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IN THE RED LINE

Kansas City Chiefs fans file through Spratt Stadium at Missouri Western State University on their way into Training Camp Thursday afternoon. About halfway through the 5 year contract the Chiefs signed to hold their camp in St. Joseph most of the kinks have been ironed out. The one issue that is out of everyone's hands but continually tops the topic of conversation is the heat. So far in this unprecedented summer, the weather has yet to drive practices to the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex.

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Holt County back on track

Area continues recovery from flood of 2011

By ANDREW GAUG
St. Joseph News-Press

Don't call it a comeback. Holt County has been surviving floods for years.

After experiencing one of its worst floods in 2011, Holt County citizens have found themselves on the opposite side of the spectrum this summer — happy to be where they are.

The summer of 2012 in rural Northwest Missouri has been one of many shades of brown, with crops and plants withering in the dry, scorching weather. The same can't be said for Holt County, which is using its position alongside the Missouri River to bring irrigation to many of its thriving, green crops.

"We certainly know that we're going to see yields that are reduced and crops that didn't make it to their full potential, but we are feeling a bit blessed here," County

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ABOVE: During the 1980s, many of Dustin Binder's Holt County neighbors thought he was strange to install center pivot irrigation on his fields west of Mound City. The drought years of 1987-88 made the extra work and expense pay off. Many of those irrigation systems were under water in last year's flooding, but in the typical feast or famine nature of farming, fields he has irrigated are doing well contrasted to the drought-stricken crops that are not watered.

LEFT: A center pivot irrigation system does this field south of Big Lake no good with tons of sand from last year's flooding yet to be cleared off.

Copper thieves strike Hyde Park

Christmas supplies among other items taken

By CLINTON THOMAS
St. Joseph News-Press

The latest copper raid on city facilities seems straight from the pages of Dr. Seuss.

Parks Department officials have learned thieves struck Hyde Park in late July, where they stole supplies for the annual South Pole holiday lighting display.

Superintendent of Parks Jeff Atkins said he was told of the crime Wednesday, but it likely happened one to two weeks ago.

"They broke into our storage building and rummaged through and picked and choosed what they wanted," Mr. Atkins.

The thieves cut the building's padlock and made off with 11 500-foot spools of 12-gauge copper wire used to power the light displays and three fiberglass ladders — 12-foot, eight-foot and six-foot models — which could help them in future thefts.

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Priest pleads guilty in child porn case

By KRISTIN HOPPA
St. Joseph News-Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— A priest in the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to five counts of producing and possessing child pornography.

The Rev. Shawn Ratigan, 46, pleaded guilty to four counts of producing child pornography and one count of attempted

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KCI changing electronic signs, expects vehicle congestion

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — Officials of Kansas City International Airport are advising travelers to give themselves extra time to get to the airport because of construction that could cause congestion for nearly two months.

Spokesman Joe McBride says the airport is replacing six overhead signs along the

main roads to the airport to help people more easily find their flights.

He says the new electronic signs will be more visible and attractive than the old ones, and will allow airport employees to change messages from their offices instead of on the roadside.

Work on the \$1 million project begins Tuesday and is expected to last six to seven weeks.

Daily Camp Notes

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