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and over, the Iraq war is over.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over

President Barack Obama, who

opposed the war all the way to the

White House, can't remind people

McIntosh: Foundation a guardian angel

By SUSAN LYNN

susan@iolaregister.com Gary McIntosh sees the new Allen County Community Foundation as "a guardian angel for people's dreams."

Still in its infancy, the foundation will help fund projects of non-profit organizations throughout the county.

A \$500,000 gift from the Kansas Health Foundation gives the foundation an auspicious start.

The new Allen County Hospital is the first target of foundation funds, said McIntosh, a longtime proponent of getting a community foundation started in Allen County.

Those giving money to establish an endowment fund for the hospital will receive a 25 percent match from the Kansas

Health Foundation. So a \$100,000 gift will grow immediately to a \$125,000 gift. The \$25,000 from the Wichita-based foundation will be a "draw down" from the \$500,000 grant, leaving it another \$475,000 for future matches.

For those who give unrestricted funds to the foundation, a 50-percent match from KHF is in store.

The matching mechanism is good for six years.

The campaign for the hospital, Uniting for Excellence, hopes to raise \$3.8 million for equipment not in the current hospital budget, and \$1 million for its endowment. An endowment is a fund from which only interest from its investment is

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Gary McIntosh's efforts over the past 20 years to start up a community foundation have finally be rewarded. Allen County is now a member of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations.

enough that he is the one ending the conflict and getting every last troop home. Ben **Feller**

An AP

news analysis

He is not just commander in chief intent on lauding the valor of the military. He is a president seeking re-election and soaking up every chance to mark a promise kept.



Barack Obama

at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, a post that sent thousands of troops to Iraq and saw more than 200 of them die there, Obama summoned glory

On Wednesday

and gravity. In a speech full of pride in American fighting forces, Obama declared to soldiers that the "war in Iraq will soon belong to history, and your service belongs to the ages.'

If the thought sounded familiar, it was because Obama has essentially been declaring an end since the start of his term.

Every milestone allows him to reach all those voters who opposed the unpopular war, including liberals in his party, whose enthusiasm he must reignite to win a second term.

There was the speech in Camp Lejeune, N.C., way back in February 2009, when he said: "Let me say this as plainly as I can: By Aug. 31, 2010, our combat mission in Iraq will end.

When that mission did end, Obama held a rare Oval Office address to the nation to celebrate the moment and declare: "It's time to turn the page."

In the last two months, Obama has taken three more swings at it, all of them commanding the attention the White House wanted.

In October, from the press briefing room: "As promised, the rest of our troops in Iraq will come home by the end of the year." On Monday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at his side: "This is a historic moment. A war is ending." On Wednesday to troops: "Iraq's future will be in the hands of its people. America's war in Iraq will be over."

He also made time this week to speak about Iraq to regional television stations serving military

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Blues busker returns Friday

By STAFF REPORTS

Lawrence busker Tyler Gregory is returning to Iola Friday with his guitars, banjo and stomp box to perform for the

second time in two months at Scooter's bar.

Taking the stage at 10 p.m., Gregory will get a little help this time around when he plays what



Tyler Gregory

he calls 1930sstyle mountain music with friend and colleague Paul Coleman playing mandolin and fiddle.

For a sneak peak at the artist's sound, visit TylerGregoryMusic.com.

Block party

Emily Long plays with wooden blocks Tuesday afternoon when the wet weather forced students to stay inside. Long is a second-grader in Bayley Linn's class at McKinley Elementary School.

Cop, pastor, musician uses local stories in songs



Register/Richard Luken

David Shelby will be joined on stage Saturday at the lola Community Theatre Warehouse with his sons, Kyle and Tyler, comprising Granddad's Garage.

By RICHARD LUKEN

richard@iolaregister.com Granddad's Garage - comprised of Iolans David Shelby and sons Kyle and Tyler — will bring its musical talents to the Iola Community Theatre Warehouse Saturday.

The 7 p.m. performance is part of ICT's "One Night Stand" Coffee House Series. Admission is free.

The Shelbys will perform a number of folk and rock songs, most of which feature gospel and Christian influences, over the course of the 90-minute show.

Shelby calls it a family-based jam session.

The elder Shelby handles the lead vocals and guitar. Kyle, a 19-year-old music student at Pittsburg State University, handles

Granddad's Garage

An ICT "One Night Stand" 203 S. Jefferson Ave. 7 p.m. Saturday Free admission

saxophone, guitar, and on occasion, piano. Tyler, 17, a senior at Iola High School, is on the drums.

"What I've found is that both of these boys are better musicians than I am," Shelby said, "and they're both talented songwrit-

Shelby expects the trio will

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Fuel distributor expands

By BOB JOHNSON bob@iolaregister.com

Lorenzo Jensen scurried about the Hampel Oil Distributors, Inc. service area, 503 West St., Wednesday afternoon while his J & J Contractors crane strained to lift 20,000-gallon fuel tanks from flatbed transport trailers.

When the day was done, four of the huge fuel tanks were on the ground. They were scheduled to be set inside a dike-confined area today and soon will be filled with fuel for distribution from Iola.

About 85 percent of fuel sold here is delivered by tank wagon trucks, mainly to farms within 60 miles in any direction. A semitanker that carries 7,500 gallons of diesel or 8,100 gallons of unleaded gasoline services larger

"We're upgrading and expand-

ing our operation," said Greg Schemper, manager of the local operation.

The four new tanks will replace four that held 12,000 gallons each. "That puts us at 130,000 gal-

lons of on-site storage capacity," Schemper noted; before it 98,000 gallons.

When all tanks are full, Hampel has about \$500,000 worth of fuel in Iola, 32,000 gallons of gasoline and 98,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

"We're real excited about the expansion," Schemper continued. Though reluctant to put a dollar figure on the upgrade, he said it "is substantial. We've been planning this for a year and a half," prompted by "a lot of growth the past three or four years."

Jensen judged that his boom and cable crane might have See HAMPEL | Page A6

Audacious beginning for new boutique

By SUSAN LYNN susan@iolaregister.com

Fashion on a budget is why Kelly Sigg's new store, Audacious Boutique, is Iola's newest success.

"We're very happy with sales," she said. "Of course, this is my first venture in retail, but so far business has been steady.'

It's little wonder why.

The store, 110 S. Jefferson, is stocked full of clothing and accessories that even the most budgetconscious would appreciate.

Take jeans. Sigg carries five brands that range in price from \$20

Long-sleeved "burn-out" knit tops go for \$12.99 to \$16.99. "They're great for layering, either under a sweater or over a T-shirt," Sigg

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Kelly Macha, left, helps Kelly Sigg with her new store, Audacious Boutique.

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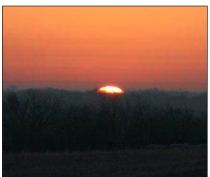
Colony











Colony's Phyllis Luedke captured Saturday morning's lunar eclipse and then the sunrise. "It was a bit cold, about 16 degrees," she said. "It was especially interesting to watch the partial eclipse in the western sky and the sunrise in the eastern sky. The first four photos show the partial lunar eclipse. At right, the start to a glorious day.

Colony news

Calendar

Sunday-Fiddlers, Pickers and Singers, covered dish luncheon, Iola North community building, dancing follows.

Monday-Seekers Not Slackers 4-H Club, Lone Elm community building, 7 p.m.; Jolly Dozen Club.

Tuesday-Allen/Anderson Deer Creek Watershed, City Hall community room, 8 p.m. School calendar

No school Dec. 19 until Jan.

Meal site

Monday-Swiss steak, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits; Wednesday-Birthday mealfried chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, cake and ice cream; Dec. 23 and 26- all centers closed. Christian Church

Scripture read at Sunday's church service was Luke 2:1-20. Pastor Mark McCoy presented the sermon "Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus-The Christmas Story."

Bring goodies for goodie bags to make for Cookson Hills before Sunday. Need gum, candy, toiletries, McDonald gift cards, etc.

On Sunday, the Children's Church will present a Christmas program titled, "The Mouse's Tale."

Scripture read at Sunday's church service at United Methodist Church was Psalms 126:1-6, II Corinthians 9:6-15 and John 1:6-8 and 19-28. Pastor Leslie Jackson presented the sermon.

sermon. Dec. 24-Christmas proMrs. Morris Luedke

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gram, 5 p.m. Crest FCCLA

The STUCO and FCCLA Community canned food drive was a big success. On Nov. 2, 12 students attended the Fall FC-CLA Leadership Conference at Burlington High School. A total of 324 students attended the event.

The upcoming S.T.A.R. competition in Yates Center will be Feb. 1. Members who qualify will attend the State Leadership Conference on April 1-3 in Wichita.

Students in Family and Consumer Sciences baked goodies before Christmas break. Be sure to check with the Bakery Careers class next semester if you need a sweet treat; they will be taking orders starting the second week in February.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays in the first-grade room. First-grade teacher Connie Edgerton leads group discussions.

On Nov. 9, Susie Bubna was a guest speaker. Bubna shared her life's journey.

To become an FCA member, students are to show up. It requires no membership dues. **History**

Crest students are required to take American History during their junior year. This course focuses on 20th century events. They are currently studying World War II. Students have chosen topics centered on facts important to the war, but aren't commonly found in textbooks. Some topics have included the Doolittle Raiders, the Schwarze Kapelle, the tragedy of the USS Indianapolis, Camp Concordia, a complete breakdown of the U.S. air and armor and the Luftwaffe. One student is explaining the experiences of her ancestors in the war. Another student is reconstructing a German buzz bomb and one student is replicating a German rail gun. They are putting in a lot of effort and work in an attempt to bring

Recycling
You may have things to recycle after Christmas. This is what our Anderson County recycling trailer provides. It arrives at Colony on Fridays (first full week of each month) and leaves the following Tuesday. The trailer is parked at the corner of Pine and Broad streets. Items must be clean and sorted. Labels do not need to be removed.

history to the classroom. Tra-

vis Hermreck is the teacher.

The trailer collects cardboard (corrugated boxes, paperboard boxes, paperbacks, paper tubes, tablet backing) all boxes flattened; newspaper (including inserts); magazines and catalogs (all glossy-type mailings); plastic, (water, pop, and juice bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs) — rinse and remove lids, labels do not need to be removed; aluminum (beverage cans, no need to flatten); glass (any color jar or bottle, clear glass, rinse and remove lids); tin cans.

They do not accept plastic food containers; Styrofoam, plastic food wrap, paper towels, photographs, hard-back books, plastic grocery bags, motor oil containers, chemical containers or window glass.

If you have questions phone the Anderson County Recycling Center, 785-448-3109. Its website is www.andersoncountyks.org

Around town

Easton King, son of Kenton and Denise King, has returned home after surgery last week and is recovering just fine. A special thanks to everyone who has been "pulling" aluminum pop-tabs and saving them. Twenty pounds were delivered to the Ronald McDonald house Dec. 7, which brings our community total to 58 pounds for the year.

The annual dinner prepared and served by the Christian Youth group for seniors was in the city hall community room Sunday.

The Lions Club met and served their cooks, United Methodist Women, with a pizza meal on Dec. 7. They also bagged Christmas goodies for children. On Saturday, members, wives and guests dined at The Greenery for their annual Christmas dinner.

* Shelby

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perform a number of original songs, "and we may play a hymn or two."

As a special treat, Shelby's aunt, Linda Thompson of Denver, will be in town to play the piano. Thompson also happens to be blind.

"This is really the first time I've done anything with the boys outside our Sunday morning worship services," Shelby said. "Having my aunt here to perform will make it even better."

SHELBY'S MUSICAL background dates to his days as a youth in Kansas City, when he, his aunt and other family members would gather in his grandfather's garage on a regular basis. Thus, the impetus for Granddad's Garage.

Everyone was welcome, Shelby noted, and when the music started, everyone joined in, either by playing an instrument, dancing along or simply keeping time on a fivegallon bucket.

"It was a great family time," Shelby said. "We used the music to get us through the good times and the bad."

Shelby continued performing and writing songs through the years, playing guitar and singing on a solo basis and as parts of other bands, in and out of church.

The love of music remained, and even spread to the rest of his family, after the Shelbys moved to Iola from Denver in 2005, where he became full-time and then an associate pastor at Iola's Harvest Baptist Church.

Shelby remains an associate pastor at Harvest Baptist. He also works on the night shift with the Iola Police Department.

Kyle is working on a degree in music at PSU, where he also is a member of the school's marching band; Tyler is active in the IHS concert and marching bands.

"Both of them played with jazz bands, and they've written their own songs," Shelby said.
Shelby and his wife,
Kathy, also have three
daughters, Kassy, 11, Sid-

SHELBY'S songwriting leans heavily on his relationship with Christ

ney, 9, and Miah, 7.

and life in general.

He's penned dozens of songs through the years, but only recently decided to take his music one step further. He, Kyle and Tyler traveled to Topeka in November to record a handful of songs at Son

Studio Productions.

One of the most noteworthy numbers is "Bruises," a song Shelby wrote shortly after joining the police force. It deals with the pain a family—and in particular, the children—goes through when domestic violence, drinking and driving and other destructive deci-

sions are embraced.

The song points out that some pain never heals, Shelby said, until a person is willing to find peace and connection with Christ.

"I'm happy with the song," he said. "It taps into things in our own lives, showing there is an alternative solution to problems that comes in finding the Lord and His word."

The recording session, as much as anything, gave Shelby a greater appreciation of his sons' music-making ability.

"Recording in a studio is a different experience," he said, "and the key is how tight you can make the performance when you go in. Kyle and Tyler both have experience in playing with others, and they were able to adapt quickly during the session."

The CDs will be available Saturday for a suggested donation of \$5. Aside from the expenses to record the CDs and use the ICT Warehouse, all of the proceeds for the sales will go to the Iola High School marching band, which is raising funds for a trip to New York City in May.

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are \$38 to \$50.

And knit tank tops in a rainbow of colors are \$14.99—if you can find them in stock.

"They're my No. 1 best seller," Sigg said of the onesize-fits-all tops that complete every outfit. Between the tank tops and

boots — yes, boots — Sigg waits daily on new orders to replace diminishing stock.

SIGG'S SECRET to her success could be the very nature of the store. The small, cozy environment lends itself to

personalized shopping.

"We're getting to know our clientele on a very personal level," said Kelly Macha, who works part time at the store. "We know their tastes, their sizes. Sometimes when a new order comes in we'll let them know we have something we think would look good on them."

The proof is in the pudding. Both Macha and Sigg looked like a million bucks when they effortlessly threw on tops off the rack. A fur neck wrap here, a belt there and they were picture-perfect.

Another advantage to the quickly rotating inventory is, "You don't see yourself walking down the street," Macha said of a woman's worst fear—someone else wearing the identical sweater or dress that they also happen to be wearing.

"Once we're cold on item.

"Once we've sold an item, we don't reorder it," Sigg said. During the holiday shop-

During the holiday shopping season Audacious Boutique has specials each day. "It's our 12 Days of Christ-

mas sale," Sigg said.

Wednesday's discount was for anything that sported an

animal print design. Saturday's will be

Saturday's will be a \$4 markdown on the popular burnout knit tops. Audacious Boutique also

carries Earthly Body skin products and an array of jewelry and hair accessories. And for that impossible per-

son on your holiday shopping list, a gift certificate satisfies every whim.

Toni Taylor and Cassandra Turner also work at the store.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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communities, most of them in states targeted by his re-election campaign.

Without question, the ending of a war is moment for any president to reflect with the country. Yet even Obama noted people have seen this one coming for a while.

Since George W. Bush was

president, in fact.

Bush was the one who struck a deal with Iraq to set Dec. 31, 2011, as the final day of the war. Yet it was Obama who accelerated the end of the U.S. combat mission when he took office, shifted attention to Afghanistan, and decided to leave no troops behind in Iraq

after this year.
The final U.S. forces will be

out in days.

This, in essence, is Obama's mission accomplished: Getting out of Iraq as promised under solid enough circumstances and making sure to remind voters that he did what he said.

It is harder to remember now, with joblessness dominating the presidential debate and souring the public mood, but it was not long ago that the Iraq war consumed about everything.

In a new Associated Press-GfK poll, about half of those surveyed called the Iraq war highly important to them. It placed lower in importance than all but one of 14 current issues.

"It's understandable that he's trying to bring it back to the forefront of the public consciousness," said Ole Holsti, a retired Duke University professor who has written a book about American public opinion of the Iraq war.

"From a purely domestic political viewpoint, this is something that the president can bank on — most Americans are eager to bring it to an end," he said. "I think after all this time, there's probably a kind of overriding sense of relief: "This is when we'll have the boys home."

Obama's approval rating on handling the situation in Iraq has been above 50 percent since last fall. In the new AP-GfK poll, he has ticked up four points since October to 55 per-

Twice now, Obama has delivered we're-ending-the-war

speeches in North Carolina, a state he barely won in 2008 and that is integral to his reelection prospects. This is hardly a moment of

national unity. About every issue seems politically toxic now.

As troops leave Iraq, 77 per-

cent of Democrats approve of Obama's handling of the war compared to 33 percent of Republicans, an enormous gap. Independents are in the middle.

Obama's challenge has been to get out of the war without leaving Iraq in mess, to be consistent in his opposition without undermining the military under his command.

Nearly 4,500 Americans have been killed in the war. More than 1.5 million Americans have served in Iraq. The toll stretches in all directions.

So Obama was effusive in heralding the troops and their families. With no mention of victory, he called their service toward a self-reliant Iraq an extraordinary achievement.

"Americans expect the valor of the troops to be lauded no matter what they thought of the war itself, and Obama is very sensitive to that," said Cal Jillson, a professor of political science at Southern Methodist University. "That's one big part of what he's doing."

The other parts, Jillson said, have been to check the box of his campaign promise kept, and to close out the war as best as possible.

"Saying the troops performed nobly is easy," Jillson said. "The more difficult task is to make the case that the resources were well expended and the future of Iraq looks bright."

Especially for a president who called the war dumb and rash before it even began.

Obama has, though, been offering pronouncements of better days ahead in Iraq. Bush used to talk of Iraq becoming a beacon of hope in a region desperate for it. For those who caught it, Obama this week sure sounded plenty similar, arguing that "a successful, democratic Iraq can be a model for the entire

region."

But mainly, Obama's message has been that it's all over, on his terms, just like he said.

Again and again.