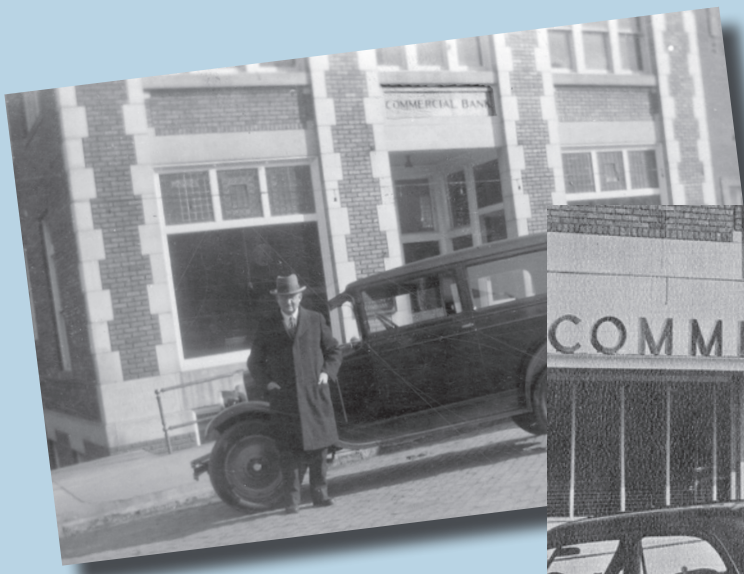
**Dec. 8:** Britney Joseph and Raylyn Nuss scored 16 apiece as Central Methodist University topped No. 9 MidAmerica Nazarene University for the second season in a row in Heart of America Athletic Conference women's basketball action in Bell Family Arena, winning 65-55.

**Dec. 11:** Fayette senior Kennzie Thornton picked the perfect time to have the best eight minutes of her basketball career. Thornton scored 13 of her career-high 17 points in the fourth quarter, leading Fayette to a 48-34 win against Westran in Huntsville. The 2-0 start in Lewis & Clark Conference play is Fayette's best start since the 2004-05 season. Fayette ended 2012 in first place in the conference.

The Central Methodist University women's basketball team is ranked No. 25 in the third edition of the 2012-13 NAIA Division I Coaches' Top 25 Poll. CMU, which received 67 points, is making its first national poll appearance since a No. 10 ranking on Feb. 22, 2000.

**Dec. 13:** No matter the sport, no matter the date, this school year has been one for the ages when the Fayette and Salisbury middle school boys meet in the athletic spectrum. It was another thrilling chapter between the two programs, this time on the basketball court. In a plot twist, it would take more than regulation to settle the game, but the outcome was music to Fayette's ears. The Falcons outlasted Salisbury in a physical matchup, winning 40-36 in double overtime at Fayette.

**Dec. 18:** Prior to the start of the girls basketball game against Sturgeon, Harrisburg High School took a few moments to give fans their first look at the newly-christened 2012 Class 2 state championship banner and team picture. Players from last year's team stood next to the wall as head coach Dan Bachmeier pulled a string, unveiling cloths that were covering both items.



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