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Chester parolees face meth trafficking charge

By Travis Lott

Two Chester men were arrested September 29 and accused of having an enormous amount of meth in their possession.

According to Chester Police Chief Bobby Helmers, a Chester officer spotted a 2001 white Ford F-150 headed for Chester across the Chester bridge at 12:46 a.m. The officer ran the vehicle's license plate and discovered that the plate was suspended.

The officer stopped the vehicle at Barb's Bounty at 832 Lehman Drive. During the stop, the driver, 49-year-old Michael Mattingly of Chester, was asked if police could search the vehicle.

Mattingly declined, and the officer called for a K-9 unit from Steeleville to sniff around the truck.

The dog indicated the presence of drugs in the vehicle, and the officer then asked passenger Derril Heath, 54, of Chester, to step out of the truck.

When Heath stepped out, the officer spotted two bags of what he believed to be meth in the seat.

When the police searched the vehicle, they also found another bag of what is believed to be meth in a cigarette pack, a glass pipe, a fixed blade knife in the driver's side door, a spring-assist knife with a blade over three inches in length and \$966 in cash.

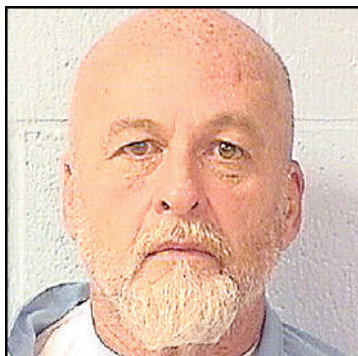
The meth totaled more than 70 grams.

Both men were arrested and taken to the Randolph County Jail.

While at the jail, the Chester officer called the Illinois



Michael Mattingly



Derril Heath

Department of Corrections about Heath's parole status. IDOC then issued a warrant for Heath for a parole violation, and he was transferred to Menard Correctional Center.

Helmers said Mattingly is on parole as well, but corrections has not yet issued a warrant for his transfer.

Mattingly was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle, operating a vehicle with suspended registration, armed violence (possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony) and meth trafficking.

Aside from the warrant from corrections, Heath was also cited for meth trafficking and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Owl rescue near Chester

This great horned owl became the newest patient October 1 at the World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis. The bird, which appeared to have a broken wing, was found by Jason Stallman at his family farm near Chester Sunday morning. The owl tried to move a few times, but with no luck. Stallman called the World Bird Sanctuary, and within a short time, someone arrived to pick it up. Stallman was given an identification number for the bird so he can track the owl's recovery, and if all goes well, it will be released back into its natural habitat at the Stallman farm. The World Bird Sanctuary has treated more than 11,000 birds in its wildlife hospital. If you find a sick or injured bird of prey, you can call the sanctuary at 636-225-4390.

Gilster mural sees new life

Artist is member of the Mississippi Valley Art Guild

By Travis Lott

With the help of several people, the mural on the side of the Gilster Mary Lee building has been restored to its former glory.

The final of four paintings that make up the images at the corners of the murals was hung a couple of months ago, finalizing what had been a yearslong process to rehabilitate the local landmark.

The four paintings were done by Waterloo artist Barb Schrieber, a member of the Mississippi Valley Art Guild in Chester.

Schrieber, despite being from Waterloo, joined the Chester art club after being asked to teach a class there. She said she got to know the people there and enjoyed spending time with them, taking other classes as a student at the guild.

The Gilster mural has seen many changes over the years, originally being painted by an artist from Du Quoin before being redone two more times.

The original work had been painted directly on the brick wall. However, over the years, the four images would fade or become damaged, warranting replacement. The images were repainted on wood and hung on the mural. However, that would eventually wear as well.

This time, Jack Hutchinson with corporate engineering and compli-

ance at Gilster wanted to find a way for the pictures to last.

Hutchinson said the project involved several people contributing ideas to make it work.

Eventually, it was decided that the images would be painted on smaller works and reprinted and pasted to metal hangings that could be displayed.

That printing work was done by Main Street Sign in Perryville.

Through the art guild, Gilster connected with Schrieber, who used imagery that she found in Gilster's museum to depict the history of the company, such as the farmer in the field, the Gilster truck and the old Buena Vista Mill.

Schrieber sketched out the works on 20x40-inch foam core boards and painted them with acrylic paint.

Hutchinson took the first painting to Main Street Sign as a test to make sure the images would not become blurry when blown up to the larger 4x8-foot size. When that worked, Schrieber finished the other three paintings.

Schrieber was not responsible for the entire mural, however.

Hutchinson said a Gilster employee made the flour sack at the top center of the mural, and Ted Mueller of Chester, who has had a

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Barb Schrieber stands with her artwork outside Gilster-Mary Lee in Chester.

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POLICE

Weekly police blotter

Brandon L. Pulliam, 36, of Tamms was arrested September 28 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office on an Alexander County warrant for failure to appear in court for possession of meth. Pulliam was jailed.

Brayan A. Carrillo Pablo, 20, of Chester was arrested September 29 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for driving an uninsured vehicle. Pablo was released on a recognizance bond.

Matthew A. Banks, 33, of Alton was arrested September 29 by Chester police for driving an uninsured vehicle and unlawful display of license plate. Banks was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Joshua W. Bowlin, 28, of Sparta was arrested October 1 by Coulterville police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for driving on a suspended or revoked license. Bowlin was released on a recognizance bond.

Kenneth D. Smith, 41, of Prairie du Rocher was arrested September 29 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia and on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for unlawful possession of controlled substance. Smith was released on a recognizance bond.

David J. Cathcart, 42, of Marissa was ticketed September 27 by Sparta police for driving a vehicle that had suspended registration. Cathcart was given a notice to appear in court.

Nolan T. Stunson, 70, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police September 29 for retail theft. Stunson was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Miguel Hernandez Pastor-Hernandez, 29, of Percy was arrested September 30 by Steelville police for DUI, driving without a valid driver's license and improper lane usage. Pastor-Hernandez was released on conditions of the pre-trial services act.

Ashlee J. Burkey, 35, of Memphis, Tennessee was arrested October 1 by Sparta police for possession of meth with intent to deliver, possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of ammunition by a felon, driving an uninsured vehicle and disobeying traffic control device. Burkey was jailed.

Leah R. Peterson, 25, of Sparta was arrested September 24 by Sparta police for criminal defacement of property. Peterson was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Norika A. Covington, 32, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police September 30 on a Randolph County warrant for trespassing. Covington was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Clinton L. Chandler, 49, of Ste. Genevieve was arrested September 30 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office for possession of meth with intent to deliver, driving without a valid driver's license and improper lane usage. Chandler was jailed.

Perry Co. prison sentences

Perry County State's Attorney David Searby announced the following sentences.

Travis Elder
Travis L. Elder Jr., 30, of Du Quoin was sentenced September 12 to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Elder pleaded guilty to unlawful use or possession of a weapon by a felon, a Class 2 felony.

Brandon Elder
Brandon T. Elder, 39, of Du Quoin was sentenced September 13 to four years in prison.

Elder pleaded guilty to unlawful use or possession of weapons by a felon, a Class 3 felony, and driving while his license was revoked, a Class 4 felony.

He received a sentence of four years on the weapons charge and two years on the driving charge, but the sentences will be served concurrently.

Laura Kastner
Laura J. Kastner, 37, of Mt. Vernon was sentenced September 15 to three years in prison.

Kastner pleaded guilty to aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony.

Seth Haslett
Seth W. Haslett, 22, of Ava was sentenced September 21 to one year in prison.

Haslett pleaded guilty to criminal damage to government-supported property, a Class 4 felony.

Brian Farlow
Brian L. Farlow, 36, of Du Quoin was

sentenced September 22 to seven years in prison.

Farlow pleaded guilty to unlawful use or possession of a weapon by a felon and possession of a stolen firearm, both Class 2 felonies.

Justin Miller
Justin J. Miller, 41, of Pinckneyville was sentenced September 26 to a eight years in prison.

Miller pleaded guilty to possession of meth and unlawful use or possession of weapons by a felon, both Class 3 felonies.

Miller was sentenced to five years on the meth charge and eight years on the weapons charge, and the sentences will run concurrently.

Firemen respond to two calls in P'ville

Attic damaged garage destroyed in two incidents

By Travis Lott
Pinckneyville firemen were called to two homes over the past week.

According to Pinckneyville Fire Chief Jim Gielow, the first call came in September 27 at 9:55 p.m., when firemen were called to the home of Raymond Heatherly at 319 Bathon Drive.

Occupants of the home noticed an issue with an electrical circuit and started to investigate. One of them noticed smoke coming from the attic and called for emergency services.

When firemen arrived, they too saw smoke coming from the attic, but it took some time to get to the fire because there was no interior access.

Firemen were able to break through an upper window and found a small fire burning. The crew then opened up a portion of the roof to put out the fire.

"Once they found it, they put it out pretty quickly," Gielow said.

Aside from the smoke damage and the access hole in the roof cut by firemen, Gielow said

one of the rafters had burned in two.

The fire was caused by an electrical issue. Firemen were at the scene for about an hour.

In the second call, Pinckneyville firemen were called September 30 at 6:20 a.m. to the home of Michael Williams at 902 South Main Street.

It is not clear how the fire started, but firemen arrived to find the detached garage engulfed in flames.

Firemen began with an exterior attack, dumping water on the garage to knock down the bulk of the flames.

As the fire was knocked down, Gielow said his department requested the assistance of a local contractor to use a track hoe to pull down some of the garage walls so they could extinguish any other flames.

Gielow said the garage was full of appliances and other miscellaneous items, which were destroyed.

The fire was contained to the garage, and the nearby home

was not reported to have been damaged.

The Pinckneyville Fire Department was assisted by a crew from Du Quoin.

Firemen were at the scene for approximately two hours.

The Randolph County 911 office, the sheriff's office and Sparta Police Department have unveiled a new service.

If a citizen cannot safely make a voice 911 call in case of an emergency, the caller can send a text message to 911.

Text to 911 can be done by typing 911 in the phone number or To: field—no other numbers are needed.

Examples for Text to

911 include:

- deaf, hard of hearing callers or individuals with a speech disability;

- a caller who is unable to speak due to a medical condition or

- an emergency that would put the caller in danger when making a voice call, including abduction, domestic violence or active shooter situation.

Callers who use Text to 911 should provide their exact address or

location, explain the type of emergency, be prepared to promptly answer questions sent back from the telecommunicators and use plain language, not abbreviations, symbols, emoticons or photos.

The message should be brief and concise.

It is strongly encouraged that the Text to 911 service not be used unless the emergency deems it necessary, and a 911 call cannot be made safely.

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December 1, 2022 (3:00pm)
December 8 & 22, 2023
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Digital billboard to be installed at Steeleville T

By Dan Zobel

A new digital billboard is coming to the west of Steeleville at the T.

During the September 29 Randolph County board meeting, the commissioners approved a zoning and map amendment for the sign to be placed at 5602 Rte. 4.

The company that is having the sign put up is Robinson Outdoor. The property where the sign will be is owned by Rodney and Rebecca Rubach. The approved amendment will change the property from residential to commercial.

Danny Valleroy, the county's land resource director, explained that it will be a three-sided digital billboard. He said Robinson Outdoor will allow the county to also use the sign for things such as emergency alerts and messages.

In other news, health department Administrator Krista Mulholland said the facility has had a water leak.

Mulholland said PSI Plumbing of Sparta has determined that the leak, which ultimately

caused floor tiles to begin raising up, was caused by a leaky toilet.

PSI turned the water off to that fixture, so now, the department is looking into prices to have the toilet and some tiles replaced.

The health department is still waiting for the RSV and new COVID-19 vaccines.

She said that it is not recommended to receive the vaccines for COVID, RSV and flu at the same time.

Randolph County Care Center Administrator Michelle Cato said the center will hold its fall bazaar Friday, October 20 in the community center at the fairgrounds.

She noted that the center has 52 residents.

Commissioner Marc Kiehna reported that he recently met with care center residents and staff to give information and answer questions in regards to the upcoming HVAC and parking lot projects.

Highway department engineer Grant Deterding reported that the Highway 18 paving and shoulder work are fin-

ished, and pavement markings and some guardrail installation will complete the project.

The board approved to reappoint Ronnie White to the Tourism Committee on a term that will expire October 1, 2026. It also approved the new appointment of Deb Opel to the U of I Extension board on a term to expire September 1, 2024.

The board agreed on the times and dates for its next seven meetings: at 9 a.m. October 13 and 27, November 9 and 22, December 8 and 22, and at 3 p.m. December 1.

During public comment, Rick Hall voiced his concern about individuals using ATVs, UTVs and side-by-sides on county roads.

He said he has had relatives injured and killed because of reckless use of these vehicles.

"There are a lot of incidents that don't get reported because they are not supposed to be out there anyway," Hall said. "It's not a matter of if somebody will get hurt or killed, it's when and who."

Giannoulis recommends permanent increase to age requirement for driving test

By Andrew Adams
Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis filed administrative rules this week that would increase the age at which drivers are required to pass driving tests when they renew their licenses, raising the age from 75 to 79.

The rules, proposed by Giannoulis to the legislative Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, would keep in place a state policy that went into effect during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the pandemic, lawmakers in Springfield temporarily modified several requirements for driver's licenses to ease strain on the secretary of state's office, which oversees driver services facilities. That included the age increase for required driver tests.

But that policy was scheduled to expire October 1, so Giannoulis' office filed emergency rules to extend it beyond that date, along with identical permanent rules.

The rulemaking committee's next regular meeting is planned for October 17 in Chicago, at which point it can determine whether to leave the rules in place, request changes

or file an objection.

"This change would make Illinois driving standards for senior drivers more consistent compared to other states while keeping Illinois as one of the strictest states for license renewals," Giannoulis wrote in a news release.

Under pandemic-related policy and the rules proposed by Giannoulis, all drivers 78 and younger must renew their licenses every four years. At age 79, drivers must complete a driving test as part of that process.

State policies for those 79 and older would not change under Giannoulis' proposed rules. Drivers 81 to 86 must renew their licenses and take a vision and driving test every two years, and drivers 87 and older must renew their licenses and take those tests every year.

Illinois is the only state in the country that has a driving test requirement for people over a certain age. Illinois also requires more frequent driver's license renewals for people over 80, something only 23 states require.

The change will affect approximately 3 percent of Illinois' driving population, according to the secre-

tary of state's office.

As part of the temporary change, the secretary of state's office issued a report on driving safety among older drivers, which found that drivers 75 and older were involved in fewer crashes than those aged 16 to 69 years, even after the temporary rule change went into effect.

Age-related requirements for drivers have been a longtime issue for AARP Illinois, an advocacy group that represents the interests of those over 50.

Ryan Gruenfelder, outreach and advocacy manager at AARP Illinois, told Capitol News Illinois that AARP receives complaints about age-related requirements for drivers, noting that they make competent drivers feel targeted for their age.

He said the organization will continue to work with the secretary of state's office and advocate for using a person's mobility or indicators of driving behavior to trigger possible driving test requirements, regardless of age.

"Age alone is not determinative of driving performance," said Gruenfelder.

Area walk-in flu clinics

The Randolph County Health Department will host numerous walk-in flu clinics during the month of October.

Individuals can also call the health department at 618-826-5007 to schedule an appointment for a different date and time.

The types of vaccines available are

- high dose for 65 and older
- regular dose for 6 months and older
- flu mist, which is an option for those 2 to 49.

Prairie du Rocher village hall, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

October 4
Sparta Senior Site, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

October 5
Steeleville Village Hall, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Randolph County Health Department, Chester, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

October 10
Randolph County Health Department, Chester, 8 to noon

October 11
Evansville American Legion, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

October 12
Chester Senior Site, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Coulterville Village

Hall, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
October 13
Red Bud VFW, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

October 16
Baldwin Community Center, 10:30 to noon

October 17
Randolph County Health Department, Chester, 8 to noon

October 24
Randolph County Health Department, Chester, 8 to noon

October 26
Percy Village Hall, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Tilden village hall, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

October 31
Randolph County Health Department, Chester, 8 to noon

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OPINIONS

Obscurity's Magnet

By Matt Meacham

Why I am and am not a populist

Words that have multiple definitions sometimes elicit confusion. That's doubly true when those definitions, though distinct, are interrelated to such an extent that it isn't always obvious which one is being invoked. It's triply true when such an ambiguously polysemous word is used imprecisely or simplistically.

Such is the case with "populism." Following several decades during which that word occurred relatively infrequently in public discourse, the past 10 years have witnessed the publication of hundreds of books by major publishers—at least 500, if I'm interpreting my Google Books search results correctly—examining numerous varieties, characteristics and ramifications of populism. Academic journal articles about populism have proliferated similarly.

A Google News search on Saturday afternoon yielded 220 magazine and newspaper articles containing "populism" published in the preceding week alone. Likewise, as of Monday evening, more than 150 videos involving "populism" had been uploaded to YouTube over the past seven days.

In such videos, articles, books and countless public and private conversations, "populism" is used to designate a wide range of political, social and cultural phenomena. In many instances, those phenomena differ from each other yet resemble one another enough that it may be unclear which one is being referenced, especially if the writer or speaker uses the word inconsistently or vaguely.

Although I enthusiastically affirm some ideas, movements, traditions and trends currently described as "populist," I strongly denounce others. I find some versions of populism intelligent, inspiring and morally edifying. I consider other versions stupid, repulsive and morally bankrupt.

Some populisms are healthy and constructive. Others are toxic and destructive, and frankly, I'm horrified that so many of my fellow Americans apparently not only condone them but eagerly embrace them.

(In many cases, I don't entirely blame people who espouse populisms that I find appalling. Various factors, including some very legitimate ones, explain, at least partly, why their viewpoints have evolved as they have. Explanations aren't necessarily excuses, however. Physical menacing is never an acceptable political tactic. Also, it seems self-evident to me that there are better ways to reject stale cornbread and beans than to devour a plateful of poisonous mushrooms out of spite.)

Populisms have profoundly consequential implications for our national life in the present and near future and for our participation in it as citizens and voters. Furthermore, I've identified myself as a populist several times in this column, and I'd like to explain what I mean—and don't mean—by that.

For those reasons, I'll use the remainder of this installment of *Obscurity's Magnet* and the next one to present several definitions of "populism" currently in use (as best I understand them) and to indicate which ones apply to me, which don't, and why. Let's start with one that does, for the most part.

Definition 1: "Any ideology contending that public-sector institutions should address the needs, serve the interests and reflect the values of the common people, and that if they cease to do so, they should be reformed. A related contention is that such institutions tend to evolve in such a way as to suit the needs, interests and values of the establishment or the elite at the common people's expense. Therefore, measures aimed at reforming institutions and distributing political power and public resources more equitably are often warranted."

This definition raises the question of who constitutes "the common people." Some populisms answer that question inclusively and pluralistically, encompassing everyone who doesn't obviously belong to "the establishment or the elite," regardless of race, gender, religion or other group affiliations.

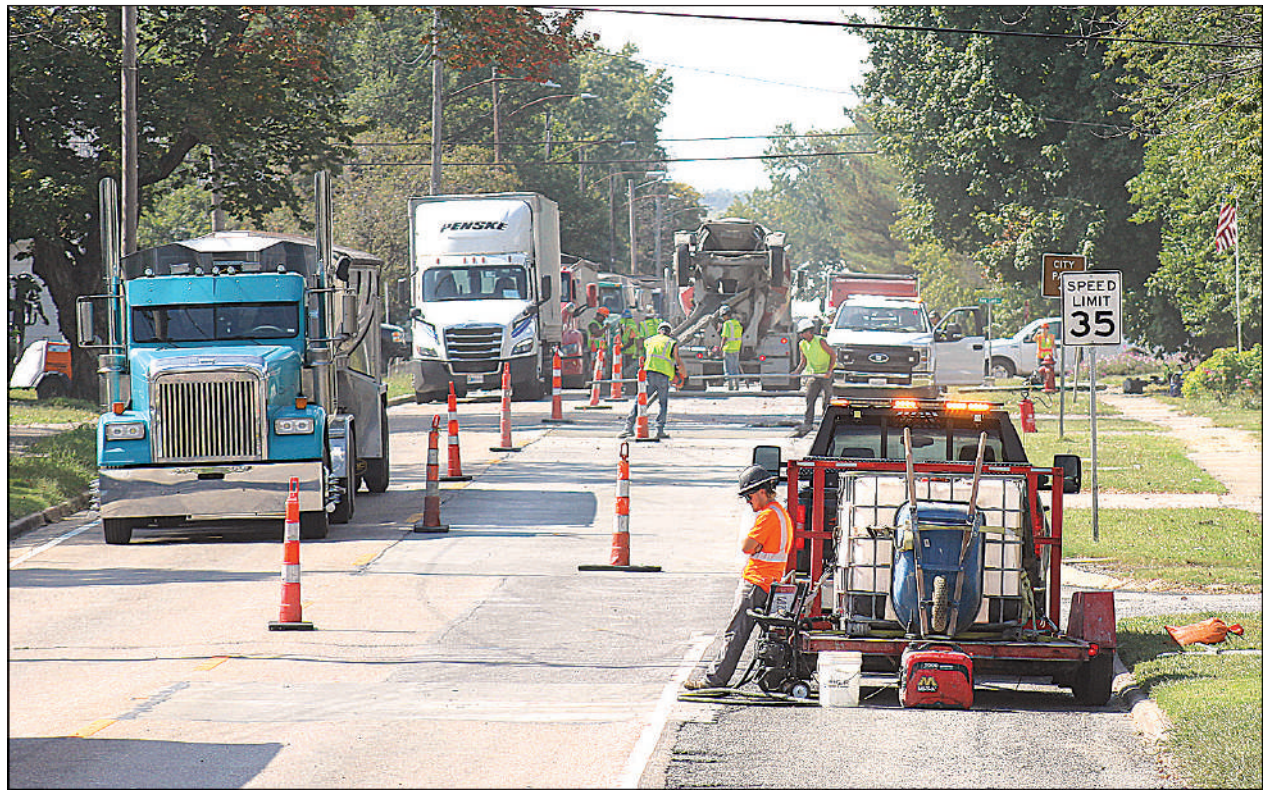
Others define "the common people" narrowly, excluding people of certain ethnicities, religions and identities and blaming those people at least as much as they blame "the establishment or the elite" for their grievances.

I favor more inclusive versions of populism. In fact, I believe that mitigating obscene disparities of wealth, sustaining our communities and our best cultural and moral traditions, and enabling people other than those who occupy the topmost rung of the socioeconomic ladder to exert some degree of influence over their own destinies requires cooperation among people of various identities.

Therefore, I oppose versions of identity politics that antagonize people who should be allies, whether the so-called Christian nationalism of the Right or the counterproductively dogmatic "identity synthesis" (as scholar Yascha Mounk calls it) of the Left.

Questions? Comments? Contact magnetobscurity@gmail.com.

Why not fix it right the first time?



Well, they're at it again—crews patching Route 150-4 from the Percy tee going west. Those of you who make that drive every day have seen this play out several times over the past several years.

Crews come in and either fill potholes with asphalt, or they jack hammer crumbling concrete and replace it with new concrete.

The photo above was taken Tuesday, October 3 in Percy.

The problem is these quick-fix patches do not last. The road continues to dete-

riorate beyond the patches.

Concrete patches that were poured a year or so ago were ripped out last week and replaced with new ones.

And if you have driven over those new patches, you already know they are just as rough as the ones they replaced.

We keep being told that the existing pavement—all of it—will eventually be ripped up, and a new roadway will be built.

We have not been told when that will happen.

One source told us

the state has already spent over \$1.2 million on patches, with more to come. It seems to us that would pay for a decently long section of brand new pavement with a brand new base that will hold up to the truck traffic that uses it every day.

Many of those same trucks travel on the Randolph-Perry County Line Road, which was completely upgraded years ago to coincide with the opening of the coal mine there. That road is holding up well under the truck traffic, proof that existing

roads can indeed be improved to handle those kinds of loads.

Local drivers deserve to have the rough stretches of Route 150-4 replaced, not just patched, and they deserve to have it done sooner rather than later.

Even if it's only a half mile of the westbound lane from the Percy tee to the Percy village limits, that would be a start.

Pouring one patch then waiting to pour the next one in a year or so is not the answer and is a waste of the tax money you pay on every gallon of fuel you buy.

A Musing View®

By Martha Peebles

Questions all of us ask

Did you ever wonder why goldfish are orange? Shouldn't they be called orangefish instead? I ask myself this every day when I go out to feed and pet them.

Since we have no other pets to pet, I have developed a close relationship with my fish. Every spring when the pond thaws, it takes some time for us to get reacquainted. They also must be really hungry and willing to put up with me touching them before they get to eat. Eventually, I have them eating out of my hand.

The other day when I had my grandkids in Sunday school, we were discussing all of the beautiful things God has made, like humans and animals. We also talked about those animals that we find not so beautiful, like spiders, snakes, worms and sharks. The mention of sharks got Johnnie's attention.

At 7, he knows a lot about sharks, but I had to laugh when he said, "I bet if sharks walked around on land, they would be asking people to jump into their mouths."

As we all know, there is a season and time for everything. Why do we spring forward and fall back? Couldn't we spring back and fall forward just as easily? When we say slim chance, don't we mean the same as fat chance? If you have fun wasting time, is it really time wasted?

Why are pizza boxes square and pizza is round? On that same note, why is bread square and most sandwich meat round? Why do we cook bacon and bake cookies? Why is vanilla ice cream white, but vanilla extract is brown? Why is there a light in your refrigerator but not in your freezer?

Have you ever questioned how we know

that dog food has improved taste? Speaking of tastes, do cannibals think clowns taste funny? Can you have a daydream at nighttime? Can you get dandruff if you are bald? Why does your nose run and your feet smell? When did duct tape become duck tape? Why do we park in the driveway and drive on the parkway? Can you ever be in the wrong place at the right time?

Is the opposite of opposite the same or opposite? How far east can you go before you are traveling west? If a cave has a cave-in, is it still called a cave? Why do we call them buildings if buildings are already built? If you decide to be indecisive then which are you? Does a staircase go up or down? Why do we make exceptions to the rules if we all should follow the rules? Is there another word for the-

saurus? How do you describe something that is indescribable?

Can fish get seasick? Are pets really pets if you cannot pet them? Sometimes people laugh when I tell them I have pet goldfish. Technically, since I do pet them, they can be pets. However, I will never be sure if their floating fish food tastes good; it smells terrible. They like it, that is all that matters.

Just FYI regarding the history of goldfish. In ancient China, once breeding began around 300 AD, a color mutation appeared, causing yellow-orange scales. Yellow was designated the imperial color and forbidden to be kept by anyone except members of the royal family.

We commoners had to stick with the orange version and call them goldfish.

Go figure.

Quinn Minute

By Rix Quinn

Life expectancy

Is there any proven way to improve life expectancy?

Personally, I'd like to make it to 100. Each year, I try to eliminate one bad habit, and now I have none. That's depressing.

The average life expectancy in the U.S. today is 77.2 years. So, if you're an average person who's 77.1, schedule that annual physical real soon.

Here's something weird: the older you get, the longer you might live. If you're 75 right now, you can expect to live 11.5 more years if you avoid high-risk behavior.

For instance, driving a big car is low risk. Trying to lift one is outrageously high risk.

Did you know women outlive men by five years? I told this to my wife, and she found it

both comforting and amusing.

Why the longevity difference?

I interviewed several women, who said, "It's because we're smarter." When I asked guys the same question, they said the dead men were just looking for a way to get out of the house.

Way back in 1900, the average life expectancy was only 47.3 years.

Then folks decided that expiring before 50 was a stupid career move, so they started taking better care of themselves.

Last week I read about a lady over 100 who said a long life comes from working hard, eating vegetables, and thinking clean thoughts.

Thus far, I've followed 66% of that advice.

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Steeleville town board approves requests for holiday activities

The Steeleville town board granted several requests Monday night related to traditional Halloween and Christmas activities.

Ghosts and goblins will be allowed to trick or treat Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. As in past years, Sunset Drive will be limited to one-way traffic during that time.

The Steeleville Chamber of Commerce's trunk or treat will be held on the village hall parking lot that same evening from 6 to 7:30. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside the old firehouse in the village hall complex.

The board then took action on a couple of Christmas-related requests.

A permit for this year's Small Town Christmas lighted parade was approved.

It will be held Friday, November 24 at 6 p.m., starting at the Legion and continuing down Broadway to the village hall, where other activities will be held.

More details on the Small Town Christmas will be released at a later date.

The board also gave approval to the Steele-

Christmas parade set for November 24

ville Rotary Club's request for the light pole decorating contest, which benefits the Angel Tree program.

Pole decorating can be done November 19 through January 7.

In other action, the board approved the high bids for the sale of two police cars. As reported last month, the cars were put up for auction, but none of the bids met the \$5,000 reserve price. The highest bid on the 2014 Ford Explorer was \$4,500, and the highest on the 2013 squad car, which was Percy's old police car, was \$4,100.

Police chief Jim Zeidler was authorized to see what the cars were worth on trade-in to a dealer, but he said those offers were not suitable, so the cars were again put up for the online auction.

The 2013 sedan was sold to a private individual in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for \$5,000. The 2014 Explorer was sold to a

private individual in Country Club Hills, Illinois for \$3,500.

A contract for engineering services was approved with HMG, based in Breese, in the amount of \$67,798.

The work is in relation with the construction of a new sidewalk that will run from Legion Park to the Westfield Meadows subdivision. That sidewalk will be 10 feet wide to allow for bicycles and pedestrians.

Nutrition site coordinator Becky Kiehna noted that, due to donations from some local businesses, meals will be provided to senior citizens at no charge. The remaining dates are October 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26.

The donors are First National Bank of Steeleville, First State Bank of Campbell Hill, Mevert Automotive & Tire Center, Knight Hawk Coal, Steeleville Chamber of Commerce, Terrin Thies State Farm Insurance, Man-

or At Craig Farms, Steeleville Eagles and Steeleville American Legion Auxiliary.

Village treasurer and office assistant Donna Woods tendered her resignation, but the board postponed action on accepting it.

Zeidler informed the board that work on the final segment of the South Sparta Street resurfacing project should begin after Oktoberfest. Still to be completed is one block from Broadway to Massachusetts Street.

Fire hydrants will be flushed October 16, 17 and 18.

Zeidler reported that police responded to 273 calls during the month of September, 139 in Steeleville, 100 in Percy, 9 between the town towns and 25 outside the patrol area.

There were also 30 code enforcement actions taken.

Assistant Fire Chief Terry Alms reported 18 in-town and 17 out-of-town calls for September, of which 26 were medical and 9 were fire-related.

The meeting was recessed until Tuesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Domestic violence is widespread in some of our local communities

By Travis Lott

For the first time, on October 2, Red Bud Mayor Susan Harbaugh signed a proclamation to designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city.

The resolution was brought to Harbaugh by Kay Clements, a board member for the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois in Belleville.

Prior to the meeting, Red Bud Scout troops worked with Clements to hang purple ribbons around town in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

During Monday night's city council meeting, Clements addressed the board after Harbaugh read the proclamation.

Clements said she has been an active member of the Violence Prevention Center for about 25 years, taking up the cause after her daughter was shot and killed by an abusive boyfriend.

"That's my passion," Clements said, "and my biggest passion is education and high schools, because that's where she was when she started in her four years of being abused."

Clements has spoken to students at Red Bud High School and other Monroe and St. Clair county schools.

During her statement, Clements laid out some dire statistics about the prevalence and seriousness of domestic violence in our nation and local community.

- On average, 20 people per minute experience domestic violence in the United States.

- One in three female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner.

- One in three females and one in seven males experience do-



Red Bud Mayor Susan Harbaugh and Kay Clements of the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois

Red Bud city council adopts awareness proclamation

mestic violence in a single year.

- Females between 16 and 24 are three times more apt to be abused than any other age group.

- Only one in four parents speak to their children about domestic violence or teen dating violence.

- Between March 2019 and October 2021, there were 20,000 calls to the domestic violence hotline in Randolph, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

The Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois oper-

ates a 24-hour crisis hotline. That number is 618-235-0892.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline number is 800-799-7233.

In other news, the city council approved an updated quote for the new car and body cameras for the police department. The cameras are provided by Midwest Public Safety of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the installation will be done by Roy Walker Communications of Makanda for a total cost not to exceed \$42,000.

Also approved was a reduction of setbacks

for the Red Bud Business Park; Southwest Central Water Plant Operators training for Chad Grohmann and Derek Allen; Red Bud Fire Department's family day at the city park October 21; Witches Night Out at various businesses around town October 26; ComWell's Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program at Ratz Park October 27; movie night and trunk or treat at Lincoln Park October 28; and the chamber of commerce's Holiday Happenings weekend November 18 and 19.

Gilster mural sees new life ... from Page 1

hand in the work before, repainted the background and the border.

While the artists involved and those at Gilster hope the materials used in the latest pieces will last

longer than the previous renderings of the mural, there is a backup plan.

"If the images fade, we still have the digital images," Hutchinson said. "Those can be reprinted."

Schriber said she's done smaller murals at churches or at individual homes, but this is the largest mural audience she's ever had.

"I'm honored (that) I could be a part of

history," Schriber said. "My kids and my grandchildren... one day we'll go to the parade or the festival in Chester, and they'll see my artwork mounted there."

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KidneyMobile Health Fair held

The Illinois Public Health Association and National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, in partnership with Memorial Hospital of Chester, Randolph County Health Department and Healthy Communities Alliance, hosted a free kidney and diabetes screening event September 19 at the Chester Legion.

The screenings included a urinalysis, blood pressure, blood sugar and HbA1c check and body mass index measurement.

There were 39 individuals participating, and 59 percent were in the abnormal range for one or more tests.

Valerie Blechle, family nurse practitioner with Memorial Hospital's Rural Health Clinics, and Rita Boyd, RN, PhD with SIUE School of Nursing, provided a consultation for each

person tested at the end of the screening to review the results.

"These results show how important the KidneyMobile program is to the Illinois communities we serve," said Regina White, senior KidneyMobile manager. "We greatly appreciate the partnerships in helping to spread the message of prevention and early detection of chronic kidney disease throughout Illinois."

"The support of our educational programs displays the community's dedication to the people they serve and provides increased awareness of the risks associated with untreated high blood pressure and diabetes."

In the United States, diabetes and high blood pressure are the leading causes of kid-

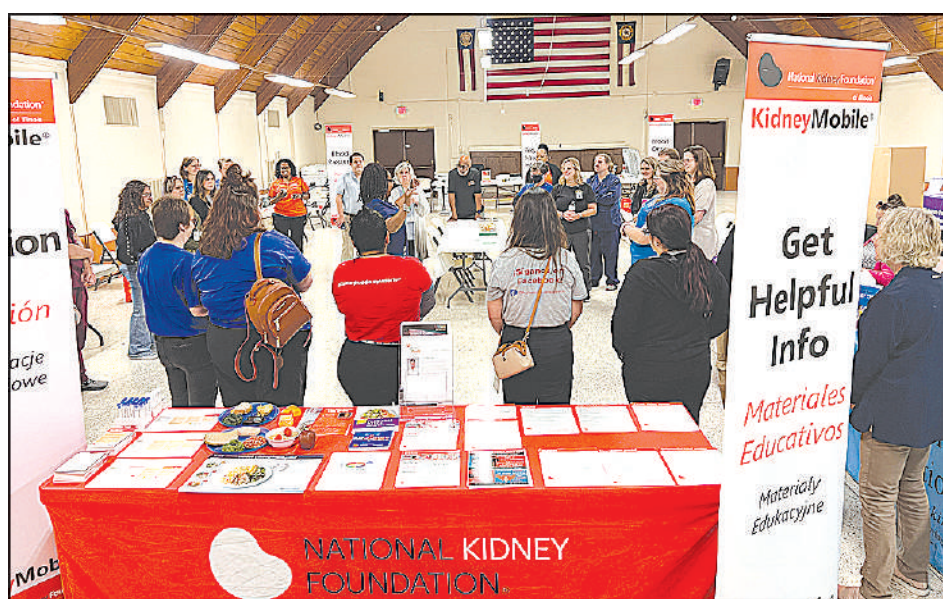
ney failure, accounting for 3 out of 4 new cases, according to the CDC.

Because kidney disease often develops slowly with few symptoms, it can frequently go undetected until it is very advanced.

Simple steps such as controlling blood pressure and blood sugar, keeping weight down, exercising regularly, quitting smoking and avoiding excessive use of pain medicine, can also help reduce risk.

"One in three American adults is at risk for kidney disease, while one in seven already have the disease," said Jacqueline Burgess-Bishop, chief executive officer of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Events like the one held in Chester help spread awareness of kidney disease and provide a resource



Participants receive training September 19 prior to the arrival of the volunteers in the free kidney and diabetes screening event at Memorial Hospital in Chester.

for people in the community to have access to free screening and catch early signs of problems.

Also attending the health fair were Memorial Hospital's diagnostic imaging, surgery and nursing departments, Me-

morial Community Pharmacy, ComWell, Marion VA Medical Center, Buena Vista National Bank, Alzheimer's Association, Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois, Secretary of State's Office Organ and Tissue Donation

Department, Restorix Health with Memorial's Wound Care Center, and Hoyleton Youth and Family Services Puentes de Esperanza (Bridges of Hope) members who also provided translation services during the event.



Butterfly garden

Steeleville Troop 8234 has completed its Girl Scout Bronze Award, which requires the girls to explore their community, discover a need or issue they care about and work together to address it. The girls learned about monarch butterflies being on the endangered list. They started a butterfly garden by planting milkweeds and flowers and making butterfly houses and are now observing butterflies, caterpillars and crickets. The girls were required to work a minimum of 20 hours each to complete this project. Those who completed their hours were, from left, Mallory Mueller, Emma Rieckenberg, Ellie Reed, Roselene Huey, Karinna Schnoeker and Isla Mitchell.

Sparta library gets PNG grant

The Sparta library is the recipient of a \$6,788 Project Next Generation grant from the Library Services and Technology Act with funds provided to the state library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The purpose of PNG is to bridge the digital divide by engaging 10 to 18-year-old students in educational pro-

grams and offering access to technology and mentors.

The Sparta library has received PNG funding for the last 10 years.

Past projects have included introduction to subjects such as aerodynamics/flight, robotics, cooking, veterans history, science/technology and 3D printing.

This year's after

school projects, which will begin in January, will provide students hands-on experience in the Microsoft Office programs of Word, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint.

For more information or to register, email sparta_illinois_library@gmail.com, visit the library at 211 W. Broadway or call 618-443-5014.

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Tips for your first mammogram

By Dr. Abby Harris
Red Bud Health Clinic



Dr. Abby Harris

The American College of Radiology recommends an annual mammogram for women starting at age 40.

Here's what to know when preparing for your first mammogram.

It is important to ask your provider if the facility offers 3D mammograms.

3D mammography is preferred because it allows the physicians to see multiple images of the breast in layers versus 2D, where two images are taken, one from the top and one from the side. 3D mammography improves visibility and detection of breast tumors, while reducing the frequency of false positives and the need for additional testing.

3D mammograms are recommended for all women, especially women with:

- young and/or dense breasts,
- BRCA mutation
- family history of breast cancer
- prior breast biopsy
- radiation to the chest.

It's important for women to consider other guidelines when scheduling their first screening mammogram.

Women must not be pregnant or breastfeeding

Women with implants should also have annual mammograms.

- The best time to schedule a screening mammogram is the week after your menstrual cycle.

- Do not schedule a mammogram for at least six weeks following any vaccinations.

- If there is a history of breast cancer in the family, your medical provider might recommend starting your screenings prior to age 40.

On the day of the exam, use the following tips to prepare.

- Wear a two-piece outfit, as you will need to remove everything from the waist up.

- Remove neck jewelry.
- Do not wear perfume, powder, lotion or deodorant on your breasts or under your arms.

- Avoid bringing children to your appointment.

- Wear flat, comfortable shoes, avoiding high heels.

- Screening mammograms do not require an order from a physician.

Women can schedule a mammogram by calling Red Bud Regional Hospital at 618-282-4900.



Mural celebration

Chester's Beatification and Tourism Commission will celebrate the completion of the mural at the corner of State and Swanwick streets near the high school Saturday, October 21 at 2 p.m.

COULTERVILLE TOWN BOARD

Redevelopment plan is approved

During its October 2 meeting, the Coulterville village board approved its redevelopment plan agreement with First State Bank of Campbell Hill.

In August, the board approved an agreement to sell the property at 106 Fourth

Street, the former Wilson Home Furnishing lot, for \$53,000 to First State Bank of Campbell Hill.

The bank plans to construct a new financial institution on the property.

If the bank does not develop the lot within

the next five years, the property will return to the village.

In other news, the board discussed a missing vase from a monument at the cemetery. No decision was made during the meeting concerning what to do about the issue.

The village cleanup day is Saturday, October 14.

Halloween trick or treat is set for Tuesday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The next village board meeting is Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m.



Featured artist

The Mississippi Valley Art Guild's featured artist for October is Bitzie Link of Chester, who studied art at SWIC. She works in mixed media with an emphasis on acrylic and fabric collage, exploring abstract landscapes with color, movement and texture. She uses the abstract to distance herself from perfectionism and enjoys creating in an intuitive way that lets the art help make itself. Link often uses her grandson's scribbling as a jumping off point. She is a lifelong creator with skill in sewing, paper mache, sculpting, painting, book binding and drawing. Her art can be seen in Chester at the Landmark, Southern Illinois Eye Center, Reids', Buena Vista Bank and the library.

Perry Co. Humane Society benefit

The semiannual yard sale and bake sale to benefit the Perry County Humane Society is this Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7 beginning at 7 a.m.

The indoor sale is at 14016 Highway 4 in Campbell Hill just south of the ball diamonds.

Event sponsors Pat Reuscher and LeeAnn Willis say you can't miss the sale because of the giant banners with dogs and cats on them right along the highway.

They said they will be selling everything from furniture to five flavors of cappuccino. People from miles around have donated items to sell, and their sisters and friends will be baking up a storm for anyone

with a sweet tooth.

"You won't want to miss this yard and bake sale," said Willis. "We've got everything from soup to nuts. Well, not really, but you get the drift."

"Come early and stay awhile. Shop and have some goodies while they last. As my mom used to say: You gotta get while the gettin's good."

The sale will also be held next Friday and Saturday.

All of the money raised these two weekends goes directly toward veterinary bills for the animals associated with the no-kill shelter in Du Quoin.

If you have any questions, call or text Willis at 618-318-5002.

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Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association announced last week its lineworkers' exceptional performance at the Lineworker's Safety Rodeo, organized by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

Eighteen teams gathered in Springfield to compete in the friendly competition, with representation from 14 electric co-ops and two municipalities.

The EECA team showcased their agility, speed, accuracy, and safety expertise against lineworkers from all over Illinois.

EECA was represented by linemen Andy Ahner of Carterville, Matt McElroy of Sparta and Mike Smith of Murphysboro.

They competed in various team and individual events, which included a 40-foot climb, pole top rescue, H-structure obstacle course, cutout change and head-to-head climbing challenge.

The scoring considered completion time, task execution and commitment to safety.

Despite fierce competition, the EECA team secured two first-place titles: the team pole-top hurt man rescue and the team cutout change.

Smith also brought home first place in the individual pole-top rescue, second place in the 40-foot pole speed climb and was crowned the climbing challenge champion.

McElroy snagged a third-place finish in the individual hurt man rescue.



Matt McElroy of Sparta, left, competes in the hurt man challenge.



Representing the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, from left are Andy Ahner of Carterville, Matt McElroy of Sparta and Mike Smith of Murphysboro.

Mercy honors list

Terri Little of Steeleville was recently recognized on the 2023 summer honors list at Mercy College of Ohio. Mercy has campuses in Toledo and Youngstown.

Little is studying medical imaging. To be named to the list, a student must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled in six to 11 credit hours.

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September/2023

A. INTRODUCTION

Kimmel Solar, LLC plans to submit a financing request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to construct the proposed Kimmel Solar, LLC Project (Project) in Perry County, Illinois. RBS is considering this financing request. Prior to taking a federal action (i.e., providing financial assistance), RBS is required to complete an environmental impact analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RD's NEPA implementing regulations, Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970). After completing an independent analysis of an environmental report prepared by Kimmel Solar, LLC and its consultant, RBS concurred with its scope and content. In accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102, RBS adopted the report and issued it as the Agency's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Project. RBS finds that the EA is consistent with federal regulations and meets the standards for an adequate assessment of an environmental report. RBS published a newspaper notice, announcing the availability of the EA for public review, in accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102. In addition, RBS considers the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 USC 470(f), and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE/NEED

The overall purpose of the Project is to provide a source of long-term renewable energy for the Applicant. Kimmel Solar, LLC published a newspaper notice, announcing the availability of the EA for public review, in accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102. In addition, RBS considers the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 USC 470(f), and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

C. ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED

1. No Action

Under the No Action Alternative, RBS would not provide financial assistance to Kimmel Solar, LLC, and/or the proposed Project would not be constructed. This alternative would not assist Kimmel Solar, LLC in providing renewable energy for a corporate buyer.

2. Action Alternative (Preferred Alternative)

Under the Action Alternative, RBS would consider financing the proposed Project, and Kimmel Solar, LLC would construct the Kimmel Solar, LLC Project. The proposed project would consist of the installation of a ground-mounted photovoltaic system which would generate 50 megawatts of emission free, clean, renewable power.

D. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The analyses in the EA documented that the proposed Project would have no adverse effects to General Land Use, Important Farmland, Formally Classified Land, Floodplains, Wetlands, Water Resources, Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation, Listed Threatened and Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, Bald and Golden Eagles, Invasive Species, Cultural Resources and Historic Properties, Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Coastal Zone and Coastal Barrier Resources, Noise, Traffic and Transportation, Visual Resources, Human Health and Safety, or Corridors. A summary of anticipated impacts on the human environment is provided below, including any mitigation measures deemed necessary to avoid or minimize impacts. Kimmel Solar, LLC is responsible for implementing these measures.

1. Important Farmland. Approximately 282.7 acres of important farmland will be converted to nonagricultural use. The Applicant has agreed to the mitigation requirements listed in the Standard Solar AIMA pertaining to both the construction and decommission of the Proposed Project Area. Once the Proposed Project Area has reached its operational life, the Proposed Project Area will be returned to its pre-construction state.

2. Floodplains. If disposing of excess, spoil, or other construction materials on public or private property, the contractor shall not fill in or otherwise convert SFHAs delineated on the latest FEMA Floodplain Maps, or other appropriate maps, e.g., alluvial soils on NRCS Soil Survey Maps.

3. Water Resources. Impacts to water resources are expected to be minimal. The use of Best Management Practices such as soil erosion and sediment control measures will minimize the potential for increased runoff and siltation. Post-construction, disturbed soils will be stabilized for revegetation in order to reduce the potential for erosion impacts during facility operations.

4. Threatened and Endangered Species. The construction and operation of the Proposed will comply with the Endangered Species Act, which provides for the protection of endangered and/or threatened species and critical habitat. Should any evidence of the presence of endangered and/or threatened species or their critical habitat be brought to the attention of the contractor, the contractor will immediately report this evidence to Owner and a representative of Agency. Construction shall be temporarily halted pending the notification process and further directions issued by Agency after consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is anticipated that the Proposed Project "May Affect, but is Not Likely to Adversely Affect" the Indiana Bat, the Tricolored Bat, and the Northern Long-eared Bat, due to the proposed tree removal of approximately 22.43 acres. All tree clearing will be performed outside of the bat maternity roost season (between the dates of October 1 and March 31).

5. Invasive Species. The Proposed Project will comply with the requirements of the E.O. by maintaining all possible existing ground cover and by seeding any disturbed area with a mixture of native herbaceous vegetation after construction which will discourage the establishment of non-native species and promote the restoration of native species.

6. Cultural Resources and Historic Properties. Any excavation by the Contractor that uncovers a historical or archaeological artifact or human remain shall be immediately reported to Owner and a representative of Agency. Construction shall be temporarily halted pending the notification process and further direction issued by Agency after consultation with the SHPO/OPRP and appropriate Tribes.

7. Air Quality. Dust suppression techniques will be used to control dust resulting from construction activities. Post-construction, disturbed soils will be seeded with native herbaceous species.

8. Other General Mitigation Measures.

- The Applicant shall obtain and comply with all required County, State and Federal Permits.
- Vegetation will be maintained wherever possible throughout the operational life of the facility.
- Waste generation will be managed in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations.
- Site safety will be managed by strict adherence to OSHA requirements. Procedures included in an emergency response plan will include management efforts, a Hazardous Operations Manual, and SPCC plans designed to protect workers and the public from further exposure to hazards.

E. PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

A local newspaper advertisement (and as appropriate, legal notice), announcing the availability of the EA and participation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, was/were published on September 14 and 21, 2023, in The County Journal, Perry County, IL. The 14-day comment period ended on September 28, 2023. RBS received no comments.

F. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on its EA, RBS has concluded that the proposed Project would have no significant effects to General Land Use, Important Farmland, Formally Classified Land, Floodplains, Wetlands, Water Resources, Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation, Listed Threatened and Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, Bald and Golden Eagles, Invasive Species, Cultural Resources and Historic Properties, Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Coastal Zone and Coastal Barrier Resources, Noise, Traffic and Transportation, Visual Resources, Human Health and Safety, or Corridors. The proposed Project will have no effects on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and is not likely to affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat.

The proposed Project would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and RD's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970), RBS has determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed Project have been adequately addressed and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from construction and operation of the proposed Project. Any final action by RBS related to the proposed Project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Because RBS' action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, RBS will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its potential federal action associated with the proposed Project.

G. RBS LOAN REVIEW AND RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

This FONSI is not a decision on a loan application and therefore not an approval of the expenditure of federal funds. Issuance of the FONSI and its notices concludes RBS' environmental review process. The ultimate decision on loan approval depends upon conclusion of this environmental review process in addition to financial and engineering reviews. Issuance of the FONSI and publication of notices will allow for these reviews to proceed. The decision to provide financial assistance also is subject to the availability of loan funds for the designated purpose in RBS' budget. There are no provisions to appeal this decision (i.e., issuance of a FONSI). Legal challenges to the FONSI may be filed in Federal District Court under the Administrative Procedures Act.

H. APPROVAL

This Finding of No Significant Impact is effective upon signature.

Dated: 9/28/2023 Dated: 9/28/2023 Dated:

ALISON ADAMS JOSEF SIMME KARAMA NEAL
Preparer (Contractor) Reviewer (Contractor) Administrator
Nakupuna Consulting Nakupuna Consulting USDA Rural Development

Contact Person
For additional information on this FONSI and EA, please contact Alison Adams, NEPA Environmental Specialist (Contractor to USDA, Rural Development), alison.adams@usda.gov, (386) 837-5339; or by mail c/o Phoebe Drenckpohl, 12295 W 48th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

COMING EVENTS

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Second Wind
Sunday, October 8
4-7pm
SPLIT SHOT
Kitchen Oven Will Be Turned Off During This Event
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Homecoming queen

Promise Jones was crowned queen of last weekend's Pinckneyville High School homecoming. She is the daughter of Jennifer Giacomo. The theme of this year's homecoming was Neon Disco. Photo by Daniel Herbst



At the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Crossroads Mercantile south of Steeleville, from left are Steeleville Chamber of Commerce President Renee Rheinecker, Mayor Andy Gerlach, Caden, Hadley, Brandon, Jhettson and Brooke Smith, Shealyn, Misty and Terry Conway.

New owners take over at the crossroads

The jewelry store at the intersection of Rockcastle and Wine Hill roads south of Steeleville changed hands October 1.

Brandon and Brooke Smith, both originally from Steeleville, have purchased the store, as well as the rock and mulch yard.

The store, formerly called Jewelry by Misty, will now be called Crossroads Mercantile.

It will continue offering custom designs,

personalized jewelry and engraving.

"One of my favorite things about this store is the location," said Brooke Smith. "I know that sounds crazy because yes, it is in the middle of nowhere, but isn't that one of the special things about living in our area?"

Smith said she also wants it to be more than a boutique, but rather a place where anyone can come in and find a little bit of everything.

Smith also said the logo for the store incorporates imagery representative of her religion, her children and the location of the store.

"I knew I wanted to try and incorporate God, my children, and then also something special to the exact location of the store," Smith said. "If it wasn't for God, none of this would be possible, and I can't thank Him enough for this life He's giving us."

"My children—they mean the absolute world to us, and being a mom has been something I honestly always wanted."

Crossroads Mercantile will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 5, Thursday 9 to 6 and Saturday 9 to 2.

There will be a grand opening at the facility October 13 and 14.

The store can be reached by calling 618-317-5238.

School breakfast, lunch

October 10-13

No school
Monday, October 9
Columbus Day

EVANSVILLE Breakfast

TUESDAY: sausage/egg/biscuit

WEDNESDAY: cinnamon toast or cereal, blueberries

THURSDAY: mini bagels

FRIDAY: breakfast pizza

Lunch

TUESDAY: fajitas, green beans, ice cream, blueberries

WEDNESDAY: grilled cheese, broccoli, apple sauce, teddy grahams

THURSDAY: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, sidekick-pears

FRIDAY: pizza, fresh veggies, spinach salad, rice krispy treat

TRICO Breakfast

TUESDAY: cereal & pop-tart or breakfast pizza, mixed fruit

WEDNESDAY: scrambled eggs, toast, fruit cup

THURSDAY: waffles or muffins, applesauce

FRIDAY: biscuits, gravy, sausage, cinnamon pears

Lunch

TUESDAY: hot dogs, baked beans, baked chips, oranges

WEDNESDAY: pulled pork nachos, corn, peaches

THURSDAY: grilled ham & cheese, loaded potato soup, applesauce

FRIDAY: cheese or pepperoni pizza, salad, apples

ST. MARK'S

TUESDAY: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peaches

WEDNESDAY: biscuit, gravy, sausage links, banana

THURSDAY: cheese pizza, corn, chocolate chip bar

FRIDAY: grilled cheese, tomato soup, peaches

STEELEVILLE GRADE

TUESDAY: donut

WEDNESDAY: french toast sticks

THURSDAY: cinnamon roll

FRIDAY: biscuits, gravy, sausage patty

Lunch

TUESDAY: lasagna & cheese rollup

WEDNESDAY: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll

THURSDAY: beef nachos, broccoli w/ranch

FRIDAY: barbecued pork sandwich, baked beans, cookie

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ABCs of Medicare & Medicare Advantage

Pinckneyville Community Hospital is offering an educational program designed to provide information and understanding of Medicare and Medicare Advantage programs. This session will give you the tools you need to make informed decisions about your health care during this fall's annual Open Enrollment period.

Monday, October 16 @ 1:30 pm

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Honor Flight

Makes 11th trip to Washington DC

The Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois took its 11th trip to Washington, DC September 26.

Among those who went on the flight were Clarence Kurwicky, Richard Eaton and Dennis Hartmann of Steeleville, Brian Edwards of Willisville, Robert Douglas and George Miles of Coulterville, Howard Burmester of Baldwin, Bob Lockhart of Chester and Harvey and Linda Hartmann, Delbert Wolters and Willard Wolters, all formerly of Percy.

The 12th flight is scheduled for May 7, 2024.

Any veteran who honorably served in the armed forces is welcome to join the trip.

To sign up, call 618-942-3930 or visit the website at veteranshonorflight.org.



George Miles



Bob Lockhart



Delbert Wolters



Brian Edwards



Robert Douglas



Willard Wolters



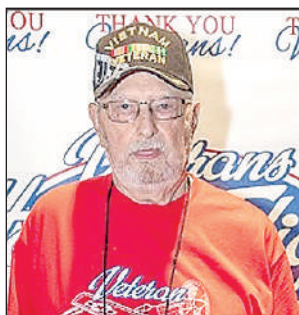
Clarence Kurwicky



Howard Burmester



Linda and Harvey Hartmann



Richard Eaton



Dennis Hartmann



Marissa librarian Linda Henson sits behind an array of new stuffed animals, ranging from a big fluffy dog to tiny teddy bears. They were donated September 25 in memory of Philip Auvenshine. Photo by Carol Mercer

Helping local libraries

By Carol Mercer
Most people do not realize that there are over 600 libraries in Illinois, not all of which are public.

The public libraries belong to the Illinois Library Association. The ones in southern Illinois are part of the Heartland Library System.

Local public libraries are financed through local property taxes. They also apply for grants, and they welcome financial memorials and gifts.

Some libraries have

fundraisers, with many of them selling books that are duplicates, not read or donated by the public.

Most libraries are happy to have new or gently pre-owned books or videos they can include in their collections.

Since most modern public libraries have a youth area, they also accept games, puzzles and toys.

For example, recently the Marissa library got a donation of new stuffed animals in memory of Phillip Auvenshine and a child-

dren's book in memory of Dave Mercer.

Such donations can be made in honor or in memory of a person. Most libraries will attach a message in the front of the book with the reason for donation. A small sign may be placed in the area of the gift benefits.

Including a public library in your will benefits your community. If you want to think of the here and now, donate books, videos, audios, games, puzzles or toys to the library of your choice.

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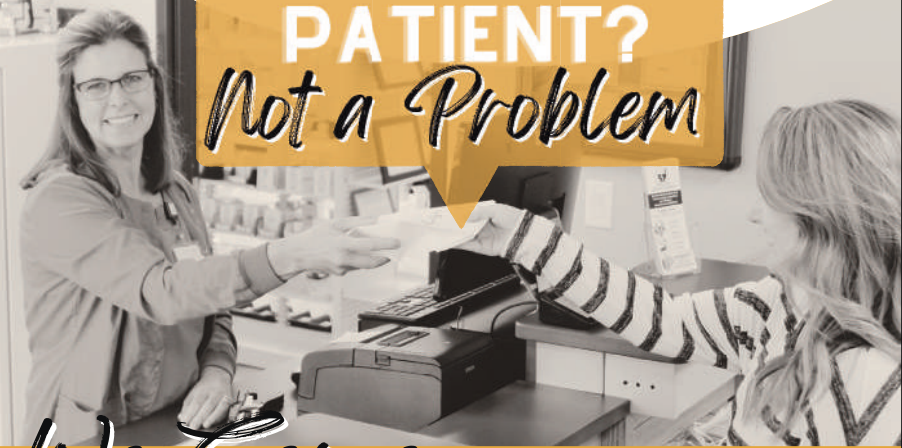
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Jarid Duniwoo wins Halloween Howl feature

Coulterville driver goes back-to-back in fall show

There must be something between Coulterville's Jarid Duniwoo and Perry County Agricultural Society's fall demolition derby event.

Duniwoo, who won the Full Size Semi-Stock feature class of the ag society's 50th anniversary show October 1, 2022, went back-to-back by winning the same class last Saturday at the Halloween Howl at the Perry County Fairgrounds in Pinckneyville.

Duniwoo outlasted runner-up Nolan Bruns of Pinckneyville, with Tamaroa's Justin Hale taking third. Another Pinckneyville driver, Gregory Eisenhauer, finished with the Mad Dog plaque.

Halloween Howl, the third prong of the Triad of Thunder Championship Series, concluded the society's 51st season of derbies at the fairgrounds.

A total of 46 cars participated, bringing the tally to an even 160 for the year.

In the Mini Weld class, Curtis Rakers of Beckemeyer came up short in his pursuit of the championship belt of the Triad series.

Needing to win the class for the third time, Rakers finished out of the top three but

did end up with Mad Dog honors.

The win went to Columbia's T.J. Ervin, with Dongola's Joshua Kaufman taking second and Scott Nanney of Waterloo third.

That means 2022 Triad champion Braden Heape, who also didn't place last Saturday, remains as the lone driver to have won his class in all three derbies.

Heape, the 25-year-old Du Quoin native, will head into the 2024 season still as the reigning champion in the Mini Weld class.

Next year, the derbies will switch to a car count point system, so the more drivers who participate, the more points they could potentially earn at each show.

That also means a championship belt will be awarded in all four classes, resulting in inaugural champions for the mini van, mini gut-n-go and full size classes in 2024.

The overall points leader, or leaders if there's a tie, will get their names on the Harold Pierce Memorial Cup. The Cup is named in honor of the feature winner at the first demolition derby ever held in Pinckneyville on July 16, 1971 during the 115th annu-

al Perry County Fair.

With the exception of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown in 2020, the Perry County Agricultural Society has conducted at least one demolition derby on the fairgrounds ever since.

Full results are as follows and listed in show order.

Mini Van

1. Nathan Wilcox, Tunnel Hill
2. Cliff Dunn, Creal Springs (also Mad Dog winner)
3. Danny Gresham, Pinckneyville

Mini Weld

1. T.J. Ervin, Columbia
2. Joshua Kaufman, Dongola
3. Keith Rinney, Breese

Mad Dog winner: Curtis Rakers, Beckemeyer

Mini Gut-N-Go

1. Alex Heine, Pinckneyville (also Mad Dog winner)
2. T.J. Jones, Herrin
3. Nick Gibson, Ramsey

Full Size Semi-Stock

1. Jarid Duniwoo, Coulterville
2. Nolan Bruns, Pinckneyville
3. Justin Hale, Tamaroa

Mad Dog winner: Gregory Eisenhauer, Pinckneyville

Car Decoration Contest

Trevor Jones, Herrin



Red Bud king and queen

Crowned Saturday night as this year's Red Bud High School homecoming queen was Alexis Koester, the daughter of Corey Koester and Stephenie Voges. Chase Lucht, the son of Dave and Cari Lucht, was crowned king. Photo by Mary Koester

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PREP BOYS GOLF: GIBAULT SECTIONAL

State bound!

By Dan Zobel
History was made October 2 during the prep boys golf Class 1A Gibault Regional at Acorns Golf Links in Waterloo.

The Trico golf team finished with a score of 314, placing third for the day.

That standing was good enough to qualify the Pioneers for the state tournament.

"It's pretty overwhelming. The boys are just ecstatic," said Trico coach Tyler Coleman. "We knew this was a possibility, but I think it was still a bit of a surprise at the end to figure out we were actually going to advance."

"For the seniors, this was one of their goals since their freshman year. To fulfill that goal is special because you're now at the pinnacle of the sport."

The state tournament will be played October 6 and 7 at Prairie Vista

Golf Course in Bloomington.

"On our bus ride home from sectionals, we were looking at other sectional scores, and while there will be different scores on different courses, our sectional score was one of the top sectional scores for any of the teams advancing to state," Coleman said. "The boys know they have a chance to bring home state hardware. Ultimately, though, this will be a round they can enjoy the most because, in a way, there is the least amount of pressure."

"There will be a lot of great teams there. We'll see what we can do."

This will mark just the second time in the history of the Trico boys golf program that it will send its entire team to the state tournament.

The only other time the Pioneers achieved this was in 2004, when

Trico was fourth at state, and Zach Barlow, who was the 2003 individual state champion, tied for sixth on the leaderboard.

"For these boys to know they are in the same conversation as a team that had Zach Barlow, they just can't believe it," Coleman said. "I couldn't be more proud of these guys. I'm super excited for the program and school to represent Trico at state."

At the sectional, Trico's leading golfer was junior Michael Brees, who carded a 73 for the 18-hole tournament to tie for third place. His performance was one stroke over par for the course.

The next three Pioneers were senior Brock Naile (77) tied for 18th, senior Zach Compton (78) tied for 22nd and sophomore Tucker Deming (86) tied for 60th.

Brees was consistent

his entire day. He shot a 37 for his first nine holes and a 36 over his final nine. He made par on 12 holes and had three birdies.

"If you look at our team stats, (Brees) hits the most fairways and is consistent with putting," Coleman said. "This performance was a culmination of all of his hard work. He never put himself in trouble. At this level of competition, to tie for third, it shows how much work he's put in the last few years."

Naile shot a 40 for his first nine holes but turned things up a notch over his final nine with a 37. Over his last five holes, he shot one under par.

"Brock has been our captain, and he led by example," Coleman said. "There were times he could have easily fallen apart, but he was able to gather himself and

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PREP GIRLS GOLF: CTV REGIONAL



Whitney Lovel of Trico

Freshman sensation

By Dan Zobel
Trico freshman Whitney Lovel starred September 28 during the prep girls golf Class 1A Cartersville Regional at Crab Orchard Golf Club, and the Red Bud team qualified for sectionals for the first time in 13 years.

The 18-hole regional tournament had its start delayed by three hours because of bad weather and lightning in the area.

That delay did not stop a number of area golfers who made their mark on the sport.

Lovel started her round with a birdie, her only one of the day. She went on to sink nine pars, as well.

"Kind of the big thing for Whitney was that she avoided big numbers across the board," said Trico coach Tyler Coleman. "She was making pars and bogeys all day. If you can maintain that when the conditions aren't great, it allows you to be in position to win the regional. She just played her game. She wants to go win every tournament she plays in. That just goes to show how big of a talent she really is."

Lovel said she was able to settle in from the start after the birdie on her first hole of the day.

"I felt pretty good," Lovel said. "I didn't have any three putt holes, so that helped a lot. I hit with my irons good, and I was hitting a lot of greens in regu-

lation."

Lovel finished her round with a score of 79, which was eight strokes over par for the course. She was two strokes ahead of second-place golfer sophomore Brynna Stiegman of Nashville.

"My hope was to settle my nerves, go out, have fun and play my game," Lovel said. "My main goal was to have fun, but as a freshman, this feels pretty great. It gives me a lot of confidence for future years."

Trico narrowly missed out on advancing, as the Pioneers placed fourth. They were 12 strokes behind third-place Red Bud for the final spot.

Lovel was not the only Trico golfer to advance to sectionals, as senior Autumn Kennedy returned for the second straight season. Kennedy tied for fifth at regionals with a 91.

Kennedy chalked up three pars, two on her last five holes, during her round and one birdie.

"As the season progressed, Autumn continued to get better," Coleman said. "She has improved so much, and her game has come a long way since two years ago."

"On one of her holes, she had a quadruple bogey, and she thought her chances to advance went out the window."

"However, she was able to calm down and

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Trico golfers head to state are Michael Brees, Tucker Deming, Brock Heins, Zach Compton, Brock Naile and Wyatt Stroub.

PREP VOLLEYBALL: SPARTA INVITATIONAL

Trico sweeps away its opponents

By Dan Zobel
The Trico High School volleyball team dominated September 30 at the Sparta Invitational, and the Pioneers brought home the tournament title.

The tournament championship is the third in a row for the Pioneers.

"We had a good team effort," said Trico coach Julie Rathert. "Everyone played amazing, but Josie Wettig was really on fire. She was consistently hitting the ball hard."

Trico did not have a single close match throughout the round-robin tournament. The Pioneers topped New Athens 21-10, 21-

12; Sparta 21-10, 21-11; Marissa-Coulterville 21-13, 21-13, and Steepleville 21-14, 21-13.

"We served well and we passed well," Rathert said. "Everything really clicked. It was awesome and fun. Everybody was feeling good."

Wettig was one of three Trico players selected to the all-tournament team, along with Paige Thies and Allie Robinson.

Wettig compiled 33 kills, seven blocks and five digs over the four tournament matches. Of those totals, 11 kills and four blocks came against Marissa-Coulterville.

Thies added 17 kills

and four aces, while Robinson was strong defensively with 22 digs.

"We just had a lot of good teamwork and communication," Rathert said. "I feel like we're starting to trust each other and know what each other's jobs are. We built off of each other well."

Sparta placed second in the tournament with a 3-1 record, its only loss coming against Trico.

Sparta also had three all-tournament selections, with Erin Kempfer, Maddie Schulein and Elise Hamilton being recognized.

Schulein was a beast on defense with 100

digs in the tournament.

Kempfer was good for 32 kills, 15 digs and three aces.

Hamilton had 14 kills, six digs and two blocks. Steepleville, Marissa-Coulterville and New Athens were each 1-3 in the tournament.

Shaylee Ayers and Elly Buch represented Steepleville on the all-tournament team with Hannah Krause named from Marissa-Coulterville.

Buch picked up 22 assists, five aces and a pair of kills for the Lady Warriors.

Ayers had 23 kills, seven blocks and two aces.

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From left in the front row are Trico players McKenzie Ebers, Olivia Jokerst, Allie Robinson, Ariana McBride, Molly Rathert and Greta Jones. Back row: Hazel Helmers, Reagan Fager, Paige Thies, Josie Wettig, Olivia Thies, Whitney Lovel and Hayleigh Franklin.

PREP FOOTBALL: DQ 48, WF 6

Indians clinch postseason spot

By Dan Zobel
The storied Du Quoin football program will return to the postseason this year.

The Indians crushed West Frankfort 48-6 September 9 to claim a road SIRR Mississippi victory that was also their sixth win of the season, clinching a spot in this season's playoffs.

"I'm happy for the kids, the school and the community," said Du Quoin coach Logan Spain. "It's exciting, but we have a lot of work to do. We're just trying to go 1-0 every week."

In Spain's first sea-

son as coach of Du Quoin (6-0, 3-0), the Indians have already doubled their win total from last year. The Indians did make the playoffs in 2021, but they managed just five wins that season.

The six victories are already the most in a season for Du Quoin since 2019 when it finished 9-2.

"All the credit goes to these kids and the coaching staff. They work hard every day to get better," Spain said. "We're not outcome oriented, we're process oriented. We focus on

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PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Chester beats S'ville; Trico rolls on

OCTOBER 3
Pinckneyville 15-25-25
Du Quoin 25-19-22
 Despite dropping the opening set, Pinckneyville rallied to knock off Du Quoin for a key SIRR Mississippi win. The victory keeps Pinckneyville undefeated in conference action, while the loss is the third for the Lady Indians in conference play.

Trico 25-25
New Athens 8-7
 Paige Thies blasted eight kills and Josie Wettig seven, and Trico pounded New Athens for a home non-conference victory. Hazel Helmers added five kills and one block. Wettig picked up two blocks and Thies one. McKenzie Ebers passed out 12 assists.

OCTOBER 2
Trico 25-25
Zeigler 9-11
 McKenzie Ebers assisted on 20 points, and Reagan Fager, Paige Thies and Josie Wettig combined for 26 kills, as Trico pounded Zeigler-Royalton at home for another conference victory.

Trico
 Kills: Reagan Fager 9, Paige Thies 9, Josie Wettig 8, Hazel Helmers 3, McKenzie Ebers 1
 Aces: McKenzie Ebers 3, Paige Thies 2, Olivia Jokerst 1, Ariana McBride 1
 Blocks: Hazel Helmers 2, Paige Thies 1
 Digs: Allie Robinson 6, Olivia Jokerst 1, Hayleigh Franklin 1, Ariana McBride 1, Paige Thies 1
 Assists: McKenzie Ebers 20, Olivia Thies 6, Molly Rathert 2

Chester 25-25
Steeleville 20-18
 Lauren Wedemeyer collected 15 digs, but Steeleville lost at Chester in nonconfer-

ence play.
Steeleville
 Kills: Hannah Middendorf 3, Shaylee Ayers 2
 Digs: Lauren Wedemeyer 15, Aubrianna Bockhorn 7
 Assists: Elly Buch 4

Red Bud 26-25
Waterloo 24-20
 Dakota Hohgreffe blasted 11 kills, and Claire Diewald and Emme Deterding combined for 27 assists, when Red Bud earned a road nonconference win over Waterloo.

Red Bud
 Kills: Dakota Hohgreffe 11, Jeda Friess 4, Addi Tallman 4, Morgan Meek 3, Ella Umbdenstock 3, Emme Deterding 2, Peyton Kreher 1, Josie Meyer 1
 Aces: Sofia Jones 2, Josie Meyer 1, Emme Deterding 1, Claire Diewald 1
 Blocks: Jeda Friess 2, Morgan Meek 1
 Digs: Josie Meyer 5, Morgan Meek 4, Emme Deterding 3, Maria Murry 3, Peyton Kreher 2, Dakota Hohgreffe 1, Claire Diewald 1, Ella Umbdenstock 1
 Assists: Claire Diewald 16, Emme Deterding 11

Christ Our Rock 27-25
Marissa-C'ville 25-14
 Kaitlynn Klingemann and Annie Villarreal led a balanced attack at the net with six kills apiece, but Marissa-Coulterville fell at home against Christ Our Rock Lutheran Centralia.
Marissa-Coulterville
 Kills: Annie Villarreal 6, Kaitlynn Klingemann 6, Peyton Biekert 5, Hannah Krause 3, Paityn Hand 2, Katlyn Rednour 2
 Aces: Paityn Hand 2, Annie Villarreal 1, Kearston Alstat 1
 Blocks: Peyton Biekert 1, Annie Villarreal 1
 Assists: Paityn Hand 10, Ashlyn Cathcart 3

SEPTEMBER 28
Carlyle 25-25
Chester 23-15
 Mabry Wingerter was good for 10 assists, six kills, two aces and one block, but Chester came out on the losing end in a home conference match with Car-

lyle.
Carlyle
 Kills: Makenna Reckling 5, Emma Meyer 4, Lera Schmeink 3, Daisy Brammeier 3, Jacie Persing 2, Avery Eversgerd 2
 Aces: Carlie Wademan 4, Avery Eversgerd 2, Hanna Nave 1, Jacie Persing 1
 Blocks: Makenna Reckling 1, Avery Eversgerd 1, Emma Meyer 1
 Digs: Carlie Wademan 8, Avery Eversgerd 7, Hanna Nave 6, Raelyn Harris 4, Faith Weaver 3, Lera Schmeink 1, Jacie Persing 1
 Assists: Avery Eversgerd 10, Hanna Nave 6, Lera Schmeink 1, Raelyn Harris 1

Chester
 Kills: Jordan Buskohl 10, Mabry Wingerter 6, Jasmine Merideth 4, Maggie Caby 3, Alexis Eggemeyer 3, Grace Welborn 1
 Aces: Mabry Wingerter 2, Alexis Eggemeyer 1
 Blocks: Mabry Wingerter 1, Maggie Caby 1
 Digs: Ellen McCormick 7, Alexis Eggemeyer 6, Camryn Wolff 6, Elaina Lutman 5, Mabry Wingerter 2, Maggie Caby 1, Jordan Buskohl 1, Grace Welborn 1
 Assists: Mabry Wingerter 10, Elaina Lutman 9, Ellen McCormick 3, Maggie Caby 1

Steeleville 25-25
Lebanon 9-19

Du Quoin 25-25
Benton 23-18
 Kallie Oestreicher dished out 31 assists; Chloe Sims smashed 14 kills; and Ashlyn Waters had 14 digs, as Du Quoin topped Benton for a conference win.

Du Quoin
 Kills: Chloe Sims 14, Ellie Green 8, Rachel Emling 6, Kallie Oestreicher 5, Sydney Galbraith 2, McKinley Rider 2
 Aces: Ashlyn Waters 2, Ellie Green 1
 Blocks: Chloe Sims 1
 Digs: Ashlyn Waters 14, Kallie Oestreicher 13, Ellie Green 6, Rachel Emling 5, Haylee Sizemore 5, Isabella Phillips 5, Sydney Galbraith 4, McKinley Rider 2, Grace Hill 2, Chloe Sims 1
 Assists: Kallie Oestreicher 31, Rachel Emling 1, McKinley Rider 1

Wesclin 25-25
Sparta 22-8

Marissa-C'ville 25-25
Dupo 16-18

Marissa-Coulterville recorded nine aces, three coming from Paityn Hand, and the Lady Meteors won in conference play over Dupo.

Dupo
 Kills: Allison Taylor 5, Kenzie Boehne 3, Alli DeClue 2, Maddie Ehrhard 1, Laura Harr 1, Kaitlyn Roberts 1
 Aces: Page Mushaney 1, Allison Taylor 1
 Blocks: Allison Taylor 5, Maddie Ehrhard 4, Laura Harr 1, Kaitlyn Roberts 1
 Assists: Alli DeClue 11, Maddie Ehrhard 1, Kaitlyn Roberts 1

Marissa-Coulterville
 Kills: Peyton Biekert 5, Annie Villarreal 4, Katlyn Rednour 3, Hannah Krause 2, Kaitlynn Klingemann 1
 Aces: Paityn Hand 3, Annie Villarreal 2, Kearston Alstat 2, Shelby Brown 1, Ashlyn Cathcart 1
 Assists: Paityn Hand 8, Ashlyn Cathcart 2, Hannah Krause 1, Annie Villarreal 1

Pinckneyville 25-25
Frankfort 20-19

SEPTEMBER 27
Red Bud 25-25
Sparta 23-12
 Jeda Friess earned six blocks and four kills, and Red Bud outlasted Sparta in a home conference showdown, even though Maddie Schulein earned 26 digs for Sparta.

Sparta
 Kills: Erin Kempfer 9, Elise Hamilton 7, Kenzie Pierce 1, Lexi McFadden 1
 Aces: Erin Kempfer 1
 Blocks: Erin Kempfer 4, Elise Hamilton 3
 Digs: Maddie Schulein 26, Kelsey Thornton 8, Kenzie Pierce 5, Libby Renner 4, Erin Kempfer 4, Abby Heinen 2, Gracie Ledendecker 2, Elise Hamilton 1
 Assists: Kenzie Pierce 12, Gracie Ledendecker 6

Red Bud
 Kills: Dakota Hohgreffe 8, Jeda Friess 4, Addi Tallman 4, Peyton Kreher 2, Emme Deterding 1, Morgan Meek 1, Ella Umbdenstock 1
 Aces: Sofia Jones 2, Claire Diewald 2, Emme Deterding 1
 Blocks: Jeda Friess 6
 Digs: Sam Cockrell 1, Josie Meyer 1, Maria Murry 1, Sofia Jones 1
 Assists: Emme Deterding 11, Claire Diewald 10

Prep volleyball standings

Records Through October 2

Conference	Overall
Black Diamond Conference West Division	
Trico	7-0
Goreville	4-2
Vienna	4-3
Johnston City	3-3
Christopher	3-3
Sesser-Valier	1-5
Zeigler-Royalton	1-7
Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division	
Valmeyer	6-0
Steeleville	4-1
Marissa-Coulterville	3-3
New Athens	2-4
Lebanon	2-4
Dupo	0-5
Cahokia Conference Illinois Division	
Carlyle	5-1
Chester	4-2
Trenton-Wesclin	4-2
Red Bud	3-3
Okawville	2-4
Sparta	0-6

SIRR Mississippi

Pinckneyville	6-0
Nashville	5-1
Du Quoin	4-2
Benton	1-4
West Frankfort	1-4
Anna-Jonesboro	0-6

SIRR Ohio

Massac County	5-0
Murphysboro	3-2
Herrin	3-2
Carterville	1-4
Harrisburg	0-4

Tentative Upcoming Schedule
October 5
 Chester at Okawville
 Du Quoin vs. West Frankfort
 Marissa-Coulterville at Valmeyer
 Pinckneyville at Anna-Jonesboro
 Red Bud at Wesclin
 Sparta at Carlyle
 Steeleville vs. New Athens
 Trico at Sesser-Valier

October 7
 Red Bud Tournament

October 10
 Sparta vs. Chester
 Du Quoin vs. Anna-Jonesboro
 Marissa-Coulterville vs. Steeleville
 Pinckneyville vs. Nashville
 Red Bud vs. Carlyle
 Trico at Christopher

October 11
 Du Quoin vs. Trico



Soldier trapshooters

The Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School trapshooting team competed September 30 and October 1 in the Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association Invitational at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta. The invitational had competitors take 200 shots in singles. Soldier Charlie Rahlfs hit 111 consecutive targets. Rahlfs is the first shooter from the school to hit at least 100 in a row. Isaac Sims shot his first back-to-back 25. From left are Sims, 176 final score; Alex Bixby, 154; Rahlfs, 180; and Eli Stout, 181.



Seniors

The Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School volleyball team recently recognized its two senior athletes during a match against Christian Outreach of Hillsboro. At left is Alyssa Heimann between her parents Dawn and Jonathan Heimann. At right is Ellie Dawkins with her mother Maria Dawkins.

PREP BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

The postseason is on the horizon

The Pinckneyville High School boys soccer team is 5-11 for the season after going 1-2 last week.

The Panthers earned an October 2 home win over Mt. Carmel. Their losses were September 30 at Centralia and September 28 at Carterville.

The loss to Carterville moved Pinckneyville's record in the Southern Illinois River to River to 1-8.

The Panthers will play their last regular season match October 4 at home against Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden.

Pinckneyville will begin postseason play October 14 against Breese Central in the Class 1A Murphysboro Regional.

OCTOBER 2
Pinckneyville 6
Mt. Carmel 5
 Mt. Carmel 3-2-5
 Pinckneyville 6-0-6

Pinckneyville scored six first-half goals in a home win over Mt. Carmel.

SEPTEMBER 30
Centralia 6

Pinckneyville 1
 Pinckneyville 10-1
 Centralia 2-4-6

Lucas Lietz canned a goal, and Brady Conway picked up an assist, but Pinckneyville could not hold down Centralia in the second half of the road nonconference match.

Jonathan Kuhnert made 11 saves in the game as goalie for Pinckneyville.

SEPTEMBER 28
Carterville 5
Pinckneyville 2
 Pinckneyville 11-2
 Carterville 4-1-5

Trenton Crabtree and Josue Lopez both netted a goal for Pinckneyville, but the Panthers were unable to get over Carterville in a home conference loss.

Brady Conway and Wyatt Bird each earned a Pinckneyville assist.

Panther goalie Jonathan Kuhnert made 10 saves.

Five players scored a goal for Carterville, with Michael Cagle, Hatcher Bickett and Keith Layson also adding an assist.



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PREP GIRLS GOLF: CLASS 1A ROXANA SECTIONAL

Local girl golfers compete well at sectional match

Several local girls finished out their high school golf careers October 2 at the Class 1A Roxana Sectional at Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River, while a couple of others got their first taste of sectional action.

Among those competing at the sectional were Red Bud's entire team, Autumn Kennedy and Whitney Lovel of Trico, Camryn Luthy and Macy Bert of Chester, Josie Stephens of Marissa-Coulterville and Gabby Dethrow of Sparta.

Luthy, a senior, narrowly missed out on a state berth, as she finished the 18-hole tournament with a score of 85, which placed her tied for 22nd out of 109 golfers. That

performance was two strokes behind the final state qualifying position.

Luthy finished at 13 strokes over par. Her day included a pair of birdies and five pars.

This was Luthy's third sectional appearance. Her career accolades also include being a four-time all-conference golfer and winning a conference title as a sophomore.

Luthy's teammate, Bert, a sophomore, made her first sectional showing.

Bert came in tied for 58th with her round of 97. She made par on three holes and birdied one.

Trico was spearheaded by Lovel, a newcomer as a fresh-

man. Lovel was also not far off from making it to state, as she carded an 87 to tie for 26th.

Lovel scored a 46 over her first nine holes before coming on strong with a 41 over the back nine. She finished her day with eight pars, six of them coming over her final nine holes.

Lovel made a splash this season, winning numerous matches, including a regional title, and placing second in the Black Diamond Conference.

The winner of the conference was Lovel's teammate Kennedy, a senior.

Kennedy was at sectionals this year for the second season in a row. She finished tied

for 41st with a score of 91, making par on five holes and birdie on one.

Also getting a tie for 41st place was Red Bud junior Annabeth Ohlau, who led the Lady Musketeer team with her 91.

Ohlau, who was making her second sectional appearance, finished with three pars and one birdie for her day.

She scored a 49 over her first nine holes but was stronger during her last nine for a 42.

Red Bud's other golfers were junior Raeleigh Rosson (108) in 87th, freshman Payton Burmester (110) tied for 89th, freshman Olivia Schmidt (110) also tied for 89th, freshman Olivia Stoeckel

(114) tied for 100th and junior MaKayla Liefer (130) 108th.

For Marissa-Coulterville, Stephens, a senior, was at sectionals for the first time in her career.

She carded a 97, which put her tied for 58th. That score included one par and one birdie.

Meanwhile, Dethrow, a Sparta senior, was also at sectionals for the first time.

Dethrow picked up a 112, which tied her for 96th.

She was consistent throughout the match with a 56 over her first nine holes and 56 on her last nine.

Team Scores
(Top 3 advance to state)
1. Sacred Heart-Griffin 307
2. Nashville 346

- 3. Father McGivney 356
- 4. Breese Mater Dei 363
- 5. Breese Central 364
- 6. Zeigler-Royalton 366
- 7. Williamsville 369
- 8. Rochester 374
- 9. Quincy Notre Dame 381
- 10. Illini Central 401
- 11. Red Bud 419
- 12. Macomb 421

- Top 5 Individuals**
- 1. Izzy Hassebrock 69, SHG
 - 2. Sarah Hyten 70, FM
 - 3. Ally Suhre 72, Metro-East
 - 4. Catalina Easley 73, Athens
 - 5. Kiley Torres 75, ROC
 - 6. Brynn Stiegman 75, NV

- State Qualifiers**
- 3. Ally Suhre 72, Metro-East
 - 4. Catalina Easley 73, Athens
 - 5. Riley Torres 75, ROC
 - 7. Clara Gahagan 76, Murphysboro
 - 8. Zoey Beard 77, WIL
 - 8. Alaina Ervin 77, Pleasant Plains
 - 10. Avery Arendell 78, Columbia
 - 14. Taylor Hettenhausen 81, Okawville
 - 15. Ava Meyer 82, Carlyle
 - 16. Kaitlyn Seymour 83, Rushville-Industry

Freshman sensation ... From Page 14

cover. "She has definitely represented our program well as a senior. I'm proud of her accomplishments."

Red Bud was paced by junior Annabeth Ohlau, who carded an 88 to place third, despite a nagging knee injury that has bothered her for much of the season. Ohlau had six pars for the day, including four over her last seven holes.

Red Bud's next three golfers were close together, with junior Raeleigh Rosson (106) coming in 22nd, junior MaKayla Liefer (107) 23rd and freshman Payton Burmester (108) 24th.

"Advancing as a team to sectionals is just a testament to the work the girls have put in," said Red Bud coach Brock Quigley. "As the numbers in the pro-

gram have grown, the competition has raised too. It's been a good spark for them."

Chester, Sparta and Marissa-Coulterville each qualified individuals for the sectional tournament.

For Chester, senior Camryn Luthy was fourth with a 90 and sophomore Macy Bert placed 21st at 105. Luthy qualified for sectionals for the third time in her career.

At regionals, Luthy made par on seven holes, including four over her last seven holes, and Bert was good for one.

Sparta's qualifying golfer is senior Gabby Dethrow, who tied for 12th with a 97. Dethrow picked up four pars for the day, with three coming over her last nine holes.

Marissa-Coulterville senior Josie Stephens

also earned a spot at sectionals with her score of 99, good enough to tie for 15th. Stephens made three pars during her round.

With 70 golfers competing, Nashville won the regional championship.

- Team Scores**
(Top 3 advance to sectionals)
- 1. Nashville 366
 - 2. Zeigler-Royalton 382
 - 3. Red Bud 409
 - 4. Trico 421
 - 5. Anna-Jonesboro 421
 - 6. Chester 438
 - 7. Herrin 444
 - 8. Marissa-Coulterville 450
 - 9. Murphysboro 481
 - 10. Pinckneyville 506
 - 11. Sparta 528

- Top 5 Individuals**
- 1. Whitney Lovel 79, TRI
 - 2. Brynn Stiegman 81, NV
 - 3. Annabeth Ohlau 88, RB
 - 4. Camryn Luthy 90, CHE
 - 5. Autumn Kennedy 91, TRI
 - 5. Hayley Pasquino 91, ZR
- Advancing Individuals**
- 1. Whitney Lovel 79, TRI
 - 4. Camryn Luthy 90, CHE
 - 5. Autumn Kennedy 91, TRI
 - 7. Clara Gahagan 93, MUR

- T12. Gabby Dethrow 97, SP
- T15. Josie Stephens 99, MC
- T15. Presley Bierstedt 99, AJ
- T17. Torie Ralls 100, AJ
- T19. Ella Holthaus 103, HER
- 21. Macy Bert 105, CHE

Red Bud: Annabeth Ohlau 88, Raeleigh Rosson 106, MaKayla Liefer 107, Payton Burmester 108, Olivia Schmidt 118, Olivia Stoeckel 131

Trico: Whitney Lovel 79, Autumn Kennedy 91, Hayleigh Franklin 111, Lexi Stroub 140, Molly Rathert 146, Aubrey Cotter 166

Chester: Camryn Luthy 90, Macy Bert 105, Jessica Stumpe 121, Addy Gottschammer 122, Riley Lochhead 126, Rylie Myers 128

Marissa-Coulterville: Josie Stephens 99, Kaitlynn Wiley 115, Payten Perry 117, Becca Root 119, Olivia Kratz 157

Pinckneyville: Avery Earl 116, Khloey Kempfer 122, Sophia Huggins 130, Cassandra Braun 138, Maddie Fagerland 231

Sparta: Gabby Dethrow 97, Hannah Stine 112, Isabella Braun 154, Loughlyn Kurtz 165

Du Quoin: Brooklyn Willis 118, Claire Rose 126, Madison Dagit 148

Steeleville: Miranda Rodewald 116, Ella Tripp 125



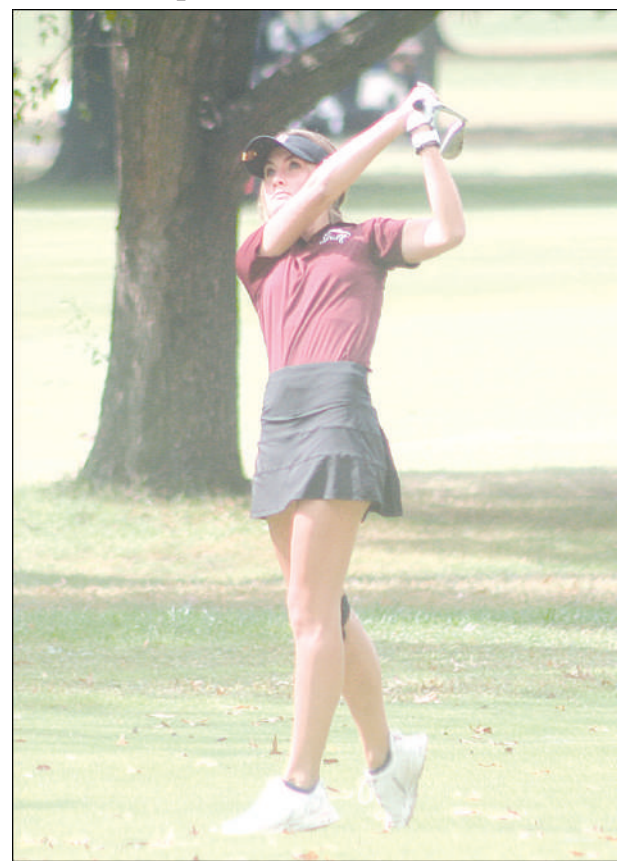
Josie Stephens of Marissa-Coulterville



Macy Bert of Chester



Gabby Dethrow of Sparta



Annabeth Ohlau of Red Bud



Camryn Luthy of Chester



Autumn Kennedy of Trico

Strong tournaments for a number of senior golfers

Trico sweeps away its opponents ... From Page 14

Krause earned seven kills, two aces and two assists.

Trico 21-21
New Athens 10-12

Trico 21-21
Marissa-C'ville 13-13

Marissa-C'ville 21-13-15
Steeleville 10-21-9

Sparta 21-14-15
Steeleville 12-21-6

Sparta 21-21
New Athens 14-14

Tournament Scores

Trico 21-21
Sparta 10-11

Trico 21-21
Steeleville 14-13

Steeleville 21-21
New Athens 15-12

Sparta 21-21
Marissa-C'ville 14-12

New Athens 21-20-19
Marissa-C'ville 12-22-17



Erin Kempfer of Sparta spikes the volleyball past Marissa-Coulterville's defense.



Josie Wettig of Trico gets ready to smash one of her many kills.



Olivia Raby of Steeleville splits a pair of Marissa-Coulterville defenders with this hit over the net.



Marissa-Coulterville defenders Peyton Biekert (24) and Hannah Krause attempt to block a hit from Sparta's Abigail Heinen.



Trico's Molly Rathert sets this ball into the air for one of Trico's many attackers during the Pioneer match against Sparta.

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SIJHSAA STATE BASEBALL, SOFTBALL

Trico junior high baseball advances to the state finals

Others will play for third place

With wins over Smithton and Gallatin County, the Trico baseball team has advanced to the championship game of SIJHSAA Class M state tournament in Pinckneyville.

Trico will play Thursday against Nashville for the title.

Notable teams in state third-place games are Du Quoin in Class L baseball and softball, Sparta Lincoln in Class L softball and Coulterville/Marissa in Class M softball.

Baseball State Schedule

Class S State at Coulterville September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Bluford-Farrington 9, St. John Chester/St. Mary's Chester 1
- Game 2 - OLMC Herrin 13, St. Joe Olney 0
- Game 3 - St. Peter/Paul Waterloo 3, Crab Orchard 1
- Game 4 - Altamont Lutheran 11, Shawnee 1

October 1
Semifinals

- Game 5 - OLMC Herrin 8, Bluford-Farrington 0
- Game 6 - Altamont Lutheran 8, St. Peter/Paul Waterloo 3

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Bluford-Farrington vs. St. Peter/Paul Waterloo
- 3:00 - OLMC Herrin vs. Altamont Lutheran

Class M State at Pinckneyville September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Trico 9, Smithton 0
- Game 2 - Gallatin County 6, Christopher 1
- Game 3 - Nashville 10, Aviston 0
- Game 4 - Goreville 15, Maryville Christian 0

October 3
Semifinals

- Game 5 - Trico 10, Gallatin County 0
- Game 6 - Nashville 5, Goreville 4

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Gallatin County vs. Goreville
- 3:00 - Trico vs. Nashville

Class L State at Centralia September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Cartersville 8, Marion 3
- Game 2 - Waterloo 7, Whiteside 3
- Game 3 - Du Quoin 14, Benton 0
- Game 4 - Olney 12, Breese 3

October 3
Semifinals

- Game 5 - Cartersville 2, Waterloo 1
- Game 6 - Olney 6, Du Quoin 2

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Waterloo vs. Du Quoin
- 3:00 - Cartersville vs. Olney

Softball State Schedule

Class S State at Coulterville September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Waltonville 13, Pope County 0
- Game 2 - Century 10, Summersville 4
- Game 3 - New Hope 13, OLMC Herrin 1
- Game 4 - Trinity-St. Mary's Centralia 11, Red Bud Lutheran 0

October 3
Semifinals

- Game 5 - Century 5, Waltonville 0
- Game 6 - New Hope 8, Trinity-St. Mary's Centralia 2

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Waltonville vs. Trinity-St. Mary's Centralia
- 3:00 - Century vs. New Hope

Class M State at Pinckneyville September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Nashville 12, Smithton 0
- Game 2 - Jonesboro 3, Red Bud Elementary 2
- Game 3 - Coulterville/Marissa 6, Crab Orchard 2
- Game 4 - Fairfield 13, Carrier Mills-Stonefort 2

October 3
Semifinals

- Game 5 - Nashville 3, Jonesboro 2
- Game 6 - Fairfield 4, Coulterville/Marissa 2

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Jonesboro vs. Coulterville/Marissa
- 3:00 - Nashville vs. Fairfield

Class L State at Centralia September 30 Quarterfinals

- Game 1 - Du Quoin 10, Hamilton County 6
- Game 2 - Wesclin 5, Olney 3
- Game 3 - Cartersville 4, Massac 2
- Game 4 - Sparta Lincoln 13, Wolf Branch 2

October 3
Semifinals

- Game 5 - Wesclin 2, Du Quoin 0
- Game 6 - Cartersville 8, Sparta Lincoln 1

October 5
Third Place

- 1:00 - Du Quoin vs. Sparta Lincoln
- 3:00 - Wesclin vs. Cartersville

Many junior high cross country runners competed at Du Quoin

The Du Quoin Middle School Pre-State Fall Classic cross country meet was held September 30 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

Teams competing in the Class S races included Pinckneyville Junior High, Pinckneyville 204,

Tamaroa, Steeleville Elementary, Marissa, St. Mark's Lutheran Steeleville and Evansville.

Immaculate Conception out of Columbia was the team champion in boys. Pinckneyville Junior High placed third.

The Junior Panthers

were led by RJ Degler, who won the individual title with his time of 10:20.7.

The girls team champion was Aviston, with Pinckneyville 204 earning second place.

Pacing the Lady Tigers was Jessi Baggett in

11th place in a time of 12:51.1.

The individual winner was Collins Schumacher of Aviston in 11:54.7.

Hillari Cowan of Steeleville Elementary was seventh with her time of 12:34.3.

The meet was a tune-up for state races



Josh Johnson of Pinckneyville Junior High had a time of 11:06 for ninth place.



In a time of 12:51.1, Jessi Baggett of Pinckneyville 204, at right, earned 13th place.



Max Baue of St. Mark's Lutheran Steeleville was 75th in 12:50.6.



Hillari Cowan of Steeleville Elementary finished her race in 12:34.3 to place seventh.



Lily DelRio of Marissa ran her race in 13:32.7. That time earned her a standing of 32nd place. She finished right behind Kenna Bond of NCOE, who is shown behind her.

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Evansville News

By Eloise Kueker
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Welcome October. October is known for so many great days, like Columbus Day and Halloween, but it is also the month to be aware of energy, family history, pizza and popcorn poppin'.

Now it seems to me that some of the October events would be hard to celebrate, for instance National Car Care Month. Is this the only month that you should get your oil changed? Or get a new battery or maybe get new tires? Is this the only month to take your car through the car wash?

Then there is the Microwave Month. Who came up with that one? Do we have a national refrigerator or washing machine month? Although I

think we should have one in the summer for national air conditioning month.

What does National Clock Month even mean? Do we only look at the clock in October? Why do we have smart watches then?

There are so many unanswered questions.

Happy birthday to Mary Schilling, Dylan Huether, Molly Huether, Rita Walter, Alyssa Fernandez, Courtney Kurtz, Logan Lehde, Chris Modglin, Luella Salger, Carla Carril, Becky McConachie, Larry Kempfer, Heather Price, Alex Veath, Kourtney McConachie, Nola Lerch, Emily Kueker, Greg Kueker, Nelson Kueker, Marilyn Kueker, Ben Kueker, Alice Ohms, Nancy Watts, Dustin Gross, Georgia Walter, Michelle Miller, Doris Lehman, John Adams, Nick Schoenberger, Jim Wesbecher, Kendall Diercks, Cody Cissel and Ron Schenk.

Happy anniversary to Darren and Melissa Kempfer, Grant and Taylor Kueker, Nelson and Marilyn Kueker, Diane and Doug Ramey, Don and Julie Heine, Patrick and Michelle Miller, Matt and Robin Vallett, Ethan and Becky Largent, Kyle and Angie Largent and Dean and Pam Brueggemann.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sue Valleroy.

Congratulations to our area young folks who were members of the Sparta High School homecoming court. They were Abigail Heinen, Grant Walter, Jacob Huether and Braeden Reinhardt.

Come to Evansville Attendance Center for a fun family night Thursday, October 5. It is the second annual Pumpkins and Pasta Night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Enjoy a delicious pasta meal for \$7 per plate, then stick

around for spooktacular pumpkin decorating for \$3 per pumpkin.

The next senior citizen meeting is next Wednesday the 11th. **Evansville Enterprise September 6, 1946**

The corners for the new shoe factory were established.

The public grade schools in Evansville opened, with 42 pupils and teachers Mrs. Ester Becker, upper grades, and Mrs. Lester Mueller, lower grades.

St. Boniface had 101 students, and the teachers were Sister Mary Charles, grades 1, 2; Sister Wilfrieda, grades 3, 4, 5; and Sister Anna Marie, grades 6, 7, 8.

St. Peter Lutheran School would be opening later. They are waiting on the preacher who will be a teacher.

Donald Schicker, 15, had his right leg amputated following an accident at the Pevely Dairy Plant.



September quilt winner

Elaine Leming of Sparta was the September winner in the St. Leo's quilt raffle. For ticket information, call Ron Melliere at 618-284-3491.

Chester senior site activities and menu

October 9-13 Activities
MONDAY: closed
TUESDAY: Wii bowling at 10
WEDNESDAY: prize bingo at 10, Alzheimers Association at 11, birthday party and nickel bingo after lunch
THURSDAY: puzzles, cards, games; flu vaccines 10 to 11:30; Wii tourney at Craig Manor at 12:30
FRIDAY: puzzles, cards, games; tai chi class from 1:30-2:30
Menu
TUESDAY: barbecued

pork steak, au gratin potatoes, mama's beans, fruit salad
WEDNESDAY: chicken/dumplings, broccoli, salad, apple pie
THURSDAY: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, california veggies, fruit pie
FRIDAY: beef stew, broccoli, corn bread, salad, fruit
Prices at center & curbside \$4, home-delivered \$4.25
Lunch served at 11:30
For reservations, call 618-826-5108 by 9 a.m.

Coulterville and Swanwick News

By Diana Cole
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Congratulations to Elizabeth Caraker and Cody Casey on their September 30 marriage. Elizabeth is the daughter of Rebecca Caraker Hohgreffe of Coulterville and JC Caraker, and both walked down the aisle with her.

family of Betty Clutts, who passed away earlier this week. Betty had celebrated her 100th birthday a few months ago.

It was a beautiful day Saturday for Gospel in the Park. The crowd was small, but the kids made a little over \$100 for Kid's Corner.

David and I had a late supper Sunday evening at Grecian. We ran into Frank and Lynn Brazinski, Lynn's brother Mark Rushing and one of Lynn's friends.

Sparta senior site activities, menu

October 9-13 Activities
MONDAY: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: bingo at 12:30
THURSDAY: Wii bowling after lunch
Menu
MONDAY: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, fruit, cookie
TUESDAY: spaghetti, carrots, salad, roll, pudding
WEDNESDAY: vegetable soup, cheese salad, crackers, jello, cookie
THURSDAY: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, peach cobbler
FRIDAY: fish square

sandwich, mac & cheese, slaw, bun, hot cinnamon apples
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8-3, Friday 8-2
Lunch: 11:30-noon
Prices: seniors dine-in, curbside & carry-outs \$5, home-delivered \$5.25, all others \$8.50
For home delivery or carryout, call 618-443-4656 by 10:30 a.m.
For eat-in reservations, call 618-443-4020.
Curb service: 11:30 to noon—drive under the awning.
Clothing store: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

S'ville nutrition site activities and menu

October 9-13 Activities
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: bingo at 10
TUESDAY: *Mevert Auto Day*
THURSDAY: closed for Oktoberfest; Wii tourney at Craig Manor
FRIDAY: closed for Oktoberfest
Menu
MONDAY: chicken sandwich, tex-mex beans, iceberg salad, pears, brownie
TUESDAY: meatloaf, red bean salad, mashed

potatoes, brussels sprouts, mixed fruit
WEDNESDAY: beef/noodles, layered salad, applesauce, corn
New hours: Monday-Friday 9-4
Prices: eat-in \$5, home-delivered and carry-out \$5.50
To order curbside meals, call 618-965-3134 extension 5 by 9:30 a.m. the day before.
This special business will pick up the cost of the meal.

Marriage licenses

Angela Kay Ward of Marissa to Clyde Lee Dobyns of Cutler
Melinda Kathryn Walker to James Edward Taylor, both of Sparta
Jade Marie Gilter to Dylan Michael Hanan, both of Sparta
Thomas Shane Patton to Cassandra Annette Kee, both of Sparta

Library gets grant

The Sparta library recently received a \$35,000 Live and Learn mini-construction grant.
Susan Colbert, library director, stated that the plans for the money include automatic door openers, renovation of the children's area and interior painting.
This program, funded by an annual state legislative appropriation, assists public libraries with construction costs. Grants are awarded based on recommendations from a statewide committee following a review process.

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Assault weapons affidavit online

Illinois residents can now submit an endorsement affidavit online for assault weapons, assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles and .50 caliber cartridges.

On January 10 of this year, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law Public Act 102-1116, which regulates the sale and distribution of these items, along with large capacity ammunition feeding devices. The law took effect immediately.

Individuals who possessed assault weapons, assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles and .50 caliber cartridges before the act took effect are required to submit an endorsement affidavit through their Firearm Owner's Identification Card account prior to January 1, 2024.

Large capacity ammunition feeding devices are regulated but do not require an endorsement affidavit.

As of October 1, individuals are able to submit endorsement affidavits online through a FOID Card account. Individuals can access that account from the ISP Firearms Services

Bureau website or going directly to ispfbs.com/Public/Login.aspx.

The same Firearms Service Bureau links can be used to create an account for those who do not have one.

Gun owners will need an email address and driver's license or state ID to create an account. A tutorial video on how to create an account can be found on the ISP FOID webpage under Application Help.

A tutorial video on how to submit an endorsement affidavit through your FOID account is also available on the ISP website and can be found on the Protect Illinois Communities Act, Regulation on Assault Weapons page.

Individuals who need help submitting an endorsement affidavit can refer to the Frequently Asked Questions page or visit one of the ISP FOID kiosks, both of which can be found on the ISP website at isp.illinois.gov/Home/AssaultWeapons.

Do not bring a weapon, ammunition or accessories if you visit a kiosk.



Large scale

Something difficult to process by seeing the bridge construction from the ground level while passing by in a vehicle is the sheer size of this project. Collective Force Helicopter Services of Campbell Hill captured this photograph over the weekend, showing the massive scale of the construction site. Work first began in June with AmArbor Tree Service of Chester clearing trees from the area of the Horse Island chute in Missouri. Then, last month, design-build team Ames began moving equipment onto the property to begin work. The new bridge, which is a cable suspension design, will be constructed just upstream from the current bridge and will be twice as wide, according to a release from the Missouri Department of Transportation. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2026.



Drone use for hunting is illegal

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is reminding the public that the use of unmanned aircraft, or drones, for any aspect of hunting or recovery of wildlife is unlawful.

"Not only is drone use for hunting unlawful in Illinois, it goes against the spirit of fair chase and widely accepted hunting ethics," said Jed Whitchurch, director of the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement. "Illinois conservation police officers will be monitoring for drone use during the fall and winter hunting seasons."

"We encourage all hunters to familiarize themselves with the Wildlife Code, abide by the law, and have a safe and successful hunting season."

The fall hunting season kicked into gear on October 1 with the opening of archery deer and turkey seasons throughout Illinois.

IDNR and the conservation police have received several inquiries from the public about the use of drones for scouting and tracking animals.

The unlawful use of drones for hunting could result in enforcement action, including but not limited to the seizure and forfeiture of unlawfully used equipment.

Hunters are advised to review all requirements of the Illinois Wildlife Code, which regulates the taking of wildlife and the use of unmanned aircraft in these situations (520 ILCS 5/2.33(i) and 520 ILCS 5/1.20).

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208 Silver Bullet Dr
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Randolph County Health Department

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Wed., Oct. 11	at Evansville American Legion	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Thurs., Oct. 12	at Chester Senior Site	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Thurs., Oct. 12	at Coulterville Village Hall	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
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