



McIntosh: Foundation a guardian angel

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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.

U.S., Iraq war over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over and over, the Iraq war is over.

President Barack Obama, who opposed the war all the way to the White House, can't remind people 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.

On Wednesday 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 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 he calls 1930s-style mountain music with friend and colleague Paul Coleman playing mandolin and fiddle.

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



Tyler Gregory



Register/Bob Johnson

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 Iola Community Theatre Warehouse with his sons, Kyle and Tyler, comprising Granddad's Garage.

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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 Pittsburgh 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 songwriters."

Shelby expects the trio will

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Fuel distributor expands

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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 semi-tanker that carries 7,500 gallons of diesel or 8,100 gallons of unleaded gasoline services larger accounts.

"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 gallons 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

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Audacious beginning for new boutique

By SUSAN LYNN
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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 budget-conscious would appreciate.

Take jeans. Sigg carries five brands that range in price from \$20 to \$60.

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 said.

Beautiful sweaters and dresses
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Kelly Macha, left, helps Kelly Sigg with her new store, Audacious Boutique.

