



Three-year hunt ends with buck

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I realize my quest for Crabclaw is soon approaching some sort of conclusion. Whether the conclusion is the end of the season or the end of Crabclaw, it really doesn't matter at this time of the game. I've come to realize ... that the hunt is more important than the kill.

Iolan Don Erbert wrote those words 30 minutes before he took a huge whitetail buck that in his three-year quest he had named Crabclaw.

After 67 days of hunting, Erbert took the buck down from a tree stand along a soybean field in Coffey County.

A clean 30-yard double-lung bow shot stung the buck, which bolted and then crumpled lifeless 100 yards away. Hundreds of hours of sitting and waiting ended with a decision made in seconds.

"I've sang in front of big crowds and I've bungee jumped, but nothing compares to the heart-pounding excitement of seeing movement that turns out to be a big buck," Erbert said.

The buck had a gross score of over 200 points and netted 181½ with a 25-inch inside spread, making it the 19th largest typical-rack deer ever

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Iolan Don Erbert spent three years hunting the whitetail buck that sported this mammoth set of antlers.

JOLLY JOGGING



Register/Bob Johnson

Tanner Wilson, 16, of Garnett sprints the last few yards to win the 14th annual Jingle Bell Jog over his father, Lynn Wilson.

Annual run doubles participation

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With the temperature hovering in the low-20s, a brave lot of runners and walkers participated in Saturday morning's 14th annual Jingle Bell Jog.

All told, 110 participated in the 5K run and 3K walk, sponsored by Thrive Allen County and the Iola High School leadership class.

The starting gun blasted off shortly after 8 a.m. About 18 minutes later, Tanner Wilson, 16, and a Garnett high school student, sprinted the last few

yards to finish first, just ahead of his father, Lynn Wilson, a Garnett chiropractor.

The younger Wilson plays football and runs track. Lynn Wilson was a multi-sport star at Garnett High but didn't take up running until after he graduated in 1985.

"I had to find something (physical) to do so I started running," he said.

The Jingle Bell Jog also served as a time for current and former Allen Countians to meet up with

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Iolan eager for 'one night stand'

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Iolan Maggie Wilson will bring her considerable musical talents to the Iola Community Theatre Warehouse Thursday.

Wilson, a 2011 Iola High School graduate now studying at Emporia State University, will perform as part of ICT's "One Night Stand" series at 7 o'clock. Admission is free. Doors open at 6:30.

Courtesy of her acoustic guitar, and occasionally via her harmonica, Wilson offers a blend of what's best described as "folk pop" music, leaning heavily on musical influences such as The Beatles and K.T. Tunstall.

Most of her music covers previously released songs, although Wilson may perform a



Maggie Wilson

handful of original tunes. She'll also be joined on-stage periodically by her younger brother, Michael, a member of the IHS marching band.

Wilson took her initial foray into music as a band student

at Iola High, where she focused primarily on drums before taking up guitar on the side.

Learning the guitar "wasn't that hard, although I still have some trouble with the picking," she said. "Learning the chords was pretty easy for me."

She learned guitar enough to offer lessons to her father, Larry, one of her biggest supporters.

"Dad will occasionally offer me ideas about how to perform certain songs," she said. "They're usually good ideas, too."

Wilson admits she's her harshest critic, often replaying songs in her mind — particularly original pieces — to see if they can be improved.

"I've probably written 20 songs or so, but five or six are

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Holidays give birth to new shoppers

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Four new types of American shoppers have emerged this holiday season.

There's the bargain hunter who times deals. The midnight buyer who stays up late for discounts. The returner who gets buyer's remorse. And the "me" shopper who self-gifts.

It's the latest shift by consumers in the fourth year of a weak U.S. economy. Shoppers are expected to spend \$469.1 billion during the holiday shopping season that runs from November through December. While it won't be known just how much Americans spent until the season ends on Saturday,

it's already clear they are shopping differently than they have in years past.

"We're seeing different types of buying behavior in a new economic reality," says C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group.

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Cost-conscious shoppers haven't just been looking for bargains this season. They've also been more deliberate about when to find those deals. Many believe the biggest bargains come at the beginning and end of the season, which has created a kind of "dumbbell effect" in sales.

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Iowa caucus campaigns make final push this week

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa caucus campaign that has cycled through several Republican presidential front-runners entered its final week Monday, as unpredictable as the day conservatives began competing to emerge as Mitt Romney's chief rival.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, released a new television commercial for the state in which he cited a "moral imperative for America to stop spending more money than we take in. It's killing jobs," he said.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry countered with an advertisement that said four of his rivals combined — none of them Romney — have served 63 years in Congress, "leaving us with debt, earmarks and bailouts."

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick

Santorum, who has invested more time in Iowa than any other contender, countered that "most Americans now believe that a little bit of experience going into a job like president is probably a good thing."

Santorum was the only presidential candidate in the state during the day.

That changes today, with bus tours planned by Perry, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, all eager to energize their existing supporters and attract new ones.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul arrives Wednesday. Recent polls suggest he is peaking as caucus day approaches, a rise that has him tied with Romney or even ahead, and drawing more scrutiny for his views.

The result figures to be a short but intense stretch of campaigning through small towns and even

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Does Iowa matter?

In the past 10 presidential elections, four Iowa caucus winners who were not incumbents made it to the White House. What happened to candidates who won Iowa:

Republicans				Democrats			
	Nominee	President			Nominee	President	
'72	Nixon	Yes	Yes	Muskie	No	No	
'76	Ford	Yes	No	Carter	Yes	Yes	
'80	G. Bush	No	No	Carter	Yes	No	
'84	Reagan*	Yes	Yes	Mondale	Yes	No	
'88	Dole	No	No	Gephardt	No	No	
'92	G. Bush	Yes	No	Harkin	No	No	
'96	Dole	Yes	No	Clinton*	Yes	Yes	
'00	G. W. Bush	Yes	Yes	Gore	Yes	No	
'04	G. W. Bush*	Yes	Yes	Kerry	Yes	No	
'08	Huckabee	No	No	Obama	Yes	Yes	

*Incumbent
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Obituaries

Hazel Harrison

Hazel Harrison, 88, Iola, died today, Dec. 27, 2011, at Windsor Place Nursing Center in Iola.

Complete obituary details will be posted when available by Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Memorial Chapel, Iola.

Online condolences for the family may be left at www.iolafuneral.com.

Ron Beasley

Funeral services for Ronald M. "Ron" Beasley, Sr., 63, LaHarpe, whose death Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at the Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita was reported in Saturday's Register, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Memorial Chapel in Iola. Visitation will be tonight from 5 to 7 o'clock at the chapel. Burial will be in LaHarpe Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be left at the chapel, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.iolafuneral.com.

Ron was born March 21, 1948, in San Francisco, Calif., the son of Perry Milton and Alice E. (Nigus) Beasley. He lived in California until the age 12, when the family moved to Iola. He lived here several years before moving to Hiawatha.

On Nov. 5, 1966, Ron married Dottie Vest. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After his military service he went to plumbing school and moved back to Iola, where he worked 27 years for D&R Plumbing before retiring.

He was a member of LaHarpe VFW, Iola Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite in Fort Scott, Mirza Temple in Pittsburg, Hospital Dads,

Hardly Able Fire Department and Mobile Nobles.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dottie; two sons, Ronald M. Beasley Jr. and wife, Suzy, Humboldt, and Milton Paul Beasley, LaHarpe; a daughter, Patricia Mae Payne and her husband, Craig, Iola; a brother, William "Bill" Beasley and his wife, Barbara, LaHarpe; two half-sisters, Rosie Stokes and her husband, Allen, Iola, and Edna Green of Colorado Springs; six grandchildren, Amanda Lewis, Derek Beasley, Audrey Payne, Shae Beasley, Zane Beasley and Carlie Jo Payne; and a great-granddaughter, Adalie Boisvert. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol VanDam.

Gary Kline

Gary W. Kline, 67, of Iola, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at his home.

Gary was born Nov. 11, 1944, at Garnett, the son of Raymond C. and Blanche L. (Henderson) Kline. He grew up in the Bush City area and graduated from Osawatomie High School in 1962. He lived in Paola when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1964 to 1968 with the GEEIA mobile squadron in a number of countries.

Following his honorable discharge from the service, he made his home in southern California. He was married to Kathleen Jordan and they had a son before they divorced.

On March 12, 1976, Gary married Marinea R. Scott in Reno, Nev. They moved to Garnett in 1978. They have lived in Iola since 1984. He owned and operated Midstates Communication Systems in Iola, from 1987 until 2008, when

he retired.

Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing and going to casinos. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, American Legion and the Osawatomie Class of 1962 Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marinea; mother, Blanche Kline of Garnett; two siblings, Gail Kline and his wife, Angela, Osawatomie, and Sharon Bailey her husband, Joe, Windsor, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Joe and Breanna Kline, Shaunisty Brockelsby, Renee Leavitt, Madison Leavitt, Logan Leavitt and Jacob Leavitt; one great-grandson; and his best friend, his dog, Fergus.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Michael Leavitt.

According to Gary's wishes, his body was donated to the University of Kansas Department of Anatomy for research.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Waugh-Yokum and Friskel Memorial Chapel in Iola. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.iolafuneral.com.

Mary Likely

Mary Charlotte Ruth Likely, 84, Bronson, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, at Iola Nursing Center.

She was born Nov. 12, 1927, at Mildred, the daughter of William Joseph Martin and Birdie Pearl Collins Martin.

Mary graduated from Kincaid High School. She married George Noel Likely on April 12, 1947. He preceded her in death on June 16, 1985.

Mary had worked in the fabric department at J.C. Penney in Fort Scott and later supervised the fabric department at the Fort Scott Walmart for several years. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting as well as collecting butterflies and stamps. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of

Iola and a past member of Triple B Club of Bronson and Rebecca Lodge.

Survivors include her seven children, Georgia Ramsey and her husband, Frank, Mapleton, Candise Larson, Moran, Susan O'Nele and her husband, Kevin, Aurora, Colo., Margaret Peters and her husband, Robert, Meeker, Okla., Annette Jarvis, Moundridge, Mary Alice Abbott, Fort Scott, and Joseph Noel Likely and his wife, Brenda, McPherson; 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother, Alvin Martin, Walnut, and a sister, Wilma Morton of California. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Martin, and a sister, Margaret Martin.

Lloyd Houk conducted funeral services this morning at Cheney Witt Bronson Chapel. Burial followed in the Bronson Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Make a Wish Foundation and may be left in care of the Cheney Witt Bronson Chapel, 501 Pine, P.O. Box 93, Bronson, KS 66716. Words of remembrance may be submitted online at cheneywitt.com.

Chuck Medcalf

Charles William "Chuck" Medcalf, 88, of Wichita, formerly of the Iola area, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Chuck was born July 3, 1923, at Oil Hill, Kan., the son of Jacob D. "Jack" and Madeline (Shockey) Medcalf. The family moved to a farm in the Geneva area in 1934. He graduated from Iola High School in 1942 and Kansas State University in 1949,

after serving with the U.S. Navy during WWII as a fighter pilot.

On Jan. 23, 1949, he married Mary Berdean Storey in Topeka.

His lifetime achievements consisted of being known as an aviator, businessman, and rancher. He extended his flying experiences by joining the U.S. Naval Reserve. As a businessman, he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in Paola, owned a farm equipment dealership in Trenton, Mo., and then became involved in the life insurance industry as an agent and then in the formation of several companies in Illinois.

In 1976, he returned to Kansas and purchased land for development of a working cattle ranch. Charles retired in 1996 and he and Mary lived in Fort Scott, Iola, and Great Bend before moving to Wichita in 2009.

He was a life member of VFW Post 1165 in Fort Scott.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Medcalf of the home; a son, Robert Medcalf, Girard; a daughter, Nancy Wilkens and her husband, Kent, Clearwater; a sister, Genevieve Keller, Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren, Taylor Wilkens, Charley Wilkens, Amanda Womack, Katie Pucket, Emily Medcalf and Joshua Medcalf; two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Scott and William Medcalf, and a brother, Tom Medcalf.

Funeral services were this afternoon at Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Memorial Chapel, Iola. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Iola. A memorial has been established with the Salvation Army. Memorial gifts may be left with the Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Memorial Chapel, which is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences for the family may be left at www.iolafuneral.com.

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smaller towns, the sort of one-on-one politicking that has largely vanished in the electronic age.

Failing that, it will pay tribute to the types of cuisine that prosper in early 21st century America.

The Perry bus will belly up to Doughy Joey's in Waterloo and to the Fainting Goat in Waverly, an establishment whose website says "After 10 p.m., we are the type of place your mothers warned you about." Perry also will visit a vineyard and winery in Carroll.

Bachmann will make an early-winter stop at a Dairy Queen, as well as Pizza Ranch establishments in Harlan, Red Oak and Atlantic, three localities with a combined population of 17,282.

It's not all about the food, though.

Perry has a stop arranged at the Glenn Miller Museum in Clarinda, population 5,301, where the great bandleader was born.

The Texas governor also has a distinction that none of his rivals can boast, a town that shares his name. Thus, Perry will visit Perry.

There were signs of strategic shifts as candidates struggled to stand out in advance of the straw poll next week that inaugurates the round of primaries and caucuses that will pick a nominee to oppose President Barack Obama next fall.

Perry's new ad shows images of Gingrich, Paul, Santorum and Bachmann as it criticizes Congress and renews the governor's call for halving lawmakers' pay and time spent in Washington.

Despite the commercial's implication, Gingrich and Santorum were out of Congress when the multibillion-dollar financial bailouts of 2008 occurred. Paul and Bachmann voted against the legislation.

Still, the approach taken suggests the Texas governor is more concerned with

outpacing Paul, Bachmann, Santorum and Gingrich on caucus night that he is in defeating Romney.

The former Massachusetts governor, making his second try for the White House, has a well-funded and well-organized campaign nationally and in Iowa, as well as allies who are spending heavily on television advertisements through an independent organization known as a super PAC.

While others have periodically risen to challenge him, Romney has kept his support from seriously eroding in the polls, consistently remaining near the top.

A victory in Iowa does not necessarily translate into the Republican presidential nomination. Yet history suggests that contenders who finish farthest behind next week will quickly drop out, underscoring the significance of the struggle to emerge as Romney's chief rival.

The most recent presidential hopeful to surge and then falter is Gingrich. The former House speaker's campaign imploded last summer and still shows the after-effects: a shortage of funds to counter attack ads in Iowa,

and failure to qualify for the primary in Virginia in March.

After insisting he would run a purely positive campaign, Gingrich let it be known he was about to attack Romney on one of his presumed areas of strength, his economic proposals.

R.C. Hammond, a spokesman for Gingrich, said the candidate would make the case that Romney has advanced "very timid ideas that will do little to get people back to work."

Gingrich favors an end to taxes on investment income and dividends, while Romney wants to end them only for individuals with incomes of \$200,000 or less.

Bachmann, who won a straw poll at the Iowa State Fair last summer when she garnered one percent more votes than Paul, was briefly atop polls in the state. So, too Herman Cain, who subsequently suspended his campaign after a woman claimed she and Cain had a long-term extramarital affair.

Perry also soared to the top of the surveys when he entered the race last summer, then fell after a string of subpar debate performances.

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ones I really like," Wilson said.

Still undetermined on her course of study, Wilson spends a good portion of her spare time practicing guitar in her Emporia State dorm room.

"That's really the key," she said. "Just keep practicing to get better. I like trying to find the music that works for me. I want to be the best I can."

Aside from her performances with the high school band, Wilson's public performances have been limited.

The ICT warehouse performance will be her first official foray into such an environment on a solo basis, where the entire focus of the audience will be solely on her.

She's performed on occasion at Sidelines Bar and Grill, at the invitation of owners Mark and Jenise Wade.

"But there, people have other things going on, like eating or watching TV," she said.

Wilson is counting on a number of friends and

former classmates to be in attendance. They've been regulars at her Sidelines shows, she notes.

"I'm a little nervous, but it should be a lot of fun," she said. "I like performing for my friends."

AS AN aside, Wilson has continued her track and field prowess at ESU. She's Iola High's all-time record holder in the girls' pole vault.

Wilson is in the midst of Emporia State's indoor track season, competing most recently in Manhattan Dec. 10, where she took eighth, by clearing 10 feet, 4 inches.


The height is well below Wilson's personal record, set at IHS — 11'6".

"Right now, my focus is

mainly on my form," she said. "Once I get something I'm comfortable with, my heights will improve."

Wilson is the daughter of Larry and the late Nancy Wilson.

Doors open at the ICT Warehouse, 203 S. Jefferson Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.



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