

**Ted Glasco and Melanie Bock** 

# Couple announce their engagement

engagement. They are planning Norton. an Oct. 4 wedding at Living Water Fellowship, Bird City.

City, Melodie is a graduate of Air Force, he holds a bachelor's on her master's degree in Afghanistan.

Melodie Jean Bock and Ted school counseling. Melodie is a D. Glasco are announcing their high school biology teacher in

Ted is the son of Lynn and Candy Glasco, Bird City. He is a The daughter of Charley graduate of Cheylin High School. and Roberta Bock, Cawker A Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Waconda East High School. degree in computer science from She holds a bachelor's degree Kansas State University and a in Biology from Fort Hays master's degree in Aerospace State University and a biblical Science from Oklahoma State degree in youth ministry from University. He is stationed at the Victory Bible Institute, Tulsa, Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Okla. She is currently working and is currently deployed to

# Local girls win Elks essay contest

held an essay contest this year tough, but they are mentally titled was "What Does Veterans tough. Day Mean to Me?" The essay was not to exceed 250 words. It was judged on originality, about. I would be very scared. development of theme, Veterans deserve credit beyond mechanics, and neatness. Madi explaining. November eleventh Tice's Americanism essay was is an exceptional way to show selected first. She will receive them our thanks. a certificate and \$50 from the lodge. Her essay will proceed to the district judging. Zoe Veterans Day is the day to give Sundstrom's Americanism essay thanks to the heroes of this placed second. She will receive nation in order to be free and a certificate and \$25. Her essay enjoy living. This day gives will also will be forwarded on thanks to the ones who died out for District judging.

"What an honor for these two eighth made it home. That is what students! I'm very proud of their accomplishments! My does it mean to you? congratulations to them!' exclaimed Mrs. Holzwarth, middle school language arts teacher.

Following are the contest winners:

#### What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?

November eleventh, does this date mean anything to you? This date is the day we thank those who served and risked their lives everyday to let us enjoy our lives. Without these men and women, we might not be here are called veterans.

"The Great War" or World War I ended when the treaty was signed on June 28, 1919. Seven months earlier, when fighting the 11th day of the 11th month ceased the between allied nations in 1918, an armistice between and Germany which went into Germany and the Allied nations effect on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. This is why November eleventh is the day we thank our veterans

the most important days of the to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. year. Why? Those people are our heroes. They should be the ones we look up to. Not many people give second thoughts about our Veterans. When you see a veteran wearing their uniform, what do you think? Do you think about how much he/ she had gone through to still be their injuries. I have heard many living? Or maybe if they are with interesting war stories from my their family, do you think about grandpa. I am proud to call him how hard it was to leave? I think a veteran because he served

The Goodland Elks Lodge veterans are not just physically

I wouldn't be able to leave and go to a country I knew nothing

On Veterans Day do you stop and think about veterans? on the battlefield. It also gives awesome recognition to those who have Veterans Day means to me. What

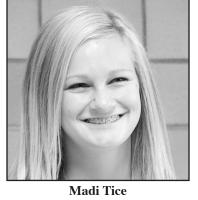
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#### What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?

What do you think when you hear the words Veterans Day? Do you think of Veterans Day as a holiday honoring veterans who have served in the U.S Armed Forces? Veterans Day is a remembrance of US veterans and victims of all wars. It is a day filled with pride for those who died in our country's service.

November 11 is the today. These men and women anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. On the 11th hour of came into effect. In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I. Veterans Day used to be called Armistice Day until June To me, Veterans Day is one of 1, 1954. The name was changed veterans.

> The veterans who served in the army should be appreciated and never forgotten. My grandpa is a veteran who served in World War II. He flew planes carrying people who had been shot or hurt while battling to get help for



my country to help it become a enlist in fighting for our country.

On Veterans Day I think about fought in a war to make our the veterans who fought in a country a free and wonderful war. I think what it would have place to live in. What do you been like to get drafted and not think of on Veterans Day? be able to finish school, or to

Zoe Sunstrum I appreciate all the veterans who

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### Higher gas prices may increase utility bills

of record low temperatures and "polar vortexes" hitting large parts of the country. Combined in daily prices right now; we've with depleted natural gas storage seen prices on some pipelines supplies nationwide, the likely above \$30 per million BTU," result will be higher gas bills for February and March.

"With all the cold weather last month in the Midwest and Northeast, gas storage supplies and we can offset these higher are at a five-year low, and forecasts for most of the country are calling for below normal temperatures," said Riedel, senior gas scheduler for Midwest Energy. "Our two main depending on the size and pipeline suppliers have put out age of the home, number of critical notices indicating tighter supplies, and usage remains very high, so we're having to buy more expensive gas than last month."

Midwest Energy's January customers manage their energy gas price averaged \$4.73 for bills, including energy assistance January, so a home using 140 therms (about 14 million BTUs) payment options. Details for used \$66.22 in gas. Early February daily prices for gas at www.mwenergy.com or by so far are about 90 cents higher calling 1-800-222-3121. than January; if those prices stay

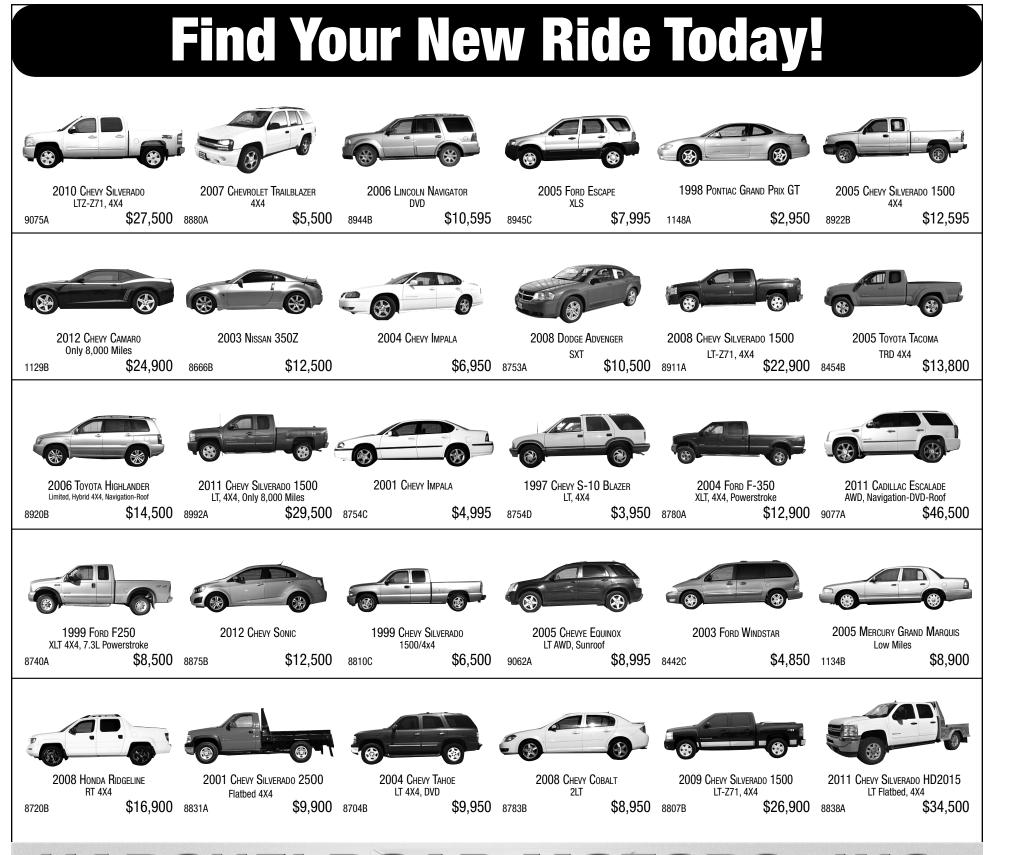
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Natural gas prices have spiked in consistent through February, the recent days, due to several weeks cost of gas for that same home would climb to \$78.82.

> "We're seeing a lot of volatility said Pat Parke, Midwest Energy's vice president of customer service. "Hopefully, daily prices will moderate later this month costs, but we wanted customers to be informed so they're not surprised when they open their Dixie February and March bills."

Bills vary by customer gas appliances, number in the household, thermostat settings and levels of insulation.

Midwest Energy has in place a number of tools to help and efficiency tips, and several these programs can be found



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