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## Public meeting on Tilden solar farm September 13

Would occupy 1,200 acres if approved

By Travis Lott

A public hearing regarding the Tilden solar project, in which two companies intend to construct a large-scale solar farm, was postponed due to scheduling issues, according to the Randolph County Zoning Board of Appeals.

The meeting was originally scheduled for August 23. It will now be held Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at the Randolph County Courthouse.

The two companies, Sol Systems and Tenaska, have partnered to create Tilden Solar. The partners plan to place the solar farm on approximately 1,200 acres of land near Tilden.

According to the company, the project would increase Randolph County's gross domestic product by \$25 million during the construction phase, which is

slated to take place between 2023 and 2024, with a target date of 2024 for the solar farm to be operational.

The company estimates that the construction of the solar farm would temporarily provide more than 300 full-time jobs. It would employ two full-time and two part-time workers once the project is operational.

The September 13 hearing will provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and voice any concerns they may have with its construction.

According to a representative from the Randolph County Land Resource Management office, company representatives had a scheduling conflict, which caused the postponement of the meeting. There are no known issues with the company's application for a special use permit.



### Thresherman show

The Perry County Fairgrounds in Pinckneyville was once again filled August 18-21 for the American Thresherman Steam, Gas and Threshing Show. Above, a Keck & Gonnerman machine, owned by Dewayne Erwin of Wayne City, Illinois, left, was used to power a baker's fan during a demonstration Friday. Dean Hutcherson of Raleigh, Illinois stands to the right.

## Shiloh Picnic this weekend

Fourth Saturday in August

This Saturday, Shiloh Hill will hold its 72nd annual picnic.

Always held the fourth Saturday in August, the headline event of the picnic is the antique tractor show.

This year's tractor show will run from 2 to 7 p.m. and will feature tractor competitions and a kiddie

tractor pull.

The event will also feature food and drinks.

There will be free activities for the kids, including a balloon artist, bounce houses and petting zoo.

There are also prize drawings with first prize winning \$200, second, \$125; third, \$100; fourth, \$75; and fifth, \$50.

Aside from cash, there will be other prizes, as well.

The event will be rounded out by a dance Saturday evening with music by Scattergun Jack.

## Perry County board weighs options as energy costs rise

By Travis Lott

The news was not good when a representative from Affordable Gas and Electric of Mt. Vernon proposed a bid for energy procurement to the Perry County Board of Commissioners August 18.

Under the proposal from AGE, the electric supply rate of 4 cents per kilowatt hour has more than tripled to more than 13 cents.

This would be the price for a one-year contract.

AGE representative Bruce Wallace said the company is offering the fixed rate to counties as a way to safeguard against further cost increases, which he said are expected to continue to rise.

According to information he distributed to the board and members of the media, sources at Ameren Illinois informed AGE and other energy distributors that costs are expected to continue to increase for up to four years.

A letter from Ameren states that the increases are due to global market pressures and the fact that renewable energy generation such as solar and wind power has not kept

*Solar and wind power cannot meet the demand*

pace with the number of fossil fuel plants that have closed.

The letter states: This has created a capacity shortage in the region that covers Ameren Illinois customers, driving up the capacity portion of the supply bill by approximately 47 times.

AGE also noted that Russia's invasion of Ukraine has further stressed the global energy market, causing a spike in costs all over the world.

Other factors include post-pandemic demand for energy and natural gas, which stalled on an industrial level during pandemic-related shutdowns, and low production and storage levels of natural gas across the United States.

All of this means that the average Ameren customer has been paying as much as \$41 more per month since June.

"It's a sad state of affairs," Wallace said.

AGE is offering 12, 36 and 48-month contracts, each that would decrease in cost. For example, the per-kilowatt-hour cost over 48 months would be nearly 11 cents, compared to more than 13 for a one-year deal.

The county commissioners thanked Wallace for the proposal, but because it was not on the agenda as an action item, the board could not act Thursday. Commissioners noted that it would be on a future agenda.

Wallace said the prices listed in the proposal would expire in November.

In other news, the board approved moving the September 1 county board meeting to the Tamaroa Village Hall at 548 West 2nd Street. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m.

This is a continuance of a plan to move the first meeting of every month to different locations in the

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Shown is Cody Jany of Chester, balancing his tractor on a platform during one of the events in 2017.

## Semi leaks diesel fuel throughout Randolph County

By Travis Lott

A semi was stopped by Chester police in the early morning hours of August 19 after reports that it had been leaking diesel fuel throughout the town.

According to Chester police, officers stopped a truck driven by Richard Hickox, 59, of Franklin, Arkansas at 1:44 a.m.

The truck, owned by Holt Transportation of Alma, Arkansas, was carrying grain, which was delivered to Gilster-Mary Lee in Chester.

Employees at Gilster reportedly informed the driver of the leak. However, police said the man told Gilster employees that he didn't know what could have caused the leak and didn't have anything to fix it anyway, so he kept going.

Hickox was supposedly headed to ConAgra to load up with more grain.

Gilster employees informed police of the situ-

ation, and the truck was tracked down by following the trail of diesel fuel. Police stopped the truck at the intersection of Kaskaskia and Water streets. A large amount of diesel fuel was spilling from the truck when police located it.

The Chester Fire Department was called to assist in the cleanup, and about 18 bags of Oil-Dri were used to soak up the fuel at the location of the traffic stop.

There were reports of a strong smell of diesel fuel all over town.

The fire department called E Environmental Solutions of Effingham to assist in the cleanup, and the Illinois EPA was called to investigate.

The leak was tracked all the way up to Conant Road near Pinckneyville, and diesel fuel had to be cleaned up along State Route 154 through Sparta

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Shown is the truck after it was stopped by Chester police at Kaskaskia and Water streets. In the foreground is the Oil-Dri that was used to soak up fuel.

# POLICE

All those arrested or ticketed are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

## Weekly police blotter

Tamra L. Krantz, 36, of Chester was arrested August 17 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for criminal trespass to land. Krantz was jailed.

Laverne A. Randolph, 53, of Chester was arrested August 20 by Chester police for stalking. Randolph posted bond and was released.

Jordan K. Womack, 29, of Venedy was arrested August 15 by Sparta police for driving on a revoked license. Womack was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Tyler J. Cobb, 22, of Marissa was ticketed August 16 by Marissa police for retail theft under \$300. Cobb was given a notice to appear in court.

Franklin D. Brawdy, 39, of Sparta was arrested August 17 by Sparta police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for possession of meth. Brawdy was released on a recognizance bond.

Michael O. Petterson, 22, of Evansville was arrested August 20 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for driving an uninsured vehicle. Petterson posted bond and was released.

Samantha J. Wilson, 26, of St. Louis was arrested August 18 by Sparta police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on traffic charges. Wilson posted bond and was released.

Zachary L. Favazza, 24, of Marissa was arrested August 17 by Marissa police for driving on a suspended license, driving an uninsured vehicle and driving a vehicle that had no valid registration. Favazza was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Alyze M. Nesbitt, 25, of Sparta was arrested August 19 by Sparta police for criminal damage to state property. Nesbitt was jailed.

Julia L. Cordes, 19, of Moscow Mills, Missouri was ticketed August 20 by Sparta police for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage. Cordes was given a notice to appear in court.

Sheldon R. Meadows, 18, of Pinckneyville was arrested August 20 by Sparta police for driving on a suspended license and illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage. Meadows was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Zachary L. Craig, 21, of Marissa was arrested August 19 by Marissa police for possession of meth and a controlled substance. Craig was released with charges pending from the state's attorney's office.

Joshua G. Cripps, 34, of Mulkeytown was arrested August 19 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court for driving on a revoked license. Cripps was jailed.

Mildred M. Murphy, 40, of Tilden was arrested August 21 by Sparta police on a Randolph County warrant for petition to revoke probation. Murphy was jailed.

Franklin D. Bawdy, 39, of Sparta was arrested August 21 by Sparta police for retail theft. Bawdy was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Walter M. Eyman, 52, of Red Bud was arrested August 20 by Chester police for possession of meth and driving on a revoked license. Eyman was jailed.

Joshua A. Heath, 33, homeless, was arrested in Tilden August 19 by Sparta police for unlawful possession of a weapon and ammunition, resisting a peace officer, littering and theft of utility services. Heath was jailed.

Robert L. Houghland, 75, of Sparta was arrested August 14 by Sparta police for driving on a suspended license. Houghland was given a notice to appear in court and released.

## Wreck in Modoc injures one

A woman was injured Friday night, when her truck ran off Bluff Road, approximately one mile south of Modoc Ferry Road, near Modoc.

According to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, Michelle Weber, 58, of Prairie du Rocher was traveling northwest on Bluff Road in her 2016 GMC Sierra at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Weber said a deer ran out in front of her, causing her to run off the right side of the roadway. She overcorrected, and her truck ran off the left side of the road, struck an embankment and went airborne. Her truck then landed in a soybean field, rolling over and coming to rest on its wheels.

Weber was taken to Chester Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

## Court dispositions

The following cases have been terminated in Randolph County circuit court.

Joshua Heath of Red Bud, obstructing identification, guilty, fine.

Michelle Welton of Evansville, possession of meth, dismissed.

Tomarla Edgar of Steeleville, domestic battery, guilty, fine.

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WILLISVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

# Water bills on the rise

No official ordinance has been written yet, but Willisville water customers will soon be paying more each month.

At the August 16 town board meeting, it was agreed to an increase in water fees to have the least effect on the minimum users.

Willisville has 327 customers, counting those out of town.

Mayor Clarence Warner noted that if the town does not raise rates to the state EPA's liking, it will be difficult to get grants.

As of this fiscal year, the profit made by the sewer service is about \$20,000, while water profit is about \$12,000, according to a J.T. Blankinship engineer who was at the meeting.

In the end, it was decided to post no sewer charge increase, but water rates will go up some time after the board acts on the final ordinance, probably in September.

For in-town customers, the minimum charge will remain at \$20.25 for the first 2,500 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons thereafter, it almost doubles, from \$6.73 to \$11.81.

For out-of-town customers, the minimum remains at \$23.25 for the first 2,500, and goes up from \$7.91 to \$12.99 for each additional 1,000.

There are no price breaks for heavier users per 1,000 gallons.

Another long discussion came at the end of the meeting, when the board decided on pay increases for town employees.

Warner and Treasurer Cheryl Salger left the meeting room for the discussion.

In the end, the board gave maintenance worker Derrick Vogel a \$2 wage hike. His hourly rate goes from \$14 to \$16.

Worker Alden Miller's wage goes from \$12.25 to \$13.75 an hour.

Clerk Maria Diamond's hourly pay increased from \$13.75 to \$14 an hour.

Salger is paid differently, and no pay increase was offered. Earlier in the meeting, she noted that she did not want a pay increase.

Diamond said there was a lot of discussion on the wage issue, with some motions made but not seconded.

Diamond commented on how she feels about her relatively small pay increase. She said she works 24 hours a week.

"I work part-time, and the others work outside," she said. "I'm not thrilled with (my wage hike), but I can't change it. I've been here for two and a half years with no pay increase."

Diamond said she will be looking around for other jobs.

In other action, the

board changed its liquor ordinance because of what was an apparent conflict between the Illinois and Willisville laws.

The village ordinance stated that no one under 21 could be in a bar after 9 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent.

However, Illinois law states that liquor servers can be 18.

Therefore, some Willisville bartenders could have been put out of work.

For consistency with the state, the board changed the ordinance to now say that no one under 18, rather than 21, can be in a bar after 9 p.m.

The owner of Broadway Corner Lounge said she has trouble finding bartenders as it is.

Warner announced that Police Chief Jeff Glenn will resign effective December 1, and Chad Howard will also be leaving whether or not he is elected Perry County sheriff.

It was agreed to advertise for a police chief.

The board continues to work on the zoning issue at the Walter Meeks property.

Meeks will be sent an order for zoning correction. Meeks is living in a building zoned for highway business.

No zoning hearing has been held on the matter.

SPARTA CITY COUNCIL

# Plants and weeds ordinance updated, library to be painted

**By Dan Zobel**  
The Sparta ordinance in regards to plants and weeds was officially updated during the city council's August 22 meeting.

The council also approved a bid to paint the library and discussed the purchase of a rescue pumper truck for the fire department.

Commissioner Nathaniel Ward introduced the plants and weeds ordinance amendment several meetings prior.

During the council's August 8 meeting, Mayor Jason Schlimme asked for the item to be tabled so he could consult with attorney Alan Farris about some questions he had.

This time, after some discussion, the amendment was approved, with Commissioner Bobby Klausing voting present.

Ward has stated that he is trying to overhaul the ordinances that fall under his department. The ordinance relating to plants and weeds had not been updated since 1992.

One of the main changes to the ordinance is to make sure that everybody, those who work for the city and the residents, understand that three days is allotted for an issue to be resolved with plants or weeds at a residence once a notice is issued to the property owner with a clear explanation of the problem.

Ward read from the old ordinance, saying that it clearly stated that three days should be given before the city does anything at the property.

However, Farris contended that was not the correct way to interpret the ordinance.

To his point, Ward noted that too many times, the old ordinance was being misinterpreted, and he said there is a

problem if people are reading it differently.

In other news, the council accepted a \$17,500 bid from Bradley's Painting of Coulterville to paint the entire outside of the library.

Klausing said Bradley's recently did the painting at the Mischelhorn Art Gallery. At that time, Klausing asked the company for a bid for the library.

Bradley submitted two bids, one for the entire outside of the building and one for a wall that is in need of attention. The price for that one wall was \$7,000.

Klausing noted that he did not seek any other bids because \$17,500 is under the amount that requires a formal bidding process.

"We have to keep things maintained," said Commissioner Michael Kelley.

The council approved a one-year agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee insurance benefits. The offer from Blue Cross represented a 10 percent increase. Blue Cross was the only company to submit a bid.

Fire Chief Tim Rucks opened a discussion with the council for the possibility of purchasing a new rescue pumper truck for an estimated \$750,000.

Rucks said, if the truck is approved to be purchased, the department would sell its 1983 truck that is out of service, as well as its 1999 truck.

Rucks said he has also obtained information from a finance company that is willing to help finance the unit through payments over 12 years.

Klausing asked if any grants were available.

Rucks, as well as Ward, noted that the department is always

applying for grants. Schlimme was concerned with the cost of the truck and that the council was not given this information sooner than several days prior to the meeting.

Schlimme suggested that Rucks get with Commissioner Alan Young, who heads the Financing Committee for the council, to see if there is any money available for such a purchase.

Young stated that without some sort of grant, there would not be enough funds.

"If we're needing two or three trucks down the road and bind ourselves to this for 10 to 12 years, we won't be buying another one anytime soon," Schlimme said.

Schlimme indicated that he was not saying the department does not need a new truck, but he has seen surrounding towns purchase refurbished trucks for nearly half the cost of this one.

"We need to sit down as a group and discuss this," Schlimme said. "We need to find a way to get all that we can for what we can afford."

The council approved the reappointments of Peggy Petkas and Don Adams to the library board on terms to expire June 30, 2025.

Kelley reported that Richard Prest will retire soon after 37 years as the streets lead supervisor.

During public comment, two gentlemen raised an issue with the growth of weeds in ditches and along streets, asking for the city to do something about it.

Klausing asked them to get with him so the city can check out the situation and get it taken care of.

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## General Patton wouldn't think much of Mitch

Establishment Republicans, also known as Republicans In Name Only, are infamous for their ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

They do it so often that real Republicans might, in their wildest dreams, occasionally think they just might be losing on purpose, maybe.

Real Republicans may cite as evidence Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's recent comments indicating that the GOP might not regain control of the Senate in the November mid-terms.

"I think there's probably a greater likelihood the House flips than the Senate," *townhall.com* columnist Matt Vespa quotes McConnell as saying. "Senate races are just different; they're statewide. Candidate quality has a lot to do with the outcome."

Vespa said it's not clear what McConnell means when he talks about candidate quality, but the Kentucky senator's comments might irk his haters. I think it's very clear that McConnell thinks those right-wing extremists—those Deplorables and Bitter Clingers—have nominated too many Trump supporters and not enough RINOs.

I'm not a McConnell hater. I agree with Vespa when he said, "Like any politician in Washington, he has his good days, like pushing through the core of the Trump agenda, especially when it came to judges, and then can blow that goodwill in a second. It was incredibly disappointing that McConnell got squishy after the January 6 riot, even mulling an offensive against the Trump base before polling forced him to move on from that fool's errand."

Nevertheless, I do despise McConnell's cowardice in the face of the enemy. There's nothing quite so inspiring as a leader who waves the white flag long before the battle is decided. "Sing Along With Mitch" was a popular TV show back in the '60s. "Surrender Along With Mitch" isn't likely to fare so well.

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" says First Corinthians 14:8.

Mitch sounds about as uncertain as the manager of the fictional baseball team in Bob & Ray's skit about the coming season. Asked about his prospects, the poor fellow says he could use a better catcher and some better pitchers. He's not too sure about his infielders, and he could use a few outfielders who could catch the ball and get a hit now and then, too.

That was comedy, but there's nothing funny about the prospect of real Republican Senate candidates failing to win this fall.

As Elizabeth Stauffer writes in the Washington Examiner, "U.S. political history is rife with instances in which one Senate vote meant the difference between a bill's passage or its failure."

"Had Republicans rallied behind then-Republican Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler in Georgia's January 2021 runoff elections, we could have mitigated much of the damage caused by the Biden administration's overreach."

Therefore, I urge the multiplied hundreds upon hundreds of millions of loyal readers of this column to join me in urging McConnell to stiffen his spine and change his tune.

Let's tell him to rally his troops as if the fate of the nation and of generations yet unborn depends upon GOP victories in '22 and '24 and every year after that, too—because it does.

Here are a few battle cries Mitch might try: "Fear! Fire! Foes! Awake!" (The Horn-Cry of Buckland in "The Lord of the Rings")

"We have nothing to do but fight on, with hope or without it!" (Gandalf the White, same book)

"Remember the Alamo! Remember the Maine! Remember Mar-a-Lago!" (Texas, Cuba, Florida)

If those are too blood-curdling for ol' Mitch, though, let's hope he at least heeds the prayer in an old song about a preacher who'd been treed by a grizzly

"Lord, Lord, if you can't help me, for goodness sakes don't you help that bear!"

For more by John Meacham, visit [laugh-withjohn.wordpress.com](https://www.laugh-withjohn.wordpress.com).

## New school year off and running

*No COVID mask mandates this year, at least for now*

It's that time of year again—the time when our kiddos are forced to shut off the video games and emerge from the basement, squint at the sunshine as their eyes adjust and get ready to go back to school.

Maybe they're excited to go back, to be with their friends they haven't gotten to see in three long months.

Perhaps they're less enthusiastic—not necessarily kicking and screaming, but dragging their feet a bit.

Back to school time is an adjustment for everyone, including parents and teachers.

Sometimes it takes a week or so to get back into the swing

of things and adjust to renewed deadlines for homework and morning preparation.

One nice thing is that, this school year, it feels like we've moved past the interruptions caused by the pandemic. Kids no longer need to spend their entire day wearing masks or distancing from anyone. This is undoubtedly a relief.

One of the things we are reminded of

during this time of the year is how fortunate we are to have so many wonderful educators who are ready, willing and enthusiastic to shape the minds of our young people.

Some areas are not so lucky. St. Louis, for example, is seeing a teacher shortage at some of its schools.

It's also important to remember during this time of year that our kids are out on

the roads heading to and from school, after-school sports, clubs and other meetings.

More than ever, this is a time to be careful on the roadways, to slow down and stay off the cell phones. We love our kids, and we'd very much like to have them at the kitchen table for supper at the end of every day.

There will be challenges for the 2022-23 school year, as with any other, but with the pandemic in the rearview mirror, it feels a new day has dawned. Soon it will be fall, and we'll all enjoy bonfires and high school football.

It's going to be a great year.

A Musing View<sup>®</sup>

By Martha Peebles

## Superglue: My greatest fear

*I should have used tweezers instead of my fingers*

Some folks fear death or public speaking. Some fear interstates or Walmart.

I used to have a fear of flying and of tornados but have gotten over this with the help of Xanax and sleeping in the lower level of our house.

You might think this is trivial, but my greatest fear at this time is superglue.

Like the teacher who hated school starting so much that she got ill when she would see school supplies, I get the same anxiety at the superglue displays in stores.

This fear is well deserved. I wasn't born with it. It has developed over time due to years of mishaps. I have been glued to most everything that I have attempted to fix.

You hear about women who do a lot of cooking feeling like they are chained to the stove. I fear that I will be permanently adhered to some inanimate object.

You laugh at this, but read on and you'll see what I mean.

Many years ago, a local school bus driver noticed that the kids on her bus were unusually noisy. As you probably know, school kids often use the bus ride to get into mischief, knowing that they can get by with things that would never be allowed in school.

Looking into her rearview mirror, the driver spied the kids throwing something around the bus.

She pulled over, put on her flashers and went back to see what was causing all the commotion. It was a simple tube of superglue. She held out her hand and asked the kids to give it to her, and she threw it into the waste can.

Unfortunately, as she proceeded on her

route, she realized that the superglue tube must have had a leak when she found her right hand adhered to the bus steering wheel. This meant she had to shift with her left hand, awkwardly crossing over her body. Thankfully, she made it back to the bus garage safely, and her fellow bus drivers helped her out by dissolving the glue with gasoline.

When I heard her tell this story, I laughed really hard—but truth be told, it was only a cover-up for my own unfounded fear. Her account confirmed my anxiety, but I push forward.

The other day, one of my earrings lost a jewel. I love earrings, the bigger the better,

even though they tend to enlarge my earlobe holes, but that's a whole other story.

The jewel that fell out looked easy enough to secure back into the earring. Just a dab of superglue was all it would take, I told myself.

Have you ever tried to get just a dab of glue, pinpoint size, onto a small area? For me, it never works. As predicted, the glue filled the area as I quickly pushed the jewel inside.

You would think I would have learned my lesson about using old tweezers instead of my fingers, but no.

It was already too late when I realized my mistake, and thus, my earring and I became one. This would be a great look if earrings were meant to adorn the tips of your fingers. Rushing upstairs, I prayed that I had enough nail polish remover to remedy the problem.

It was time to get out the Xanax, go down to our lower-level bedroom and take some deep breaths.

## Letters to the editor

## Slow down

Editor, County Journal:

Anyone who knows me could tell you I'm usually cool and calm, but now I'm like a volcano ready to explode.

Something has got to be done about the speeding in Willisville before someone is hurt, or worse, killed.

Everyone thinks since Dolly Hill homes have no children, they can use it as a freeway, but I have a great-grandchild who visits quite often. To make matters worse, they have even started to drive like that in town.

If no other traffic is around, they go very fast. This has got to stop. People are walking the streets, pulling in and out of their driveways; kids are riding their bicycles and are running around.

Have you as parents not talked to your kids who drive about these things? Driving is not about seeing how fast you can get from one place to another, or maybe the problem is

they have learned it from you.

I'm planning on talking to the town board about this at their next meeting. I've called the police and was told that before anyone will do anything, someone needs to write a letter in a newspaper and go to a town board meeting and bring up the subject.

I was told the more people I can get to attend this meeting, the better. So, please come before it's too late. I was told people have called and complained, so please do something about it.

I think the town meetings are the third Tuesday of every month. Find out, and meet me there before it's too late.

Diann Moore  
Willisville

## Military stole policy questioned

Editor, County Journal:

Every public high school in the surrounding area not

only allows military stoles to be worn by enlisted graduates for the entire graduation ceremony, they also offer some sort of recognition of enlistment during the ceremony. Every public school besides Chester High School that is.

Chester allows enlisted students to put their military stoles on for the recessional exit, that's it.

Chester's policy is that only school earned cords and stoles are allowed. Yet, military recruiters are allowed to recruit on school property during school hours. Doesn't that make recruiting a school sponsored event?

Graduates are given a dress code to follow. No jeans, no boots, no tennis shoes and black shoes only for girls. Every single one of those dress codes were broken by various students for the 2021 ceremony. Every student who broke the code was still allowed to partake in

the ceremony. Yet, enlisted students are threatened with being pulled from the ceremony if they display their military stole before the end of the ceremony.

Two school board members have the personal belief that the military makes it too easy to quit during boot camp and they don't want to honor or potential quitters by allowing military stoles at CHS graduation. The same two board members have offered some sort of recognition at a future game or event if the graduated enlisted returns to Chester after boot camp. Too little too late, in my opinion.

If you are as outraged as you should be, contact new superintendent Kimberly Briggs at 618-826-4509, [kimberly-briggs@chester139.com](mailto:kimberly-briggs@chester139.com) or contact a school board member.

Alicia Ebers  
Chester

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**Lewis & Clark commendations**

The Lewis & Clark chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented law enforcement commendations to three Randolph County sheriff's deputies and the 9-1-1 dispatcher, who were instrumental in rescuing two men from a collapsed trench earlier this year. From left in front are Deputy Steve Miles, Dispatcher Mary Beam, Detective Ryan Coffey, Chief Deputy Jarrod Peters and Lewis & Clark President Dan Crafton. In back are the Michael Kaiser and James Liefer, the men who were rescued, and Sheriff Shannon Wolff. Photo by John Meacham

**Tick-borne virus found in Jackson**

The Illinois Department of Public Health has confirmed that an older person who resides in a rural area of Jackson County recently tested positive for the Heartland virus, the third reported case in Illinois since 2018.

farmers who had been bitten by ticks were admitted to a hospital. Almost all individuals with Heartland virus have been hospitalized. Although most people infected have fully recovered, a few older individuals with more than two chronic diseases have died.

ported becoming sick about two weeks after being bit by a tick. While there is no treatment, doctors can treat some of the symptoms. If you have been bitten by a tick and think you may have Heartland virus or another tick-borne illness, visit a health care provider.

wander, looking for places like the ear or other areas where the skin is thinner. To avoid tick bites, wear light-colored, protective clothing—long-sleeved shirts, pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and a head covering. Treat clothing with products containing 0.5 percent permethrin.

The exact area of the county where the virus was found was not released.

There are no vaccines to prevent Heartland virus infections.

Ticks are commonly found on the tips of grasses and shrubs. They crawl and cannot fly or jump. The tick will wait in the grass or shrub for a person or animal to walk by then quickly climb aboard. Some ticks will attach quickly, and others will

Apply insect repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours.

Likely spread by the Lone Star tick, more than 50 cases of the disease have been reported in the Midwest and southern United States since 2009.

Signs and symptoms of infection are like those of other tick-borne diseases and can include fever, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches and diarrhea.

Most people have re-

Walk in the center of trails so grass, shrubs, and weeds do not brush against you.

Heartland virus was first identified in 2009 when two Missouri

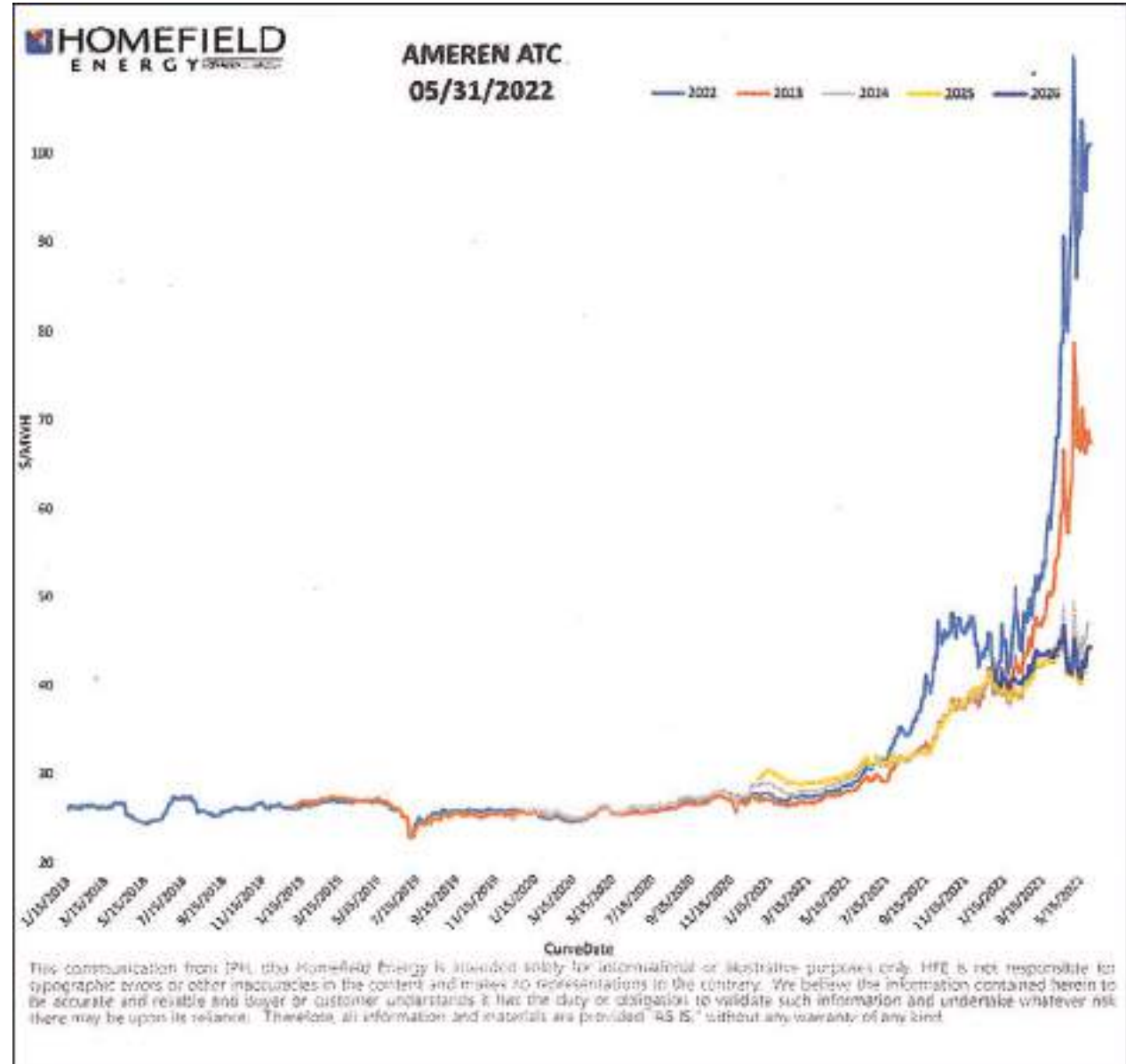
**Perry County board weighs energy costs ... from Page 1**

county to provide residents with more access to elected representatives. The plan was placed on hold for a couple of months as County Clerk Bobby

Kelly managed the primary election. The board has previously met in Cutler and Du Quoin, and board members said they would like to visit all of

the towns in the county on a rotating basis. A number of raffle licenses were also approved, including the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce, St.

Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Mitchell Lodge 85, Greg Wilson for Treasurer, Jennifer Martin for County Commissioner and Howard Baxter for Sheriff.



The above chart, provided to the Perry County Board of Commissioners by Bruce Wallace of AGE Energy, illustrates skyrocketing energy prices from January 2018 through May 2022.

**Semi leaks diesel fuel ... from Page 1**

and into Chester. Sparta Fire Chief Tim Rucks said it took E Environmental about an hour to clean up the spill through Sparta.

The fuel tank was nearly empty by the time the truck was stopped, and it was estimated that it spilled between 75 and 100 gallons of diesel. Crews worked for several hours Friday morning to clean up the mess.

It is unclear what Hickox struck that may have caused the leak. Chester police cited Hickox for operating unsafe equipment. However, Chester Police Chief Bobby Helmers said the IEPA will investigate

to pursue potentially more severe charges. Perry County Towing of Perryville, Missouri was called to remove the truck from the scene.

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## RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD

# County finances tight, COVID money helping

By Dan Zobel

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners received the 2021 county audit during its August 19 meeting.

While the overwhelming takeaway of the audit was favorable, there were some negative items of note.

CPA Jim Schmersahl of Schmersahl Treloar & Co. of St. Louis explained that it was a positive year overall for the county during a year that was impacted by COVID and COVID funding.

Schmersahl added that cash was up substantially over the last couple of years. The county benefited from COVID funds received and a decrease in pension liability costs.

"Things are still really tight financially, but they are better than they were," Schmersahl said.

Sales, income and replacement taxes received from the state were up for the county, but the majority of that was because these taxes were collected more slowly because of COVID.

Schmersahl commented on county facilities, including the Randolph County Care Center.

The care center saw a profit of over \$700,000, which is more than the last two years.

However, without grants received by the care center, it would have shown a deficit.

The care center received nearly \$900,000 in operating grants and contributions, whereas it received nothing in that item the previous year.

The charges for services received was also down around \$700,000, which is because of fewer residents.

In closing, Schmersahl noted that a county that has \$23 million in revenues deserves to have a more robust accounting reporting system.

"This is a large sophisticated government entity with lots of moving parts," Schmersahl said. "You've gotten by, but you need a more sophisticated accounting structure. It's time to restructure it."

Schmersahl understood that the county had some turnover in employees who generally handle the accounting, in addition to the COVID situation, but he still thinks this has to be addressed.

Commissioner Dave Holder said he believes that the county needs an internal financial administration. He said that the county should hire an individual who is an accountant with a degree or something similar.

"The complexities of the system require a higher proficiency," Holder said. "How we can get that accomplished, I don't know yet, but we're pursuing it. We need to find the individuals and put the right structure in place."

The other issue from the audit is how late the real estate tax cycle has become the last few years.

Schmersahl noted that in 2019, the cycle ended in February and saw slippage to March in 2020 and 2021. He said the county needs to get it back to November.

Holder said this year the cycle is looking at closing in January with the hope to get back to November in 2023.

"I can safely say we are six weeks ahead of last year," added County Clerk Melanie Johnson.

In other news, the board approved a resolution to partner with Monroe County in applying to join the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

The authority promotes, encourages and facilitates economic development in the southwestern Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Madison and St. Clair.

The only way for other counties to join is for them to apply and gain approval through state legislature.

The board also approved to designate September 1 as Retired Teachers Day in Randolph County.

During the 2021-22 school year, 42 members of the Retired Teachers Association donated 10,858 hours of volunteer service.

In personnel, appointments were made for Steve Gonzalez, Edgar Lakes Drainage District, expiring September 2025; Richard Guebert, Prairie du Rocher and Modoc Levee District, August 31, 2025; Derek Klein, Kaskaskia Island Levee and Drainage District, September 2025, and Laura Woodworth and Mike Schmitz, Randolph County Extension Board, September 1, 2023.

Circuit Clerk Julie Carnahan reported that her office recently received a \$33,000 technology grant, which will be used to get new video systems for the courtrooms.

Emily Lyons reported that the Randolph County Tourism Bureau is in the process of updating the county map. She asked that if anybody knows of any changes, especially in tourism areas, to let someone from the tourism board know.



From left are Austin Froemling, Emma Rieckenberg and Mary Pierce, VFW Post 3553 Auxiliary president and Americanism chairperson.

## Two St. Mark's students place in VFW contest

Two students at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Steeleville have placed at the VFW department level for their Americanism projects.

Second-grader Aus-

tin Froemling, the son of Mark and Leslie Froemling, earned first place for his poster.

Emma Rieckenberg, the daughter of Eric and Deanne Rieckenberg, placed second for

her essay.

Both projects won on the VFW Post 3553 level, then again at the state level.

The district level is the highest a student can achieve.

## Clean SOIL group to hold cleanup day along Route 13

Individuals and groups representing civic organizations, businesses, high schools and labor unions plan to team up September 17 and devote the morning to cleaning up State Route 13 from Murphysboro to Harrisburg.

The region-wide cleanup is part of Clean SOIL, a group founded by former Congressman Glenn Poshard and former Southern Illinoisan sports editor Les Winkeler.

While COVID put clean-up efforts on the shelf, Clean SOIL moved forward in other ways.

Partnering with the SIU School of Education, Clean SOIL made it possible for SIU to create an anti-littering

curriculum for schools throughout the nation.

"Katrina Medernach, a graduate student at SIU, worked with us for the past year to develop a curriculum for kindergarten through third grade," Poshard said. "In the next couple of years, we hope to have lesson plans in place that would reach junior high and high school students."

"In addition to developing the curriculum, SIU has been instrumental in getting the lessons approved by the National Science Teachers Association, meaning the lessons will be available to teachers throughout the country."

Illinois Department of Transportation personnel will truck away the accumulated litter.

Plans are also being made to recycle as much of the trash as possible.

"While the cleanups represent a major step forward, we know that in order to fulfill our mission, Clean SOIL has to change attitudes toward littering in southern Illinois," Winkeler said. "We hope the educational component teaches children the importance of taking care of our planet and they pass that attitude along to their siblings and parents."

For more information on the cleanup effort or to help at the event, call Melinda Dovell at 618-841-7948 or Rachel Pesola at 618-694-7220.

For more about Clean SOIL, go to [cleansoil618.org](http://cleansoil618.org).



From left in the front row are retired teachers Melanie Green, Kathy Franklin, Emily Lyons and Carolyn Schwent. Back row: county Commissioner Ronnie White, Chairman Marc Kiehna and Commissioner Dave Holder.

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# SCHOOL

## Sparta FFA given grant for gardens

Sparta FFA was recently awarded the Yearlong Living To Serve grant from the National FFA organization in the amount of \$1,050.

The club plans to use the funds to address hunger and food sources by establishing raised garden beds for a farm-to-school program.

These vegetables will be used to serve students at school and provide seed stock for spring sales.

Agriculture classes will start growing the seeds in class and se-

lect which plants to use in the raised beds. Other plants can go home with students to care for.

Ag students will also learn about regulations associated with supplying food to sellers, besides those at farmers markets, as well as about composting and putting nutrients back into the soil for successful crops.

This grant has provided FFA chapters in 33 states with approximately \$260,000.

This year's grants are sponsored by Tractor Supply and Cargill.

## Pathway Preschool registration open

The Pathway Preschool of Beaucoup Baptist Church in Pinckneyville is open for registration for children 3-5.

The free program is designed to help children become acquainted with the school environment before going to kindergarten.

Pathway sessions meet for 10 weeks

Wednesday mornings from 8:50 to 11.

The fall session begins September 21 and ends November 16. The spring session will start in February.

To register, a child must be 3 by September 1 and be potty-trained.

For more information, call Donna Hicks at 618-318-0397.

## School breakfast and lunch menus

### EVANSVILLE August 29-31 Breakfast

MONDAY: Donuts.

TUESDAY: Cheese omelet, toast, sausage.

WEDNESDAY: Yogurt.

### Lunch

MONDAY: Cheeseburger, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, fruit.

TUESDAY: Buffalo chicken wraps, broccoli, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Sloppy joe, green beans, fruit.

### TRICO August 29-Sept. 2 Breakfast

MONDAY: French toast.

TUESDAY: Cinnamon roll.

WEDNESDAY: Scrambled eggs.

THURSDAY: Muffin, yogurt.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, gravy, sausage.

### Lunch

MONDAY: Chicken patty, chips, veggies w/dip.

TUESDAY: Beef nachos, buttered corn.

WEDNESDAY: Toasted ravioli, string cheese, garden salad.

THURSDAY: Chicken bites, fries, green beans.

FRIDAY: Bosco sticks, salad.

### ST. MARK'S Aug. 29-Sept. 2

MONDAY: Toasted ravioli, Caesar salad, oranges.

TUESDAY: Scrambled eggs/cheese/sausage, tater tots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger, baked beans, apples.

THURSDAY: Red lentil soup, green beans, apples.

FRIDAY: Dismiss at 11:15.



## Retired teachers greeting

Despite the rainy morning August 16, Chester retired teachers continued their tradition of the first day of school greeting. Shown from left are Debbie Caraway, Paula Platt, Norma Baughman, Donna Clendenin, Tim Lochhead, Carolyn Schwent, Nikki Aubuchon and Toni Hosick. The group met at 7 a.m. in front of Baughman's home on Opdyke Street with lawn chairs, umbrellas, coffee cups and the orange welcome back sign. They greeted students, teachers, staff, bus drivers and parents as they made their way to Chester Grade School. A video of the event, created by Tim Lochhead, is available at [youtu.be/fssrmF8YKdg](https://youtu.be/fssrmF8YKdg).

## STEELEVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

# Several personnel items approved

By Travis Lott

The Steeleville school board met August 15 to approve a long list of items, almost exclusively pertaining to personnel.

Junior high social studies teacher Cheryl Kuhlman resigned, and she was replaced with Jennifer Armstrong.

Rayme Feldmann, who was hired as a high school classroom

aide, will take over as FBLA sponsor following the resignation of Michelle Mohr.

Myra Siemers and Katie Cole were hired as individual aides at the grade school, Amy Asher and Caylyn Rowland as general aides at the grade school and Tracy Wingerter as the reading room aide.

Cole was also named latchkey director, and the latchkey assistant

will be Bonnie Bardo.

Rachel Alexander was hired as a part-time cook at the high school, and Emiko Qualls will be a part-time cook at the grade school. Qualls was also approved to serve as a bus driver, along with Sharon Hepp and Glen Armstrong.

Jon Barbour and Dusty Sutton will be volunteer junior high baseball coaches.

Sarah Brennfleck, Rich Bauer and Clint Cowan are volunteer junior high cross country coaches.

Evelyn Sweeny was employed as the speech language pathologist and Barry Guebert was hired as the freshman boys basketball coach.

In another matter, Sheffel Boyle of Belleville will be the school's auditor.

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# Legion Riders roll through Chester

By Travis Lott

For the first time ever, about 250 motorcycles rolled through Chester as part of the National American Legion Riders Legacy Run.

The bikers passed through the area on

their way to the August 25 American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The riders left Mobile, Alabama August 21 and stopped August 23 at the Vietnam me-

morial wall in Perryville, Missouri for a ceremony.

Following that ceremony, the group traveled over the Chester Bridge.

The Chester Police Department escorted the

bikers through Chester.

The motorcycles headed up State Route 150, turning at the Steeleville tee toward Sparta, bound for Litchfield, Illinois, where they were scheduled to stop for

the night.

As they traveled, the Riders raised money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, which awards college scholarships to children of military personnel

killed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 or children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or more. Since 2006, the Riders have raised more than \$15 million.



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# SPORTS

By: Dan Zobel



## Just scrimmaging

The Sparta High School volleyball held a scrimmage August 19 as part of the athletic department's blue-white event. Above, freshman Sophia Jewell bumps the ball over the net for the Lady Bulldogs. Below, Libby Renner prepares to smack the ball as Sparta coach Abbey Miles, far left, follows the ball.



## PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

# P'ville, Trico, Sparta, Chester win

**AUGUST 23**  
**Gibault 25-25**  
**Red Bud 14-15**

Abby Grohmann blasted eight kills for Gibault, and the Lady Hawks toppled Red Bud in nonconference action.

**Gibault**  
 Kills: Abby Grohmann 8, Lucy Range 7, Avery Gilpin 2, Claire Barbour 1, Kamille

**Grohmann 1**  
 Aces: Avery Gilpin 3, Lucy Range 3, Kate Kreps 1, Emma Schmidt 1  
 Blocks: Abby Grohmann 1  
 Assists: Lucy Range 8, Avery Gilpin 4, Emma Schmidt 2

**Pinckneyville 25-25**  
**Centralia 15-19**

**Chester defeats**  
**Anna-Jonesboro**

**AUGUST 22**  
**Trico 25-25**  
**Cobden 15-12**

Trico opened its season with a victory despite Natalie Franklin of Cobden coming up with three digs, two blocks, one kill and one ace.

**Cobden**  
 Kills: Mackenzie Jackson 1,

**Natalie Franklin 1**  
 Aces: Kaylee Hall 2, Tess Brummer 1, Natalie Franklin 1, Rhylee Sauerbrunn 1  
 Blocks: Emma Kilpatrick 2, Natalie Franklin 2, Mackenzie Jackson 1  
 Digs: Natalie Franklin 3, Kaylee Hall 2, Wendy Olvera 1  
 Assists: Mackenzie Jackson 2

**Sparta 25-25**  
**Elverado 13-5**



Joan Derringer is shown with the second-place team of John Hood and Sean Starkweather.

# Derringer bass tournament held

A Belleville man took top honors, followed closely by a Chester/Steeleville team in the Garry Derringer Memorial Bass Tournament that took place August 14 on the Kaskaskia River at Evansville. The winner was

Brad Curtis with a weight of 5.64 pounds. The team of John Hood of Steeleville and Sean Starkweather of Chester placed second at 4.8 pounds. In third, with 4.59 pounds, was the team of Darren Sclemidt and Sam Sclemidt of

Evansville. Fourth place went to the team of Greg Schilling and Cory Mayo of Sparta at 3.75 pounds, and in fifth was the team of Matt King and Jason Keim of New Athens at 3.59 pounds. Schilling took big-

gest bass honors at 3.75 pounds. There were 26 entries. The tournament, which is sponsored by the Steeleville Bass Club, raised \$850, which was donated to the Mascoutah High School fishing team.

# Prep volleyball tournaments

**Labor Day Tournament at New Athens**  
 The Marissa-Coulterville, Steeleville, Red Bud and Trico prep volleyball teams will play Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27 at the Labor Day Volleyball Tournament hosted by New Athens.

The tournament will include 10 teams beginning in two pools of five to determine the final matchups. The New Athens high school and junior high gyms will be used.

Matches will begin at 4 p.m. August 26 and 9 a.m. August 27.

Last season, East St. Louis took home the tournament title over Wesclin. Chester picked up third place and Trico fourth.

**Pool Assignments**  
**Pool A:** New Athens, Lebanon, Wesclin, Okawville, Gibault  
**Pool B:** Marissa-Coulterville, Steeleville, Trico, Red Bud, O'Fallon First Baptist

**Tournament Schedule**  
**August 26**

**Pool A - HS Gym**  
 New Athens vs. Wesclin  
 Lebanon vs. Wesclin  
 Okawville vs. Gibault  
 New Athens vs. Gibault  
 Okawville vs. Lebanon

**Pool B - JH Gym**  
 Marissa-Coulterville vs. Red Bud  
 Steeleville vs. Red Bud  
 O'Fallon First Baptist vs. Trico  
 Marissa-Coulterville vs. Trico  
 O'Fallon First Baptist vs. Steeleville

**August 27**  
**High School Gym**

**Pool A**  
 Wesclin vs. Okawville  
 Okawville vs. New Athens  
 New Athens vs. Lebanon  
 Wesclin vs. Gibault  
 Lebanon vs. Gibault

**Final Matchups**  
 Fifth place - Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd  
 Championship - Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st

**Junior High Gym**  
**Pool B**  
 Red Bud vs. O'Fallon First Baptist  
 O'Fallon First Baptist vs. Marissa-Coulterville  
 Marissa-Coulterville vs. Steeleville  
 Red Bud vs. Trico  
 Steeleville vs. Trico

**Final Matchups**  
 Seventh place - Pool A 4th vs. Pool B 4th  
 Third place - Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd

**SIRR Preview at Herrin**

The prep volleyball Southern Illinois River to River Preview Tournament will be Saturday, August 27 at Herrin. The games will be played in three gymnasiums. Competition will begin in pool play before being broken into three divisions to determine places. Last season, Nashville earned the tournament title, with Carterville gaining second place and Pinckneyville third. Du Quoin finished fifth.

**Pool Assignments**  
**Pool A:** Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, Murphysboro, Harrisburg  
**Pool B:** Herrin, West Frankfort, Nashville, Anna-Jonesboro  
**Pool C:** Massac County, Benton, Carterville

**Tournament Schedule**  
**Pool A - Memorial Gym**

Pinckneyville vs. Harrisburg  
 Du Quoin vs. Murphysboro  
 Pinckneyville vs. Murphysboro  
 Du Quoin vs. Harrisburg  
 Murphysboro vs. Harrisburg  
 Pinckneyville vs. Du Quoin

**Pool B - Gym A**  
 Herrin vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 West Frankfort vs. Nashville  
 Herrin vs. Nashville  
 West Frankfort vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 Nashville vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 Herrin vs. West Frankfort

**Pool C - Gym B**  
 Massac County vs. Carterville  
 Benton vs. Carterville  
 Massac County vs. Benton

**Gold Division - Memorial Gym**  
 Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st  
 Pool B 1st vs. Pool C 1st  
 Pool A 1st vs. Pool C 1st

**Silver Division - Gym A**  
 Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd  
 Pool B 2nd vs. Pool C 2nd  
 Pool A 2nd vs. Pool C 2nd

**Bronze Division - Gym B**  
 Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd  
 Pool B 3rd vs. Pool C 3rd  
 Pool A 3rd vs. Pool C 3rd

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# New Athens XC Invitational

The Steeleville High School boys cross country team opened its season August 22 by placing second at the New Athens Invitational.

The Warriors finished just three points behind Columbia, which had the two fastest runners in the race.

Steeleville's quickest three runners each placed inside the top 15. Cayton Cratch was 12th, Clayton Donagh-

er 13th and Camden Pierce 14th.

Chester, Marissa-Coulterville, Red Bud and Sparta also had runners at the event.

Notably, in boys, Red Bud's Luke Miller was 25th and Marissa-Coulterville's Brock Portz 27th.

In girls, Red Bud's Anna Wolter was 14th and Marissa-Coulterville's Paige Daenzer 25th.

PREP GOLF ROUNDUP

Steeleville boys, Trico girls win golf matches

**BOYS**  
**AUGUST 23**  
**Steeleville 165**  
**Valmeyer 255**  
 At Acorns Golf Course, Waterloo  
**Medalist:** Jack Knop/Logan Bartens 40, Steeleville  
**Steeleville:** Jack Knop 40, Logan Bartens 40, Avery Hamilton 41, Bradyn Wilson 44

**Marissa-C'ville 251**  
 At Chester Country Club  
**Medalist:** Kayla Knott 41, Trico  
**Trico:** Kayla Knott 41, Saylor Griffiths 45, Autumn Kennedy 48, Ellyce Blazier 61  
**Chester:** Camryn Luthy 42, Aubrie Medford 44, Macy Bert 46, Addy Gottschammer 64  
**M-C:** Josie Stephens 49, Taylor Demars 65, Becca Root 67, Olivia Kratz 70

**AUGUST 22**  
**Steeleville 155**  
**Sparta 175**  
 At Sparta Country Club  
**Medalist:** Logan Bartens 34, Steeleville  
**Steeleville:** Logan Bartens 34, Avery Hamilton 35, Jack Knop 43, Tyler Ingles 43  
**Sparta:** Mason Ethington 38, Jack Loesing 40, James Pillers 43, Tyler Schulein

**AUGUST 22**  
**Trico 215**  
**Chester 221**  
**Steeleville NTS**  
 At Pyramid Oaks, Percy  
**Medalist:** Saylor Griffiths, Trico; Camryn Luthy, Chester; 48  
**Trico:** Saylor Griffiths 48, Kayla Knott 52, Autumn Kennedy 55, Ellyce Blazier 6-  
**Chester:** Camryn Luthy 48, Aubrie Medford 52, Macy Bert 52, Rylie Meyers 69  
**Steeleville:** Miranda Rodewald 53, Shelby Barker 74

**GIRLS**  
**AUGUST 23**  
**Trico 195**  
**Chester 196**

Prep volleyball...From Page 10

**Lady Mule Kickoff at Fairfield**  
 The Chester High School volleyball team will compete Saturday, August 27 at the Lady Mule Kickoff Tournament at Fairfield.  
 Competition begins at 8:30 a.m. and features 16 teams. The teams will begin in pool play before entering bracket play to determine places.  
 Two courts will be used at Fairfield High School and two courts at Center Street Middle School.

**Pool Assignments**  
**Pool A:** Chester, Fairfield, Mt. Vernon, Lawrenceville  
**Pool B:** Wayne City, North Posey, Robinson, Gallatin County  
**Pool C:** NCOE, Mt. Carmel, Christopher, Teutopolis  
**Pool D:** North Clay, Cisne, Newton, Carbondale

**Tournament Schedule**  
**Pool A - Center Street**  
 Fairfield vs. Mt. Vernon  
 Fairfield vs. Lawrenceville  
 Lawrenceville vs. Chester  
 Mt. Vernon vs. Chester  
 Mt. Vernon vs. Lawrenceville  
 Fairfield vs. Chester  
**Pool B - Center Street**  
 Wayne City vs. North Posey  
 Wayne City vs. Gallatin County  
 Gallatin County vs. Robinson  
 North Posey vs. Robinson  
 North Posey vs. Gallatin County  
 Wayne City vs. Robinson  
**Pool C - Fairfield**  
 NCOE vs. Mt. Carmel  
 NCOE vs. Christopher  
 Christopher vs. Teutopolis  
 Mt. Carmel vs. Teutopolis  
 Mt. Carmel vs. Christopher  
 NCOE vs. Teutopolis  
**Pool D - Fairfield**  
 North Clay vs. Cisne  
 North Clay vs. Newton  
 Newton vs. Carbondale  
 Cisne vs. Carbondale  
 Cisne vs. Newton  
 North Clay vs. Carbondale

**Bracket A**  
 Game 1 - 1:30 - Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st  
 Game 2 - 2:30 - Pool C 1st vs. Pool D 1st  
 3rd Place - 3:30 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2  
 1st Place - 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2  
**Bracket B**  
 Game 1 - 1:30 - Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd  
 Game 2 - 2:30 - Pool C 2nd vs. Pool D 2nd  
 7th Place - 3:30 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2  
 5th Place - 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2  
**Bracket C**  
 Game 1 - 1:30 - Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd  
 Game 2 - 2:30 - Pool C 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd  
 11th Place - 3:30 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2  
 9th Place - 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2  
**Bracket D**  
 Game 1 - 1:30 - Pool A 4th vs. Pool B 4th  
 Game 2 - 2:30 - Pool C 4th vs. Pool D 4th  
 15th Place - 3:30 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2  
 13th Place - 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

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Early hits

The Red Bud High School football team held its preseason scrimmage August 19, and the defense was on display. Above, Musketeer defensive end Jarrell Nesbitt chases after quarterback Ayden Shemwell. Shemwell was unable to avoid a sack by Nesbitt. At right, linebacker Devin Hall wraps up running back Nick Gantner for an impressive tackle in which Hall lifted Gantner completely off of the ground before finishing the take down. Red Bud begins its regular season at home Friday, August 26 against Pinckneyville.



Junior high baseball, softball results

**BASEBALL**  
**AUGUST 23**  
**Pinckneyville 10**  
**Chester Elem. 0**  
 Alex Blechle and Bentley Valleroy each had a hit for Chester, but the Yellow Jackets lost to Pinckneyville.

**AUGUST 22**  
**Trico 6**  
**Chester Grade School 5**  
 Trico scored two runs late in the game to earn a big win over Chester.  
 Logan Robinson had two RBIs for Trico. Colton Cottom, Maddax Rees, Mason Meade and Jaden Clover each batted in one.  
 TaShawn Palacio had three RBIs for Chester. Reed Fricke earned one RBI.  
 Chester trailed 4-

**AUGUST 20**  
**Red Bud Elem. 12**  
**Chester Elem. 2**

**AUGUST 19**  
**Sparta Lincoln 12**  
**Chester Elem. 3**  
 Cash Weinhoffer had two hits and a walk, and Sparta Lincoln defeated Chester Grade School.  
 On the mound, Kayden "Bob" Lively struck out nine batters and allowed no earned runs in 4 1/3 innings of work.

**Red Bud Elem. 3**  
**New Athens 2**

**AUGUST 17**  
**Red Bud Elem. 2**  
**New Athens 1**

**Du Quoin 11**  
**Chester Elem. 1**

Ohlau throws no-hitter for RBS softball; Lincoln wins a bunch

**SOFTBALL**  
**AUGUST 23**  
**Sparta Lincoln 12**  
**Trico 2**  
 Sparta broke open a 3-2 game in the bottom of the sixth inning to come away with a 10-run victory over Trico. Hailey Heller was Sparta's winning pitcher. She allowed just five hits, striking out six batters, walking two and hitting one.  
 Kaylynn French doubled, batted in two runs and scored two runs for Sparta.

**AUGUST 22**  
**Red Bud Catholic 14**  
**Valmeyer 0**  
 Julia Ohlau pitched a no-hitter for the Red Bud Catholic/St. Mary's Chester softball team in a win over Valmeyer. Ohlau struck out 10 batters in the standout effort.

**Sparta Lincoln 19**  
**Murphysboro 5**  
 Every batter in the Sparta Lincoln lineup contributed enroute to a victory over Murphysboro.  
 Hailey Heller earned the win on the mound. She struck out eight batters and gave up just five hits.

**AUGUST 20**  
**Red Bud Elem. 11**  
**Chester Elem. 0**

**AUGUST 19**  
**Sparta Lincoln 17**  
**Chester 0**  
 Hailey Heller had a big all-around game for Sparta, as Lincoln took down Chester in four innings.  
 In the pitcher's circle, Heller gave up just one hit and struck out five batters. She walked two.  
 At the plate, Heller singled three times, earned a walk, collected five RBI and scored four runs.

**Red Bud Elemen. 16**  
**New Athens 2**

**AUGUST 18**  
**Sparta Lincoln 10**  
**Red Bud Elem. 0**  
 Hailey Heller did a little bit of everything for Sparta in a shutout victory over Red Bud. Heller had two hits, including a double, and scored three runs. In the pitcher's circle, she earned the win while striking out five batters and giving up just two hits.

**AUGUST 17**  
**Red Bud Elem. 8**  
**New Athens 7**

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# OBITUARIES

## EDGAR RAHLFS

Edgar Rahlfs, 79, of Steeleville, died Friday, August 19, 2022 at St. Louis University Hospital.

He was born April 27, 1943 in Reily Lake to Elmer and Verna Rehmer Rahlfs.

On April 30, 1966, he married Carol Stegmann at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester. She survives.

Edgar worked at Captain Mine in Percy until it closed. He then worked at Gilster-Mary Lee in McBride, Missouri and retired from there.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wine Hill and UMWA Local 1392 in Percy. He was an avid SIUC basketball fan.

Edgar is also survived by daughters Jodie Mehrer of Chester, Kim (Brian) Mills of Valley Park, Missouri and Stacy (Jack) McCormick of Ellis Grove; grandchildren Wade and Emily Mehrer, Kara (Ethan) Starkey, Ethan Mills and Jared McCormick; sister Darlene Vogel and niece Jackie Vogel-Hayes, both of Effingham.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carol Ann, niece Theresa and son-in-law David Mehrer.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville. Services will follow, with Rev. Timothy Sims officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund and mailed to the funeral home at PO Box 217, Steeleville, IL 62288.

Sign the guest book at [wilsonsfuneralhome.net](http://wilsonsfuneralhome.net).



## ANDREW THOMAS CONTRATTO

Andrew "Andy" Thomas Contratto, 60, of New Athens, died Friday, August 19, 2022 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born March 26, 1962 in Rushville, Illinois to Tazo and Dorothy Hardy Contratto.

He married Theresa Nadler April 12, 1986 at St. Agatha Catholic Church in New Athens. She survives.

He worked for many years as a laborer for the Village of New Athens' Public Works Department.

Andy is also survived by son Brandon (Jocelyn Stark) Contratto; sisters Mary (Brett) Huiras and Patricia (Steve) Davis; brother Lano "Lani" (Sandy) Nerini Jr.; sisters-in-law Barb Nadler, Mary (Dan) Neff, Bev (Soup) Nadler, Cathy (Randy) Kunkelmann and Carol Nadler and brothers-in-law Mike and Greg Nadler, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his beloved daughter Brandy Nichole Contratto, who died January 22, 2016, half-brother Griff Grisham and brothers-in-law Fred and Joe Nadler.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Wednesday August 24, 2022, with Fr. Clyde Grogan officiating. Cremation will follow, and a private interment will be held at a later date at St. Agatha Catholic Cemetery in New Athens.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Heil-Schuessler Funeral Home in New Athens assisted the family with arrangements.

Sign the guest book at [heilschuessler.com](http://heilschuessler.com).



## LAURA EMELYN BRUSH

Laura Emelyn Brush, 94, of Jacob, died Friday, August 5, 2022 in South Florida.

She was born April 11, 1928 in St. Louis, one of six children of Emma Linn and Park Jarrett.

She grew up in Jones Ridge in Jackson County, attended a one-room school and graduated from Gorham High School in 1946.

Growing up in rural Illinois during the Great Depression, Laura learned to value people from all walks of life by imitating her community-minded parents. Whether giving a meal to a hungry traveler or providing medical care to neighbors, the Jarretts modeled the "it takes a village" mindset that influenced and shaped Laura's life.

On August 24, 1946, she married John Bennett Brush of Raddle. Together, they raised three children. Early in their married life, they lived in southern Illinois. Most of that time was in Carmi, where both John and Laura were very active in their community. Later, as John's career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture progressed, they moved several times and finally ended up at the headquarters in Washington, DC. During this time and after John's retirement, they lived in Bowie, Maryland for 25 years.

During their retirement years, they moved to Deerfield Beach, Florida in 1992, enjoying international cruises and embracing new friendships with fellow passengers that would last for years. After John passed away in 2005, Laura moved to The Forum, an independent living center in Deerfield Beach. Her natural curiosity about different cultures, lifestyles and what makes someone tick made her an excellent listener. She made The Forum her home and extended her warm brand of hospitality to newcomers. When Laura joined the Writers' Club, she regaled friends and family with tales from her life. She wrote about her years as a schoolgirl, a young wife and mother, a grandmother and a citizen of the world—simple, charming stories of one extraordinary woman.

The term housewife did not quite define all that Laura brought to each new community. PTA chairperson, Sunday school teacher, shut-in visitation volunteer and neighborhood organizer, Laura believed and lived out God's command to love your neighbor. When one of John's secretaries lost everything in a fire, John and Laura wasted no time and bought new clothes for the entire family. Like teammates who play to one another's strengths, John and Laura brought a lot of good to many people. Laura was a member of Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church in Ft. Lauderdale.

Laura is survived by daughter Anita Fleegal and sons Richard and John; sisters Edris Twenhafel and Mary Hiebert; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Laura made an impact with her life, but even in her last months, she showed her friends and family how to leave this life. As the effects of COVID continued to take a toll on her health, she was hospitalized five different times. Nurses, physicians, technicians and the housekeeping staff would regularly comment on her positive spirit and kindness.

Her ashes will be buried at a later date at Glenn Cemetery in Jackson County, next to her husband and a son.

Wilson's Funeral Home in Ava assisted the family with the arrangements.

Sign the guest book at [wilsonsfuneralhome.net](http://wilsonsfuneralhome.net).

## OMER LEE DUVALL

Omer Lee "Doddy" Duvall, 82, of Percy, died Friday, August 5, 2022.

He was born February 19, 1940 in Chester to Paul and Ann Parker Duvall.

He married Jo-Ann Nagel June 24, 1982. She survives.

Doddy worked several years in construction. In 1984, he and Jo-Ann moved to Sebring, Florida and started Duvall's Lawn & Tree Service, which they operated for 20 years before retiring and moving back to Illinois.

Doddy loved spending time with his family and friends and enjoyed a good card game. He and Jo-Ann loved to hunt and fish; the proof is on their living room walls. Some of their most enjoyable times were spent on their airboat on Lake Okeechobee.

He is also survived by children Alan (Stephanie) and Paul Duvall, Lori (John) Krull and Donna (Gary) McMillan; grandchildren Emily, Alexa and Alex Duvall, Lucas Krull, Jimmy Marlin and Madison Gaetz; great-grandchild Ezra Canady; sister Hazel (Gary) Malloy; brother-in-law Kent (Becky) Witherby; two stepchildren; three step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren and special buddies Mike Todaro, Kenny Rees Bierman and Dale Davitz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Paul.

There will be a private celebration of life at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, At: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394.

Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville assisted the family with arrangements.



## DOROTHY JOY FEARING

Dorothy Joy Fearing, born sleeping into eternal rest Monday, August 15, 2022, the daughter of Olin Ross and Emily Anne Prouty Fearing.

As stated in Psalm 139:16, "Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

Dorothy Joy is survived by her loving parents and siblings Reyna, Barnabas, Lydia, Annabelle, Natalie and Lawrence Fearing.

Dorothy's parents trust the Lord to uphold for little Dorothy; his mighty covenant promises to Abraham and those of Abraham's faith in the coming Redeemer: "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you" (Gen. 12:7). This hope, we are sure, belongs to all those of like precious faith, for the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. at Sparta Reformed Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Terry Dowds officiating. Burial was at Hill Prairie Cemetery in Sparta.

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Assembly of God (memo: Embrace Grace) and mailed to 221 W. Stevenson Drive, Sparta, IL 62286 or dropped off at the church Tuesday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Heil-Schuessler & Sinn Funeral Home in Sparta assisted the family with arrangements.

Sign the guest book at [heilschuessler.com](http://heilschuessler.com).

## BETTY I. AUSTIN

Betty I. Austin, 86, of Ava, died Sunday, August 14, 2022 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

She was born July 1, 1936 in Ava to Willard and Lydia Brunkhorst Cross.

She married Gene R. Austin July 4, 1953 at Chester. He preceded her in death June 16, 1981.

Betty was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Campbell Hill. She was a homemaker. Betty is survived by children Terry Austin of Benton, Arkansas and Debbie (Larry) Shannon of Murphysboro, grandchildren Crystal and Doug and sister Barbara Phoenix of Ava.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, companion Thomas White, daughter Margaret, grandchild Kimberly and two brothers.

Betty's wish was for cremation with no services.

Wilson's Funeral Home in Ava assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Ava Evergreen Cemetery and can be mailed to Wilson's Funeral Home, PO Box 277, Ava, IL 62907.

Sign the guest book at [wilsonsfuneralhome.net](http://wilsonsfuneralhome.net).



## STANLEY E. WHITE

Stanley E. White, 81, of Johnston City, died at his home Sunday, August 21, 2022.

He was born December 8, 1940 in Reno, Illinois to Victor and Nora Brewer White.

He married Barbara Fred December 9, 1961 in Springfield. She survives.

Stanley was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a retired butcher from the Butcher's Block and Mad Pricer in Sparta, a member of Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Chester and Meat Cutter Union Local 700.

Stanley is also survived by children Denise and Bill Shields of Sparta, Anthony (Tony) and Regina White of San Diego, California, Daniel White of Johnston City and Jason White of Du Quoin; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and siblings Joyce, Melba, Denny, Doug, Mae and Pam.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents, son Kent, two brothers and one sister.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Chester. Services will follow, with Rev. Phillip Keeton officiating. Burial will be at Old Du Quoin Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and mailed to the funeral home at PO Box 277, Ava, IL 62907.

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# SOCIETY

## Friedens UCC holds special church service

**By Carol Mercer**  
Several churches in Marissa have found different ways to worship.

A few churches have held services in the village park, and some have had instrumental and vocal musical services. Others have included video segments.

Ask the various pastors or congregation members, and there will probably be a variety of answers as to why the Marissa churches sometimes differ their worship services.

They could include: to share the joy of Christian fellowship; be more communal in worshipping; diversity in worship; help members display their talents; show the minister as a regular person; make church even more appealing; have fun while worshipping; and appeal to different members' needs and interests.

On August 21, members of Friedens United Church of Christ worshipped in a unique way, but one they have used successfully before, a brunch service. Members were told that food would be provided, and suggestions were made not to have indulged in a big breakfast.

At the regular Sunday morning worship

time, breakfast was served, and while enjoying their food downstairs in the fellowship hall, Rev. Brett Palmer delivered his sermon.

During this Sunday's repast, the Funds and Fellowship Committee, led by Susan Oyler, prepared pancakes to order, sausage, fruit salad, milk, orange juice and coffee. There were three countertop grills being used by spatula-wielding grillers making pancakes of various sizes, some with sausage crumbles or chocolate chips.

Since pancakes are best eaten warm, people were encouraged to start eating as soon as they were seated at the tables set in a large rectangle shape so all could view their neighbors. Everyone enjoyed the food, worship service and fellowship.

When the congregation was asked to respond by Pastor Brett, the response was readily and more sociably given than usual. People left the fellowship hall with smiles and kind words to each other.

The women's fellowship group, the Evangelical Daughters, prepared a meal several months ago.

Will Friedens try something similar again? You bet, maybe next quarter.

ranging the layout for a better flow, so please be patient while this is going on.

The library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 5. The phone number is 618-853-4649.

**September Calendar**  
10, fire department's jeep rally  
12, village board  
13, KC, dinner at 7, meeting afterwards  
14, senior citizens

**Evansville Enterprise August 20, 1943**

Pvt. Reynold Wicklein is somewhere in England. Pvt. Dewey Wall is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and is with a suicide or bomb disposal squad.

Five schools in Randolph County would not be opened this year. They are Ruma, Hapke, Nelson, Hickory Grove and Edgewood. There are 57 more public schools in the county.

Rev. Carl Meyer was operated on for appendicitis at a hospital in Ulm, Nebraska.

Just Sues at 6. The entry fee is \$25 per side by side; all other vehicles are \$25. The fee includes a T-shirt.

To preregister, call 618-340-8009 and leave a message.

In addition, there will be multiple raffles. Music will be provided by Full Throttle from 7:30 to 11:30.

Seven Springs Fish Farm will begin taking orders September 23. Delivery dates are October 6-8.

The Evansville Senior Citizens met August 10 at the Legion, with 22 members and guests attending. They enjoyed fried chicken and delicious sides that the members provided. President Kessler led a short meeting. The winner of the trivia on chocolate was awarded a prize of chocolate kisses.

If you would like to join or just are willing to help seniors enjoy a day out, you are always welcome. Community service is good for the soul.

The library is rear-

## S'ville nutrition site activities and menu

**Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Activities**

**MONDAY:** Bingo at 10.  
**TUESDAY:** August birthdays.  
**FRIDAY:** Bingo at 10.

### Menu

**MONDAY:** Rotini lasagna, iceberg salad, garlic bread, applesauce.  
**TUESDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, spinach salad, garlic bread, mandarin oranges, yellow cake/chocolate icing.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Casey's pizza, Carolina beans, mixed fruit, Rice Krisp-

ie square.  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken stir fry, rice, black-eyed pea salad, peaches, cherry dump cake.  
**FRIDAY:** Chili, grilled cheese, layered salad, cottage cheese, pineapple.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4.

Prices: Home delivered and carry-out \$4.75. Eat-in \$4.50

To order curbside meals, call 618-965-3134 extension 5 by 9:30 a.m. the day before.

## Sparta senior center

**August 29-31 Menu.**

**MONDAY:** Chicken salad, cheese salad, lettuce salad, tapioca pudding.

**TUESDAY:** BBQ pork steak, baked potato, baked beans, chocolate pie.

**WEDNESDAY:** Lasagna roll-up, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, fruit crisp.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8-3, Friday 8-2.

Prices: Curbside & carry-outs \$5, home-delivered \$5.25, all others \$6.50.

Call 618-443-4020 by 11 a.m. to order a meal. Curb service: 11:30 to noon. Drive under the awning.

Clothing store: 9 to 3.



### Mathis

Shyler and Rebecca Mathis of Campbell Hill are the parents of a daughter.

Karley Kristina Mathis was born at 3:18 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.25 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Larry Rathert of Campbell Hill and the late Karla Rathert.

Paternal grandparents are Doug and Christi Mathis of Pinckneyville.

Karley joins big brother Lucas Mathis.

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## Evansville News

By Eloise Kueker  
618-449-2043

It is kind of quiet around the house this week. Alistair and Addy are at school. However, they usually have to come after school to tell me all about their day. Alistair is in grade 4, and therefore, he is not in just one classroom all day. He has to move to different classrooms and has several teachers. Addy Claire is in grade 1. She loves her teacher Mrs. Hess. Abby is in grade 7 and is playing volleyball.

Emily is now a freshman at Gibault, which is a big change from a small school. She is also playing volleyball. Sophia is also in grade 7 but in a very small class. Danny is in grade 2 and is always smiling.

When I heard what items were on their

supply lists, I am happy that my kids are all grown. There were the usual items like pencils, spiral notebooks, folders and markers, but there were also earbuds, a wireless mouse, paper towels, calculator and even a laptop. Wow!

Happy birthday to Ron Bleem, Jessica Valleroy, Steve Walter, Hunter Bauer, Jordan Pilout, Macey Heinen, Mariana Smith, Ron Heinen, Carolyn Voss, Shelby Asselmeier, Sue Morrison, Stephanie McFadden and Dale Schilling.

Best wishes to Lake Fogerson and Natalie Kueker on their recent engagement.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Dolores Skidmore, Art Roscow, Gilbert Goedelman and Kathryn Chartrand.

The Evansville Fire Department will host a jeep rally September 10. All vehicles are welcome.

Sign up at the KC at 10 a.m. The run begins at noon and ends at

16 at the bank.

Coulterville Fall Festival updates: There will be a meeting Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m. at the village park to make final arrangements.

Tabetha Knope is looking for cakes for the cake walk. You can leave her a message with your name and phone number at 618-317-5555. Please bring your cake the morning of the festival, which is Saturday, September 17, to the Coulterville Methodist Church. Use the door under the canopy; go straight down to the basement, and leave them on a table. If you have a special need, call Tabetha, and she will work with you.

Free events at the festival are inflatables, kids face painting and a variety of games.

There will be food trucks, vendors, a cake walk and escape room. The Class of 2025 will have a dunk tank and the Class of 2023 its popular egg smash.

If you would like to participate in the parade, call Danny Sizemore at 618-318-7705. This year's theme is No Place Like Home.

The citizen of the year will be announced at 11 a.m., Precious Pumpkin at 2 and 50/50 drawing at 3:30.

Daxton Cole stayed overnight with David and me Sunday. He started kindergarten Tuesday.

## Chester senior site

**August 29-31 Activities**

**MONDAY:** Puzzles, cards, games.  
**TUESDAY:** Wii bowling at 10 and after lunch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Prize bingo at 10. Nickel bingo after lunch.

### Menu

**MONDAY:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, biscuits, corn, fruit.

**TUESDAY:** BBQ pork steak, baked sweet potato, baked beans, watermelon, cantaloupe.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Roast beef, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, peach dump cake.

Prices at center \$4, home-delivered \$4.25. Lunch is served at 11:30.

Call 618-826-5108 by 9 a.m. to make a reservation.

## Marriage licenses

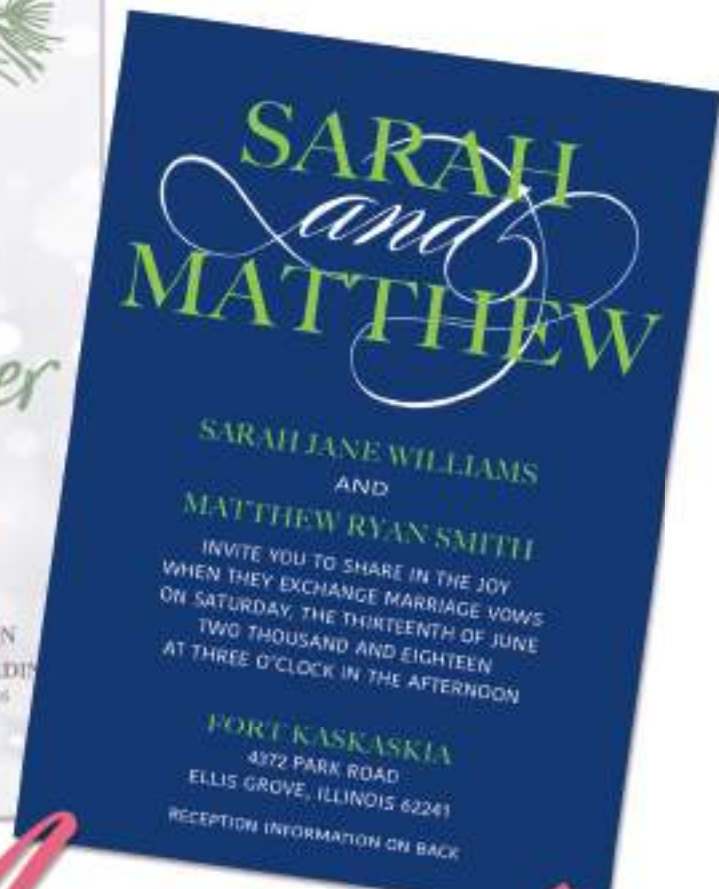
Kristen Lauren Woods to Kolan Robert Schoenbeck, both of Red Bud  
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## Randolph divorce granted

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 Jeff Moeller to National Residential Nominee Services, Pt Outlot 111 Country 5th Addn, Consideration \$331,000  
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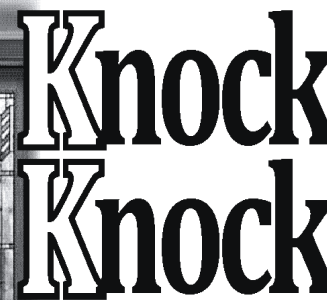

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Elizabeth Brookman to Christina Bruns & Duston Crews, Pt SE SE Sec 17 5-2, Consideration \$182,500  
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 Amanda Duvardo & Craig Duvardo to Cassandra L. Lee & Jeffery A. Lee, Pt NW NE Sec 10 4-3  
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# S'ville Oktoberfest

Planning has begun for the 39th annual Steeleville Jaycees Oktoberfest to be held October 7 and 8.

This year's theme is Gone Camping, and the Jaycees hope to make it s'more fun than ever.

The weekend will kick off with the Friday evening parade. There will be street dances both nights, featuring The Mitch Faulkner Band Friday and Murphy 500 Saturday.

More food vendors are also expected this year.

Saturday will offer entertainment options for the whole family, including children's activities, a craft fair, cornhole tournament, variety show and coronation.

The popular Dachshund Derby will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. You can sign up your dog the day of the event.

Call Jeff at 618-615-1210 for more information.

Any boy or girl up to age 18 is eligible to run for Li'l Mr. and Miss Oktoberfest. The winner is determined by money raised by

the contestant. Every contestant will receive a percentage of the money they collect.

To enter or for more information, call Kelly at 618-615-1314. The Jaycees are looking for more male contestants, as there is only one running.

Tickets are now available from any Jaycees member for the weekend raffle.

First prize is a 36-inch Blackstone grill combo kit; second is a \$250 Butcher's Block meat package and third a \$100 gas card.

Food vendor spots remain open.

Call Dusty at 910-1382 for more information.

Craft booth spaces are also available by calling Jenny at 618-559-8092.

To enter the parade, call First National Bank of Steeleville at 618-965-3441.

For general Oktoberfest questions, call Chairman Tiffany Dailey at 618-559-7635.

Check out the Steeleville Jaycees Facebook page and the Oktoberfest event page for up-to-date info.

# Chester Fall Festival gears up for a big gathering in October

By Travis Lott

Chester's Fall Festival, which expanded last year to three days, is set to return with another large event October 14-16.

The Fall Festival will again feature daily carnival rides, which will operate Friday from 5 to 10, Saturday noon-10 and Sunday noon to 7.

Rides will be in the large parking lot across from St. Mary Catholic Church adjacent to the car wash.

A new statue for the Popeye Character Trail will also be unveiled. The statue of Oscar, Popeye's dim-witted buck-toothed friend, will be revealed at Cole Memorial Park Saturday at 11 a.m.

Oscar is an original character created by Elzie Segar, first appearing in 1931 and introduced as King Blozo's assistant in Spinachovia.

Oscar's statue will sit atop the hill in Cole Park near Shelter 1.

There will be a sidewalk chalk art contest Saturday. Check-in is from 9 to 9:45, and artists have from 10 to 2:30 to create their artwork. The winners will be announced at 4.

Another contest will be pumpkin carving. The categories are silliest, traditional, creepiest and good gourd. Check-in is from 9 to 10. Winners will be announced at 4.

There will be inflatable bounce houses Saturday from 10 to 2,

and balloon artist Silly Jilly will give out free balloon animals from 11 to 1:30.

The pumpkin street race, in which contestants design and build cars out of pumpkins, will be Saturday at 1 p.m. The decoration and design competition is at 11.

Also Saturday, residents will have an opportunity to dunk the dignitaries. Starting at 4, participants can try their hand at dunking St. Mary school board President Aaron Petrowske, grade school Principal Bill Grafton, St. John Principal Kaela Powley, Fire Chief Marty Bert, Chester school Superintendent Kimberly Briggs, Mayor Tom Page, Police Chief Bobby Helmers and high school Principal Jeremy Blechle.

Tickets for the dunk booth are \$10 each, which buys four tries. Advance tickets, which will guarantee your shot at a certain dignitary, go on sale at city hall September 6. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per dignitary.

Also in conjunction with the Fall Festival, the city will host the second annual Cole Memorial Park disc golf tournament Saturday at 4.

Registration begins at 3, and the cost is \$40 per golfer, with a maximum of 36 competitors.

The first round is 18 regular baskets, and the second round is nine glow baskets.

Registration is at city hall or online at the city's website.

The parade will step off from the high school at 2 p.m. Sunday and make its way through town along the normal parade route. This year's parade grand marshal is Collette Powley, who has served the Chester Parks and Recreation Department for many years.

In addition to many years on the park board, Powley has been active in all of the events in town, especially when it comes to entertaining children during the Fall Festival and Easter events.

This year will feature a king and queen contest. So far, there are three couples listed as candidates, sponsored by businesses and organizations in town.

The Knights of Columbus nominated Steve and Sue Colton; American Legion Farida and Lee Holloway; and Gilligan's Sweet Treats, Cami Shroeder and Jordan Hughes. The VFW has yet to announce its candidates. Raffle tickets are available at each location and at city hall.

The coronation king and queen is on the main stage Sunday at 5.

To close out the event, there will be fireworks shot off from Evergreen Cemetery at 7 p.m. Sunday.

For more info on any of the events at the festival, go to [chester-ill.com](http://chester-ill.com) or email [ches-ill.com](mailto:ches-ill.com)

# Library to hold Ft. Kasky archeological program

The public is invited to the Chester library Monday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. for a program presented by Dr. Mark Wagner, director of the Center for Archeological Investigations at SIU Carbondale.

Wagner has led students of SIUC's summer field school in archeological digs and investigations at Fort Kaskaskia.

He will give a presentation about the 2017 discovery of a second fort at Fort Kaskaskia, as well as the recent unearthing of additional artifacts. These discoveries shed light on new information about the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW



Football



Volleyball



Cross Country

## High school volleyball is under way

Steeleville, Trico coming off of regional championships

**Chester**  
Lady Yellow Jackets

The Chester High School volleyball continues to rack up victories. The Lady Yellow Jackets finished 16-13 last season but ultimately lost an intense match to Pinckneyville in a Class 2A regional semifinal match.

Chester's record gave the program its seventh straight winning season. The Lady Yellow Jackets won Black Diamond Conference West Division titles in 2016 and 2020 and a share of the title in 2017.

Last season was the first for Chester in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division, and the Lady Yellow Jackets finished 5-5.

"I think our biggest (conference) competitors this year will be Sparta and Red Bud," said Chester coach Colleen Runge. "They are scrappy and well coached. However, our entire conference looks solid this

year and should make for some competitive matches. I am especially excited to see these girls in action."

Chester brings back five returning starters from last year's club, with seniors Paige Vasquez and Emma Eggemeyer and juniors Mabry Wingerter, Jordan Buskhol and Ellen McCormick back in the fold.

Wingerter and Vasquez were all-conference players last year. Vasquez is closing in on the career benchmark of 500 kills, and Runge expects her to reach this milestone this season.

Other players Runge is counting on early are freshman Maggie Caby, seniors Paige Thomas as a defensive asset and Maleia Absher and junior Jazz Merideth as middle blockers.

Chester continues to look for its first re-

gional title since the 2008 season. Chester advanced to the regional finals in 2017 and 2018, and there was no postseason in 2020 when the Lady Yellow Jackets lost just one regular season match.

"I expect this team to compete this year," Runge said. "We played in some preseason tournaments and were very successful. Our main goal this year is to have a winning season and to hopefully snag the conference title."

**Varsity Roster**

- Seniors  
Paige Vasquez  
Emma Eggemeyer  
Maleia Absher  
Paige Thomas
- Juniors  
Mabry Wingerter  
Alexis Eggemeyer  
Jordan Buskhol  
Ellen McCormick  
Jazzi Merideth
- Sophomore

Elaina Lutman  
Freshman  
Maggie Caby

**Du Quoin Lady Indians**

Du Quoin has just one returning starter back from last year's Lady Indian team that finished 17-12-1, including 4-4 in the SIRR Mississippi.

That one player, though, is senior middle hitter Sophie Hill, who was second on the team in blocks and fifth in kills last season.

Players that coach Isaac Miller expects to battle for playing time are seniors Ella West and Rylie Atkins, juniors Ashlyn Waters, Kallie Oestreicher, Ellie Searby and McKinley Rider and sophomores Chloe Sims, Ellie Green and Love Dunklin.

Du Quoin won a regional championship in 2018, although that

was its first regional title since 2001. Du Quoin was knocked out of the postseason last year in a Class 2A regional semifinal match.

The Lady Indians last earned a share of the SIRR Mississippi title in 1999 when they were co-champions with Nashville.

"We want to try to win a conference championship and a regional championship this season," Miller said. "Also, we like to shoot for a 20-plus win season."

"Nashville, Pinckneyville and Carterville, along with us, are top 10 teams in the area. We will battle it out in the toughest conference in southern Illinois."

**Varsity Roster**

- Seniors  
Rylie Atkins  
Malayna Russell  
Ella West

Sophie Hill  
Juniors  
Ashlyn Waters  
Kallie Oestreicher  
McKinley Rider  
Ellie Searby  
Sydney Galbraith

Sophomores  
Love Dunklin  
McKailey Hicks  
Ellie Green  
Chloe Sims

**Marissa-Coulterville Lady Meteors**

Under the direction of new coach Katelyn Weis, Marissa-Coulterville returns five starters from last season's team that finished with an 8-22 record.

"We are fortunate to have only lost three seniors from last year and have most of our starting lineup back," Weis said. "Most of the varsity players already have varsity experience."

The Lady Meteor

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# Chester Yellow Jackets



Chester Varsity Football Team

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**September**  
 09/02 vs. Benton  
 09/09 at Freeburg  
 09/16 vs. Sparta  
 09/23 at Wesclin  
 09/30 vs. Carlyle  
**October**  
 10/07 at Dupu  
 10/14 vs. Red Bud  
 10/22 vs. Pearl City  
 at Tremont

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**August**  
 08/23 vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 08/27 Fairfield Invite  
**September**  
 09/06 vs. Carlyle  
 09/08 vs. Red Bud  
 09/14 vs. Gibault  
 09/15 at Sparta  
 09/20-22 Trico Invite  
 09/24 vs. Wesclin  
 09/26 vs. Valmeyer  
 09/27 at Okawville  
 09/29 at Carlyle  
**October**  
 10/01 at Elverado  
 10/03 at Steeleville  
 10/06 vs. Okawville  
 10/11 vs. Sparta  
 10/13 at Red Bud  
 10/15 Freeburg Invite  
 10/17 at Wesclin  
 10/19 at Marion

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**August**  
 08/22 at New Athens  
 08/31 at Columbia  
**September**  
 09/6 at Marissa  
 09/13 at Sparta  
 09/15 at Du Quoin  
 09/19 at Nashville  
 09/20 at Goreville  
 09/24 at Freeburg  
 09/26 at Carterville  
 09/29 Home Invitational  
**October**  
 10/03 at Red Bud  
 10/06 at Pinckneyville  
 10/17 at Benton

## Football team ready to defend conference title

**By Dan Zobel**  
 The Chester High School football team takes the field this season after turning in a highly successful campaign last year. The Yellow Jackets were 7-3 in 2021 and earned their fourth straight postseason appearance with Billy Belton as coach. Chester took home the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division title by going undefeated in conference play. The Yellow Jackets also had one of their biggest regular season victories when they defeated Free-

burg by a 40-34 score in double-overtime in Week 3. Chester's only three losses for the season came in the opening week against Du Quoin, Week 7 against top ranked Class 2A Decatur St. Teresa and to Vandalia in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs. "We have had a great offseason," Belton said. "This is a hard-working group. I'm excited to see them play this season. We have great senior leadership. I believe they will be ready for the start of the season. "Expectations this

year is to compete for a conference championship and make a run in the playoffs." Chester graduated 14 players from last season but still brings back a handful of starters. Those include seniors offensive/defensive lineman Shane Bicket (6'1, 245), offensive/defensive lineman Matt James (5'11, 205), offensive/defensive lineman Trace Fricke (6'4, 210), running back/linebacker Koby Jany (5'9, 180) and running back/linebacker Will Schuwerk (5'11, 175) and junior running back/linebacker

Gage Hopkins (5'9, 155). James was an all-conference player on offense last season, with Bickett and Jany picking up all-conference on defense. Schuwerk will have an opportunity to receive a lot of carries, with Hopkins and Jany, who will play full back, getting looks, as well. Chester will be forced to replace a lot of production on the offensive side of the ball. The Yellow Jackets graduated its two quarterbacks, top five ball carriers and the

majority of its ball catchers from last season. Other players who will have to pick up some of that slack include sophomore quarterback/free safety Zain Al-Jassim (6'0, 195), junior quarterback/free safety Aden Runge (6'0, 162), sophomore running back/linebacker Devante Palacio (6'1, 185), junior running back/linebacker Korbin Jany (5'9, 170), sophomore split end/linebacker Kolton Jany (5'10, 160) and sophomore split end/defensive back

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# Du Quoin Indians

## Schedules

**FOOTBALL**  
**August**  
 08/26 vs. Chester  
**September**  
 09/02 vs. Harrisburg  
 09/09 at Herrin  
 09/16 vs. Carterville  
 09/23 at Pinckneyville  
 09/30 vs. Mater Dei  
**October**  
 10/07 vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 10/14 at Nashville  
 10/21 at Murphysboro

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**August**  
 08/25 at Massac County  
 08/27 Conference Preview  
 08/30 vs. West Frankfort  
**September**  
 09/01 at Hamilton Co.  
 09/03 Du Quoin Invite  
 09/06 at Murphysboro  
 09/13 vs. Carterville  
 09/15 at Pinckneyville  
 09/17 Massac Invite  
 09/22 at Anna-Jonesboro  
 09/27 at Nashville  
 09/29 at Carterville  
**October**  
 10/01 Marion Invite  
 10/04 vs. Pinckneyville  
 10/11 at Anna-Jonesboro  
 10/12 vs. Trico  
 10/13 vs. Nashville  
 10/17 vs. Cobden  
 10/19 vs. Herrin

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**August**  
 08/31 at Murphysboro  
**September**  
 09/06 at Herrin  
 09/08 at West Frankfort  
 09/15 Home Invite  
 09/19 at Nashville  
 09/24 at Freeburg  
 09/26 at Carterville  
 09/29 at Chester  
**October**  
 10/5 at Harrisburg  
 10/8 at Benton  
 10/13 SIRR at Nashville



Du Quoin Varsity Football Team, photo provided

## Indian football aims to bounce back

**By Dan Zobel**  
 While the Du Quoin High School football team dealt with some injury and illness issues last season, it still kept its postseason streak alive. The Indians have advanced to the playoffs in each of the last six seasons, the last two with Derek Beard as coach.

Du Quoin has made the playoffs 34 times since qualifying in 1984.

However, last year's 5-5 record was just the fourth time in that span that Du Quoin to did not record a winning record. The Indians bowed out of the Class 3A playoff field with an opening round loss to Carlinville.

Pinckneyville was also just 2-2 in the SIRR Mississippi. Du Quoin won the conference last in 2019, but Nashville has taken the title the last two seasons.

"We always set a goal to win the conference championship, and that is our first goal of the season," Beard said. "The conference will be tough this season, as always. Carterville and Nashville will

be the favorites." Du Quoin will return just two starters on offense and four on the defensive side of the ball.

Those returners are seniors wide receiver/defensive back Gage Green (6'0, 170) and running back/defensive back Jonathan Hamilton (5'9, 170) on offense.

On defense are seniors defensive back/wide receiver Nishan Woody (5'11, 160), defensive back/quarterback Aiden Bradley (6'0, 170), defensive back/running back Elijah Jones (5'9, 150) and defensive/offensive lineman Gavin Morgan (5'10, 240).

Morgan and Woody earned first-team all-conference honors last season, while Hamilton was a second-team all-conference running back.

Other players expected to start the season on offense are juniors quarterback Camden Waller (6'0, 165), running back/linebacker Cameron Ford (5'10, 165), wide receiver/defensive back Jace Colvin (6'2, 160) and wide receiver/defensive back PJ Winters

(5'9, 145), sophomore running back/wide receiver Triston Webb (5'8, 145) and Jones at running back.

Defensively, Ford, Winters and juniors linebacker/full back Jaelyn Smith (5'9, 165) and defensive end/tight end Dwayne Wilmington (6'1, 220) will be in the mix.

"We have a great group of kids who have worked their tails off in the offseason," Beard said. "I feel very good about the guys we are putting on the field."

Waller takes over for David Lee at the quarterback position because Lee graduated last year.

Waller did get some playing opportunities last season and helped Du Quoin get a victory over Herrin when Lee was sidelined.

Beard believes the strength of this season's team will be speed.

"Many of these guys ran track in the spring and qualified for the state track meet," Beard said. "We will have speed on both sides of the ball. We will be young up front, but we have some talented guys filling those spots."

### Indian Football Roster

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Of.	Df.	Yr.
01	JD Davis	5'5	125	QB	DB	10
02	PJ Winters	5'9	145	WR	DB	11
03	Da'Marion Johnson	5'9	165	WR	DB	11
04	Jaxon Obertini	5'8	140	QB	DB	10
05	Gage Green	6'0	170	WR	DB	12
06	Camden Waller	6'0	165	QB	DB	11
07	Jacob Rose	6'0	165	TE	DE	11
08	Avery Webb	5'8	145	WR	DB	11
09	Jaelyn Smith	5'9	165	FB	LB	11
10	Tiyon Bardo-Spiller	6'2	160	WR	DB	11
12	Aiden Bradley	6'0	170	QB	DB	12
13	Jace Colvin	6'2	160	WR	DB	11
14	Landon Rives	5'11	155	WR	DB	10
16	Eli Nehring	5'11	145	WR	DB	11
18	Nishan Woody	5'11	160	WR	DB	12
20	Jonathan Hamilton	5'9	170	RB	DB	12
21	Elijah Jones	5'9	150	RB	DB	12
22	Brayden Jokisch	5'11	160	WR	DB	11
23	Triston Webb	5'8	145	RB	DB	10
24	Kameron Hugya	6'1	180	WR	LB	12
25	Joey Wood	5'9	135	K		11
26	Jubal Alvis	6'0	145	WR	DB	10
28	Jayden Fred	5'11	165	FB	DB	11
30	Luke Bauman	5'9	150	RB	DB	10
40	Tilden Henderson	5'11	180	TE/K	LB	10
43	Jaxon VanZandt	5'8	135	WR	DB	10
44	Cameron Ford	5'10	165	RB	LB	11
50	Maddox Hunter	6'1	190	OL	DL	10
52	Tyler Moore	6'2	210	OL	DL	11
53	Eli Dunklin	5'10	185	OL	DL	12
54	Chandler Harrison	5'11	190	OL	DL	11
55	Drake Juhl	6'3	185	OL	DL	11
56	Hayden Arrdt	5'7	185	OL	LB	10
57	Michael McCay	5'11	225	OL	DL	10
58	Evan Giles	6'0	175	OL	DL	10
60	Eli Furlow	6'0	220	OL	DL	10
61	Cash Mydler	6'0	220	OL	DL	10
63	Kendal Hopkins	5'6	220	OL	DL	10
64	Jacob Scholebo	5'9	230	OL	DL	12
66	Jamison Sizemore	5'11	220	OL	DL	10
67	Trent Mazur	6'0	265	OL	DL	11
68	Caden Scarber	6'0	170	OL	DL	10
70	Landyn Lawrence	5'11	225	OL	DL	11
71	William Bloomfield	5'9	175	OL	DL	10
72	Aaron Fikuart	6'4	285	OL	DL	11
77	Gavin Morgan	5'10	240	OL	DL	12
79	Joseph Gualeri	6'3	200	OL	DL	10
80	Izaiah Coffman	5'8	125	WR	DB	10
81	Parker Ridgeway	5'9	140	WR	DB	10
87	Gideon Burke	5'11	225	OL	DL	11
88	Waylon Bell	6'0	200	TE	DE	12
99	Dwayne Wilmington	6'1	220	TE	DE	11

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# Pinckneyville Panthers



Pinckneyville Varsity Football Team

## Schedules

**FOOTBALL**  
**August**  
 08/26 at Red Bud  
**September**  
 09/02 vs. West Frankfort  
 09/09 vs. Benton  
 09/17 at Oblong  
 09/23 vs. Du Quoin  
 09/30 at Anna-Jonesboro  
**October**  
 10/07 vs. Nashville  
 10/14 at Carterville  
 10/21 vs. Massac Co.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**August**  
 08/23 vs. Centralia  
 08/27 SIRR Preview  
**September**  
 09/06 vs. Mater Dei  
 09/08 vs. West Frankfort  
 09/10 Mascoutah Invite  
 09/15 vs. Du Quoin  
 09/20 at Anna-Jonesboro  
 09/22 vs. Nashville  
 09/27 at Carterville  
 09/30-10/1 McCracken Co. Invite  
**October**  
 10/04 at Du Quoin  
 10/06 vs. Anna-Jonesboro  
 10/11 at Nashville  
 10/13 vs. Carterville  
 10/15 Freeburg Invite  
 10/19 vs. Carbondale  
 10/22 Fairfield Invite

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**August**  
 08/23 at W. Frankfort  
 08/27 at Mascoutah  
 08/31 at Murphysboro  
**September**  
 09/06 at Marissa  
 09/15 at Du Quoin  
 09/19 at Nashville  
 09/27 at W. Frankfort  
 09/29 at Chester  
**October**  
 10/06 Home Invite  
 10/13 SIRR at Nashville  
 10/17 at Belleville East

## Football ready for fresh start with new coach

**By Dan Zobel**  
 It has been a difficult road of late for the Pinckneyville High School football program. The Panthers have not held a winning record since finishing 5-4 in 2015. Since then, the most wins the Panthers have had in a season is three, coming in 2018. During the 2020-21 season, which was shortened by COVID, Pinckneyville was forced to play only a junior varsity schedule because of a lack of players. This season, the Panthers will be coached by Ryan Lott, who is the team's third coach in the last four years.

Lott was the head coach at Massac County in 2015 and 2016. He also served as an assistant coach at several stops, including four years for Jerseyville High School and two at Carbondale High. "One of my main goals this season is to be competitive week in and week out," Lott said. "We want to continue competing regardless of the situation in the game." Over the last four weeks of the 2021 fall season, the Panther offense was able to put up at least 24 points in a game twice. However, of the seven games they played last season, they allowed over 45 points in all of

them. "I feel like the offense will continue to improve from week to week," Lott said. "It has shown flashes of not only moving the ball, but doing so in an explosive manner. "Our defense will be solid and continue to improve as the players become more comfortable and familiar with the system." Junior quarterback/defensive back Jase Lee (6'1, 165) and sophomore quarterback/defensive back Brayden Cleland (5'9, 160) are battling things out for the starting quarterback role. Both will serve as the leader of the secondary on defense, as well. Pinckneyville has

seven seniors returning that Lott expects to contribute in various ways. Those players are offensive/defensive lineman Adam Bochanin (6'2, 250), wide receiver/defensive back Asher Jausel (6'0, 155), running back/linebacker Chase Schneider (6'0, 210), wide receiver/defensive back Kellen Scott (6'4, 170), offensive lineman/linebacker Bradley Denny (5'10, 215), running back/defensive back James Deering (5'9, 150) and offensive/defensive lineman Andrew Jett (6'2, 350). Two juniors who have established themselves as defensive leaders are linebacker/wide receiver/running back

Karson Konkol (6'6, 220) and linebacker/full back Jonah Tanner (6'5, 200). Junior linemen Jacksen Weatherford (6'2, 206) and Allen Irvin will contribute on both sides of the ball. Three sophomores who will contribute to begin the season are running back/defensive back Marshawn Fisher (5'10, 155), running back/linebacker Logan Jausel (5'9, 170) and offensive/defensive lineman Ian Crawley (6'0, 226). "The team is doing the things necessary to get the program going in the right direction," Lott said. "What has stood out to me is

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# Red Bud Musketeers



Red Bud Varsity Football Team

## Schedules

**FOOTBALL**  
**August**  
 08/26 vs. Pinckneyville  
**September**  
 09/02 vs. Roxana  
 09/29 at Breese Central  
 09/16 at Carlyle  
 09/23 vs. Sparta  
 09/30 at Dupu  
**October**  
 10/07 at Wesclin  
 10/14 at Chester  
 10/21 vs. East Alton-Wood River

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**August**  
 08/23 at Gibault  
 08/24 at Triad  
 08/26-27 Marissa  
 Invite  
 08/30 vs. Mascoutah  
**September**  
 09/06 vs. Okawville  
 09/08 at Chester  
 09/13 at Wesclin  
 09/15 vs. Carlyle  
 09/17 Granite City  
 Invite  
 09/20 vs. Columbia  
 09/27 vs. Marissa  
 09/28 at Sparta  
 09/29 at Okawville  
**October**  
 10/03 vs. Waterloo  
 10/06 vs. Wesclin  
 10/08 Red Bud  
 Invite  
 10/11 at Carlyle  
 10/13 vs. Chester  
 10/14-15 O'Fallon  
 Invite  
 10/17 vs. Belleville East  
 10/18 at New Athens  
 10/20 vs. Sparta

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**August**  
 08/22 at New Athens  
 08/31 at Murphysboro  
**September**  
 09/06 at Marissa  
 09/13 at Sparta  
 09/17 at Swansea  
 09/19 at Nashville  
 09/24 at Freeburg  
 09/29 at Chester  
**October**  
 10/03 Home  
 Invite  
 10/06 at Pinckneyville  
 10/15 Cahokia  
 Conference  
 Meet

## Football Musketeers want defense to pave the way

**By Dan Zobel**  
 The Red Bud High School football team missed out on the post-season for just the second time in the last five seasons when it finished with a 4-5 record last fall.

The Musketeers have made the playoffs seven times during the 20 seasons Dave Lucht has been coach, advancing as far as the Class 2A state quarter-finals in 2007, when they finished 10-2.

Red Bud achieved back-to-back winning seasons and playoff appearances in 2016 and 2017 and returned to the postseason in 2019.

Last season, the Musketeers were 4-3 with two weeks to go, needing to win at least one of the games to become playoff eligible. They were turned away, though, with losses to Chester and East Alton-Wood River.

Red Bud has a slew of players returning from that team who know how close they were to a playoff berth.

Red Bud brings back seniors running back/linebacker Nick Gantner (5'10, 170), tight end/linebacker Devin Hall (6'2, 220), offensive/defensive lineman Noah Tepe (5'11, 185), offensive/defensive lineman Kyle Loughner (6'0, 210) and wide receiver/defensive back Evan Dressel (5'8, 160) and juniors wide receiver/linebacker

Sam Easter (6'1, 180), wide receiver/defensive back Lucas Schwartzkopf (5'9, 135), offensive/defensive lineman Nolan Krack (6'1, 240) and offensive/defensive lineman Ty Carter (6'0, 200).

Gantner, Red Bud's leading rusher, was a Cahokia Conference Illinois Division all-conference selection on offense, while Hall, the team's top tackler, was all-conference on defense.

"Compared to last year, our defense should be better," Lucht said. "We're looking at that being our strength, especially early on when we're trying to find a quarterback and help them get comfortable. Our running game should also be better than last year."

Perhaps the biggest question mark for the Musketeers is the quarterback situation.

During its scrimmage August 19, Red Bud took a look at seniors Thomas Friess (5'11, 185) and Ayden Shemwell (5'9, 150) and sophomore Dylan Oliver (5'10, 150).

Shemwell did throw for 166 yards last season, but no matter who wins the starting job, it will be their first season as a starting varsity quarterback.

"The maroon-white night was a big night for all three of them," Lucht said. "They all bring different dynamics to the position.

Friess is more of a deep threat and is stronger and can run the ball. Shemwell is very smart, also gives us the run element and is capable of leading the offense. He and Friess are both captains. Or, with Oliver, being a sophomore, if he pans out, having him for three years at the position would be nice.

"Nobody has really bridged the gap so far. We'll have to make a decision, and hopefully it's the best decision."

No matter who the quarterback is, Red Bud has confidence in the players around him.

In addition to Gantner, junior running back/linebacker Trace Wagner (5'10, 160), sophomore running back/linebacker Gavin Baldwin (5'8, 150) and senior running back/linebacker Mitch Fleming (5'7, 165) are expected to see carries. Hall also has experience running the ball.

On the outside, Dressel and Easter are starting wide receivers, with

junior wide receiver/defensive back Owen Liefer (6'1, 160) and junior wide receiver/linebacker Chase Lucht (5'10, 160) in the mix, as well.

"On the offensive line, we're kind of just replacing one player," Lucht said. "We're still kind of undersized compared to what we will see, but we were smaller at the position last year and did a pretty good job. All of them got better. If those guys execute, we'll have a chance."

Defensively, Hall, Schwartzkopf, Gantner and Dressel are some of the team's top tacklers from a season ago.

Several other players expected to make an impact are senior defensive lineman/tight end Jarrell Nesbitt (6'4, 230), who transferred in from Sparta, junior linebacker/offensive lineman Dylan Mine-mann (6'0, 210) and senior defensive/offensive lineman William Chausse (6'1, 290).

"We bring back both

inside linebackers from last year, two outside linebackers and our starting safety comes back," Lucht said. "We gained Nesbitt, who will be a big force on the end for us. We're planning on being stout defensively."

"It could take a couple of games for our offense to get comfortable, so we're hoping the defense can get it done."

Those first three games of the season will be critical as it pertains to the postseason.

Red Bud opens with three nonconference games at home against Pinckneyville and Roxana and at Breese Central.

"Ideally, we come out of that 3-0, but those are three tough teams," Lucht said. "Going 2-1 still gives us a pretty good chance, but if we go 0-3, we will have a hard road and a lot of work to do. We're wanting to get back in the playoffs, so we have to

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# Sparta Bulldogs



Sparta Football Team

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**September**  
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 Buckley-Loda  
 09/09 vs. W. Frankfort  
 09/16 at Chester  
 09/23 at Red Bud  
 09/30 vs. Wesclin  
**October**  
 10/07 at Carlyle  
 10/14 vs. Dupu  
 10/21 at Brentwood, MO

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**August**  
 08/22 at Elverado  
 08/25 vs. Steeleville  
 08/30 vs. Valmeyer  
**September**  
 09/01 at Carlyle  
 09/03 Du Quoin Invite  
 09/06 vs. Wesclin  
 09/08 vs. Okawville  
 09/13 at Marissa-Coulterville  
 09/15 vs. Chester  
 09/19 at Dupu  
 09/20-22 Trico Invite  
 09/27 vs. Red Bud  
 09/29 at Wesclin  
**October**  
 10/01 Sparta Invite  
 10/04 at Madison  
 10/06 vs. Carlyle  
 10/08 Red Bud Invite  
 10/11 at Chester  
 10/13 at Okawville  
 10/17 vs. New Athens  
 10/18 at Christopher  
 10/20 at Red Bud

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**August**  
 08/22 at Elverado  
 08/27 at Metro East  
**September**  
 09/01 at Murphysboro  
 09/06 at Marissa  
 09/13 Home Invite  
 09/15 at Du Quoin  
 09/19 at Nashville  
 09/24 at Freeburg  
 09/29 at Chester  
**October**  
 10/06 at Pinckneyville  
 10/15 Cahokia  
 Conference Meet

## Turning progress into wins is football priority

**By Dan Zobel**  
 This season will mark the third for Kyle Gerlach as head coach of the Sparta High School football team. While progress has yet to show up in the win column, Gerlach is confident that things are moving forward. Gerlach's first season took place during the shortened COVID season. The Bulldogs went winless in four games that season and were forced to cancel three other scheduled games because of a

lack of players. Last season, Sparta struggled again out of the gate and ultimately finished 0-9, including 0-5 in its first season in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division. However, during three conference losses from Week 6 through Week 8, Sparta lost by just a combined 22 points. One of those losses came in triple-overtime against Carlyle. This season, it will be about turning those close losses into victories. Sparta has not won more than two

games in a season since it finished 5-4 in 2015. "Our goals for this season are to get some wins," Gerlach said. "I feel that we have the athletes to do it, but we are lacking some depth." Sparta has seven returning starters from last season. Those Bulldogs are seniors linebacker/quarterback Dushon Williams (5'9, 180), wide receiver/defensive back Landon Walter (6'0, 170) and wide receiver/defensive back Torre Lofton (6'0, 145),

juniors linebacker/running back Zach Bodeker (6'1, 180), offensive lineman/linebacker Lucas Dotson (6'0, 190) and offensive/defensive lineman Jamarian Henry (5'10, 300) and sophomore punter/kicker Alex Robertson (6'2, 200). "Offensively, we want to get the ball in the hands of our play-makers as quickly as possible and let them make plays," Gerlach said. "We want to spread the defense out so we can run. On defense, we want to attack down-

hill, get after people, rally to the ball and get some turnovers. On defense, our players understand things a lot better than they did last year." Other players expected to fill roles for the Bulldogs are senior wide receiver/defensive back Damarion Williams (5'7, 135), juniors tight end/defensive back Braylin Walker (5'8, 155), wide receiver/defensive back Ian Salinas (5'8, 135) and Kaiden Kloth (5'10, 165),

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# Prep cross country is off and running

*Trico Pioneers to embark on their first season of cross country*

**Chester**

**Yellow Jackets**  
Coach Chris Kern is high on his boys and girls freshmen class, while believing this year's group of Yellow Jacket boys could bring a lot to the table.

The boys team returns senior Jacob Handel, junior Blake Farmer and sophomore Will Welge to the squad.

Last season, Handel placed 31st at regionals, missing a sectional qualifying spot by 23 seconds. In the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division standings, Farmer was the team's top runner.

The boys have four freshman runners, including junior high standout Gabe Coffman, who earned sixth overall at the SIJHSAA Class L state cross country meet as a Chester eighth-grader. Chester placed 19th at state.

"Our guys team this year is the best I've had a chance to coach since I started coaching five years ago," Kern said. "I am looking forward to that."

The Chester girls team has just four girls on its roster, with junior Josalynn Anaya returning from last season.

Kern expects another freshman to pave the way for the Lady Yellow Jackets, with Addie May beginning her prep career. As an eighth-grader, May won a

regional championship and picked up fourth place at the SIJHSAA Class L state meet, where she finished only five seconds off of the second-place time.

"I have an abundance of freshman this year who I think have quite a bit of potential, but Gabe and Addie will be competing for top spots this year," Kern said. "It will be fun to watch them all get better as the year goes on."

The Chester boys earned fourth in the Illinois Division last season, while the girls did not have enough runners for a team score.

Kern expects the boys team to challenge for the conference title, which was won by Trenton-Wesclin last season, with several boys and a girls having an opportunity at all-conference.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing how this young team grows and how our lone senior leader Jacob Handel and junior Blake Farmer help push all of these freshmen to get better," Kern said.

**Boys Roster**

- Senior  
Jacob Handel
- Junior  
Blake Farmer
- Sophomore  
Will Welge
- Freshmen  
Gabe Coffman  
Drew Wilderman  
Gavin Wilderman  
Ivan Hobbs

**Girls Roster**

- Juniors  
Josalynn Anaya

Rylie McDonough  
Freshmen  
Addie May  
Mackenzie Deimund

**Christ Our Savior Soldiers**

The Christ Our Savior Lutheran School in Evansville will have just two cross country runners this season, both being sophomores.

Charlie Rahlfs brings some experience back from running last year, but Davin Dethrow is new to the team.

"Davin is a new runner with us, but he is eagerly ready to put in extra work at practice," said coach Izayah Miller. "Davin and Charlie are both targeting for new personal and possibly school records."

**Boys Roster**

- Sophomores  
Charlie Rahlfs  
Davin Dethrow

**Du Quoin Indians**

The Du Quoin High School girls cross country team continued its build toward the top last season with an 11th-place finish at the state meet.

That achievement came after the Lady Indians were 25th at state in 2016, 23rd in 2017, 17th in 2018 and 14th in 2019.

Du Quoin won its third consecutive sectional championship and fourth straight SIRR Mississippi title.

The Lady Indians will have to replace its top two runners from last season.

Olivia Phillips and

Lauren Heape graduated, but the team brings back three runners from its top group.

That trio consists of junior Kallie Oestreicher and sophomores Maggie Kellerman and Issy Phillips.

Coach Eric Kirkpatrick expects the other four spots to be filled out of a group that includes juniors Lainey Miller, Clair Rose and Olivia Numi, sophomore Grace Phipps and freshmen Ava Gregory and Adison Ichou.

Gregory placed 24th at the SIJHSAA Class L state meet as a Du Quoin Middle School eighth-grader.

"Our expectations are focused around individual improvement," Kirkpatrick said. "We feel like if athletes are improving individually throughout the season, the rest of our goals will fall into place."

Du Quoin's fourth straight conference title was claimed by topping rival Pinckneyville by 13 points. The Lady Indians had four all-conference runners, including Oestreicher and Issy Phillips.

"As always, we compete in a very deep and talented conference," Kirkpatrick said. "Every school on the Mississippi side competes to win in every sport, and cross country is no different."

"We expect every team on our side of the conference to push for the championship."

"We hope to continue to be in the conversation for the top spot."

**Girls Roster**

- Juniors  
Lainey Miller  
Clair Rose  
Olivia Numi  
Kallie Oestreicher
- Sophomores  
Maggie Kellerman  
Issy Phillips  
Grace Phipps
- Freshmen  
Ava Gregory  
Adison Ichou

Du Quoin's boys team will field five runners, including returners juniors Connor Gross and Reid Tilley.

Gross was an all-conference runner last season. The Indians placed fifth at regionals to advance to sectionals.

Like the girls, the boys will have to replace its top two runners, Landen Swiney and Nathan Smith, from last season. Both were seniors who qualified for state.

Gross and Tilley will be joined by junior David Bower and freshmen Hunter Martin and Zach Tilley.

Martin, as an eighth grader, ran at the SIJHSAA Class L state meet, placing 73rd.

"We are a small group on the boys side," Kirkpatrick said. "We just want to see the athletes improve from week to week."

**Boy Roster**

- Juniors  
Connor Gross  
Reid Tilley  
David Bower
- Freshmen  
Hunter Martin  
Zach Tilley

**Marissa-Coulterville Meteors**

The Marissa-Coulterville boys cross country team placed fifth last season at regionals to advance to the sectional round.

The Meteors had no seniors running for that qualifying squad, so it will bring back a group that has experienced success.

Five of those returning runners are senior Josh Leemon, juniors Tanner Middendorf and Ethan Prest and sophomores Brock Portz and Joey Lay.

Middendorf brought home 15th overall at the regional race, while Leemon was 29th, Portz 35th and Prest 39th, giving the Meteors four runners in the top 40.

"Our goals this season are to be competitive," said Marissa-Coulterville coach Matt Espenscheid. "We are still a young team and are looking to make improvements as the season goes along."

Marissa-Coulterville was also second in the Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division, finishing only behind Steeleville, which has won the conference for five seasons in a row.

Middendorf and Portz finished as top 10 conference runners.

"Steeleville is always a great team in our conference," Espenscheid said. "We just want to compete

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and see improvements.”

The Meteors will have two other sophomore runners and one freshman.

That freshman is Marshall Prest, who placed 100th last season at the SIJHSAA Class S state meet for Marissa Junior High.

Marissa-Coulterville has just one girl this season, senior Paige Daenzer.

Last season, Daenzer placed 20th at regionals and was just two spots and five seconds from the final sectional qualifying position. She finished sixth at the conference meet, as well.

“We are excited about this season,” Espenscheid said. “We have been working hard, and we have seen some improvements since last season.”

“We have great kids on this team who are just fun to be around. They push each other every day.”

### Boys Roster

- Senior
- Josh Leemon
- Juniors
- Tanner Middendorf
- Ethan Prest
- Sophomores
- Brock Portz
- Joey Lay
- James Hamon
- Fred Klingeman
- Freshman
- Marshall Prest

### Girls Roster

- Senior
- Paige Daenzer

### Pinckneyville Panthers

Junior Isaac Teel will lead the Pinckneyville High School boys cross country team into battle.

Teel is coming off of another memorable season, in which he finished fifth at the IHSA state meet, sec-

ond in regionals and picked up his second straight SIRR Mississippi title.

Teel added to his accolades in the spring during track season, where he, among other top finishes, won a state championship in the 1600-meter run.

In addition to Teel, the boys will bring back junior Noah Bledsoe and sophomore Landen Carter from a Panther team that finished ninth at state.

The trip to state was its fifth in the last eight seasons. Pinckneyville also has won regional titles in three of the last seven seasons.

“We always want to have a fun year and to continue to improve throughout the year,” said Pinckneyville coach Ryan Bruns. “I’m sure Isaac has some lofty individual goals.”

The Panthers have a freshman class of five runners in addition to a pair of sophomores. Bruns expects several of them to compete for varsity spots.

“The boys are really young,” Bruns said. “Sophomore Brenden Conway did not run last year, but he is primed to be part of the varsity, as well.”

The Pinckneyville girls team was also strong a season ago, and the Lady Panthers will have three returning from that group in addition to another who was injured last season.

The Lady Panthers placed second in the conference and at regionals and sectionals, finishing behind rival Du Quoin each time.

Junior Emily Baggett and sophomores Vanessa Teel and Zoey Conway return as top runners from that group.

Teel and Conway were all-conference as freshmen. Teel picked

up third at regionals, fifth at sectionals and 53rd at state, where Pinckneyville was 18th as a team.

Bruns has junior Sofia Castellano, who was injured as a sophomore, penciled into a varsity spot. Other runners he expects to challenge for the open spots are senior Rori Wright, junior Michaela Skorch, sophomore Izzy Baggett and freshman Madison Bruns.

Both the Pinckneyville boys and girls will be ready for another strong conference showing this season, but Bruns is keeping the focus on their own teams.

“If we stay healthy, I think we can be very competitive,” Bruns said. “I pay attention to other schools, but why worry? Take care of yourself, and the rest will follow suit.”

### Boys Roster

- Senior
- Andrew Wagner
- Juniors
- Isaac Teel
- Will Forbes
- Noah Bledsoe
- Sophomores
- Landen Carter
- Brendan Conway
- Freshmen
- Brody Wilt
- Landen Boman
- Christian Queen
- Miles Doerflein
- Cale Schneider

### Girls Roster

- Seniors
- Rori Wright
- Maddy Doerflein
- Avery Wilt
- Juniors
- Emily Baggett
- Sofia Castellano
- Michaela Skorch
- Sophomores
- Vanessa Teel

Zoey Conway  
Izzy Baggett  
Freshman  
Madison Bruns

### Red Bud Musketeers

Led by state qualifier Nick Fehr, the Red Bud High School boys cross country team advanced to sectionals last season.

However, Fehr and several other runners graduated last spring, and this season’s boys team has just four competitors.

Senior Joseph Hanger, juniors Cameron Hill and Kadin Summers and sophomore Lucas Miller competed last season, with Miller placing inside the top 100 at sectionals.

“I look for senior Joseph Hanger to take the lead early, as he has put in the summer miles,” said Red Bud coach Julie Fehr. Unfortunately, we have gained no freshmen, so we will not have enough to score a team.”

The Musketeers placed second in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division last season, just six points behind champion Trenton-Wesclin.

Miller picked up a top six position in that competition. Red Bud was also second at regionals, with Miller and Hanger both finishing in the top 40.

### Boys Roster

- Senior
- Joseph Hanger
- Juniors
- Cameron Hill
- Kadin Summers
- Sophomore
- Lucas Miller

The Red Bud girls team will have a slew of upperclassmen this

season, including senior Anna Wolter, who was the team’s top runner a season ago.

Wolter finished 14th at regionals as a junior and advanced to sectionals, where she picked up 75th. In the conference, she was eighth overall.

“She is a veteran runner, and I look for her to have another solid season,” Fehr said. “The rest of my girls team was out with various injuries throughout the season, and none of them ran with any consistency. We are looking to change that, as all of them return this year more determined.”

Between the team’s junior and senior classes, Red Bud will have seven runners, in addition to one sophomore and one freshman.

The freshman is Ayden Burgess, who placed 104th as a Red Bud Elementary eighth-grader at the SIJHSAA Class L state meet.

“I look for the girls team to make an impression,” Fehr said. “As the season progresses, I think they will be one to watch.”

Red Bud did not have enough girls running last season to vie for the conference title, but Fehr is confident they can take a stab at it this year. The Lady Musketeers won the conference in 2020. Okawville won the conference last season.

“Sparta and Okawville will again be strong competition at conference,” Fehr said, “but our girls team wants to reclaim that conference title and advance in the postsea-

son.”

### Girls Roster

- Seniors
- Simone Liefer
- Anna Wolter
- Juniors
- Mia Beshoar
- Kamry Koester
- Emilee Liefer
- Emma Heinemann
- Harlie Braun
- Sophomore
- Abby Pyles
- Freshman
- Ayden Burgess

### Sparta Bulldogs

The Sparta High School cross country program has high hopes heading into this season, and the girls should be an entertaining team to watch this fall.

“My team is so positive right now,” said coach Brittany Toler. “They have all heart in running, and I appreciate that. We’ve had a lot of fun over the summer.”

The Lady Bulldogs return five of their top runners from last season and add two new racers to that pool.

Seniors Sadie Hamilton, Hayley Drake and Daira Sangurima have achieved success in the program since they were freshmen when the Sparta team advanced to sectionals.

Hamilton then advanced to sectionals her sophomore season, and Sparta’s entire team made it back again last season.

“I truly hope my seniors end their careers well,” Toler said. “I want them to get all-conference and go to at least sectionals.”

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That would be great.” Sophomores Elise Hamilton and Courtney Drake, the sisters of Sadie Hamilton and Hayley Drake, round out the Lady Bulldog top five.

At regionals last season the Lady Bulldogs earned fourth. Sadie Hamilton finished eighth, while Hayley Drake and Elise Hamilton both finished in the top 20 and Courtney Drake and Sangurima the top 30.

At sectionals, Hayley Drake was the team's top runner in 51st.

Sparta, in its first season in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division, was second in the conference last season. The team's top five runners placed in the top 13.

“I don't see why they can't all make all-conference; they have it in them,” Toler said. “We're going to take home the title.”

Joining that goal are sophomore Abby Hernandez and freshman Chloe Adams, who was a standout runner last season for Evansville Center, placing 27th at the SIJHSAA Class S state meet.

One of the other things that Sparta battles throughout the season is having the majority of its cross country runners also playing volleyball.

“When we have our whole team, we can win races,” Toler said. “When they have volleyball practice one day, they still get together and run. They are truly dedicated.”

**Girls Roster**  
Seniors  
Sadie Hamilton  
Daira Sangurima  
Hayley Drake  
Sophomores  
Elise Hamilton

Courtney Drake  
Abby Hernandez  
Freshman  
Chloe Adams

Sparta has just four boys on its team this season, led by senior Reese Smith, who is joined by juniors Jacob Huether and Grant Walter and freshman Josue Lopez.

Smith was 24th in the conference last season, while Huether is the team's top returning runner from regionals.

Lopez was a strong runner as an eighth-grader for Steeleville Elementary. He finished 28th at the SIJHSAA Class S state meet.

“The boys have been practicing really hard this summer. I hope for them to go to sectionals,” Toler said. “A lot of them are starting to step up, and I think we will go further than we have before.”

**Boys Roster**  
Senior  
Reese Smith  
Juniors  
Jacob Huether  
Grant Walter  
Freshman  
Josue Lopez

**Steeleville Warriors**

The Steeleville High School boys cross country team returned to the state meet last season for the third time in four years.

The Warriors also won its fifth consecutive Cahokia Conference championship and brought home its third regional title in five seasons.

At sectionals, Steeleville was third, placing only behind Pinckneyville and Benton.

The Warriors saw their top runner, Christian Rees, graduate but will return four from last season's top group. Those four are senior Clayton Donagher and

juniors Cayton Cratch, Camden Pierce and Nikolas Rubach.

Cratch placed second, Donagher third and Pierce fifth at the conference. That trio also placed within the top 40 at sectionals and the top 10 at regionals.

“The four that we have coming back are strong and have worked hard all summer,” said Steeleville coach Neal Haertling. “Along with the newcomers, we are looking for big things from them.”

Making up the rest of the team are sophomores Tyler Ernsting, Mason Gall, Andrew Welton and freshman Cody Mevert.

“Tyler and Andrew will be the ones who will need to step up the pace to get that fifth and sixth spot filled,” Haertling said. “Mason and Cody, at the end of the year, will have some big improvements and contend for that seventh spot.”

Despite all of the success that has come out of the Steeleville cross country program, this will mark the fourth straight season that the team has just one senior.

“This is nothing unfamiliar for me,” Haertling said. “We will go out and compete at the highest level, always working toward being conference champions and the end of the season.”

“These boys work very well together. We run as one; we work as a team, and we finish as a family.”

**Boys Roster**  
Senior  
Clayton Donagher  
Juniors  
Cayton Cratch  
Camden Pierce  
Nikolas Rubach  
Sophomores  
Tyler Ernsting  
Mason Gall  
Andrew Welton

Freshman  
Cody Mevert

The Steeleville girls team will have only one runner this season, junior Aubrey Bockhorn.

Bockhorn enjoyed a strong season as a sophomore, placing third at conference, 16th at regionals and 90th at sectionals.

“Aubrey is the only girl this season,” Haertling said. “She will be out there running for the Warriors and giving it all that she has.”

**Girls Roster**  
Junior  
Aubrey Bockhorn

**Trico Pioneers**

The first season of cross country at Trico High School will feature 13 runners, with eight girls and five boys.

The potential for continued growth is high, as of those 13 runners, 10 are either sophomores or freshmen.

“With the program being in its inaugural season, my hopes are to be competitive in every meet we run in,” said coach Blake Hampleman. “We have some great runners for our first year, which I hope will make an impact throughout the season.”

Hampleman has already seen the dedication of his runners on display, as they have chosen to come in before school to practice, rather than wait until after the school day is over.

“Most kids will not do that,” Hampleman said. “We tell ourselves every day that we are setting ourselves apart from the regular student. Starting a brand new program from the ground up is very challenging, especially competing against well-established programs that have completed summer running exercises and have many

outstanding runners of their own.

“Our runners push themselves every day to get better. I truly believe we are building something special in Trico.”

The Pioneer boys feature seniors Logan Smith and Gavin Wilks, sophomore Qwentin McBride and freshmen William Grau and CJ Woodside.

The girls team has just one runner above a sophomore, with junior Katelyn Allen. The rest of the team are sophomores Ariana McBride and Allie Robinson and freshmen Cate Ziarnek, Shiana Pierce, Paige Hamilton, Hayleigh Franklin and Camryn Neville.

“My expectations for this season are to develop strong runners and build a program that becomes a premier sport

for our community,” Hampleman said. “Like many other successful sports offered at Trico, the cross country team is built on the foundation that hard work pays off.”

**Boys Roster**  
Seniors  
Logan Smith  
Gavin Wilks  
Sophomore  
Qwentin McBride  
Freshmen  
William Grau  
CJ Woodside

**Girls Roster**  
Junior  
Katelyn Allen  
Sophomores  
Ariana McBride  
Allie Robinson  
Freshmen  
Cate Ziarnek  
Shiana Pierce  
Paige Hamilton  
Hayleigh Franklin  
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core will begin with seniors setter/outside hitter Autumn Gilley, middle blocker Carleigh Rhodes and setter Mackenzie Jetton, junior right side player Gabby Schmeiderer and sophomore outside hitter Katlyn Rednour.

Other players Weis will turn to at the beginning of the season include junior defensive specialists Shelby Brown and Shaylee Strong, sophomores right side player Hannah Krause and defensive specialist Lauren Fietsam and sophomore middle blocker Annie Villarreal.

"We will rely a lot on Autumn, Carleigh, Katlyn and Annie to put the ball away in the front row," Weis said. "All four of them have a great arm swing and are determined to get better every day."

"I'm expecting Annie to be quite a leader for our team. She has been working really hard and going to volleyball camps to get better, and it is showing on the court how much she is learning. She's tall, athletic and is our most complex hitter right now. If she stays consistent, she will be dangerous."

Weis expects Strong and Brown to be key to the team's passing game. As for setting, Schmeiderer, Gilley and Jetton each have experience, although they have different strengths depending where they are on the court.

"Schmeiderer was our starting setter along with Gilley last year," Weis said. "We have noticed that Schmeiderer thrives more passing and playing in the front row rather than setting, so Jetton stepped up as a backup setter from last year to being the most accurate setter on the team so far. (Jetton) stepping up and taking on this leadership role has helped the team greatly."

Marissa-Coulterville finished 4-6 in the Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division last season. The Lady Meteors were eliminated from the postseason in a Class 1A regional quarterfinal match against Christ Our Rock Lutheran Centralia.

Not long ago, in

2019, Marissa-Coulterville won 28 matches and advanced to the regional finals. That season, however, is the team's only winning season since 2008.

"I expect to be very competitive this year, and we are determined to have a winning season," Weis said. "Our team goal is to develop great chemistry and know each other's strengths and weaknesses. I think that is a crucial part in volleyball, knowing truly who your teammates are."

"Our girls have been working extremely hard to become better every day. As long as we stay competitive, we see great success coming this season."

### Varsity Roster

- Seniors**  
Carleigh Rhodes  
Autumn Gilley  
Mackenzie Jetton
- Juniors**  
Shelby Brown  
Shaylee Strong  
Gabby Schmeiderer
- Sophomores**  
Hannah Krause  
Annie Villarreal  
Katlyn Rednour  
Lauren Fietsam

### Pinckneyville Lady Panthers

The first season with Katie Shaneyfelt as coach went well last year for Pinckneyville, as the Lady Panthers finished 24-7 overall and won the SIRR Mississippi title.

The conference championship was the second outright title in a row for the Lady Panthers and the fifth season in a row that Pinckneyville has claimed at least a share of the conference.

Pinckneyville, though, lost to SIRR Mississippi foe Carterville in a grueling three-set match in a Class 2A regional championship game, seeing its season end prematurely. Carterville went on to advance all the way to the Elite Eight.

Pinckneyville returns three main starters from last season's club, seniors Addie Waggoner, Jillian Shaneyfelt and Emily Ruppert.

That trio was named to the all-conference and SICA all-south teams last season, with Waggoner and Shaneyfelt also being all-conference and all-south selections as sophomores.

"All three of them

have been varsity starters since their freshman year," Shaneyfelt said. "All three will play a large role in offense and defense for our team."

Waggoner is the team's returning kill leader, Shaneyfelt assist leader and Ruppert the leader in digs.

Other players Shaneyfelt expects to be in the mix are sophomores Bella Morgan, Kendyl Bleyer, Madelyn Hutchcraft and Jacqueline Dill and junior Cara Numi.

"Morgan and Bleyer play in the middle," Shaneyfelt said. "I look for Hutchcraft to contribute a lot defensively on the right side. She is also a very nice right side hitter. Dill will set and play outside, and Numi helps on the right side as a hitter."

### Varsity Roster

- Seniors**  
Allison Szostak  
Jillian Shaneyfelt  
Emily Ruppert  
Gabby Pasquino  
Addie Waggoner  
Jaleigh Moss
- Juniors**  
Ava Adcock  
Cara Numi
- Sophomores**  
Madelynn Hutchcraft  
Jacqueline Dill  
Kendyl Bleyer  
Bella Morgan  
Alyssa Brokering
- Freshman**  
Ella Keene

### Red Bud Musketeers

The Red Bud High School volleyball is looking for a bounce back season after coming away with just 10 victories last year.

Red Bud finished 10-25-2 overall and 3-7 during its first year in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division.

The two previous seasons for the Lady Musketeers saw them finish with winning records and pick up a combined 19 wins in the Kaskaskia Division.

During the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Red Bud won regional championship matches. Last year, Red Bud was knocked out of the playoffs by Columbia in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal game.

"We have some big goals after coming off a tough season last year," said coach Erin Legendre. "The team worked really hard this summer, competing in three summer tournaments. The team is really clicking

in practice."

The team lost eight seniors from last year's roster but has a solid core returning.

Among that group are senior Allie Zipfel and junior Dakota Hohgreffe on the outside with sophomore Sofia Jones returning as a middle hitter. Senior Madison Falkenhain is moving from the right side to the middle.

Senior Aubrey Piel will play on the right side while sharing setting duties with returning setter junior Claire Diewald and new setter sophomore Emme Deterding.

On defense, junior Josie Meyer returns as an asset with new varsity player junior Sam Cockrell.

Senior Kiana DuFrenne-Klein is expected to play on the right side, and Red Bud will also have new middle hitter, sophomore Jeda Friess.

### Varsity Roster

- Seniors**  
Madison Falkenhain  
Allie Zipfel  
Kiana DuFrenne-Klein  
Aubrey Piel
- Juniors**  
Dakota Hohgreffe  
Sam Cockrell  
Josie Meyer  
Claire Diewald
- Sophomores**  
Jeda Friess  
Emme Deterding  
Sofia Jones

### Sparta Lady Bulldogs

Last year, the Sparta High School volleyball team achieved its seventh winning season in 10 years with Abbey Miles as coach.

The Lady Bulldogs were 15-12 but finished just 2-8 during its first season in the Cahokia Conference Illinois Division. They were knocked out of the playoffs in a Class 2A regional semifinal game against Nashville, which advanced to the sectional finals.

Sparta returns five starters from last season's outfit and will have a senior-laden club this year with nine seniors on the team.

"I am looking forward to a great year," Miles said. "Last year taught us as a team how to be resilient. We were dealt some tough blows with injuries and illness, but we have learned how to be better teammates, and have grown from that process."

"I am expecting to

come each night and play hard, limit our own mistakes and win with effort."

Returning starters from last season for the Lady Bulldogs are seniors libero/defensive specialist Karli Thornton, middle hitter Anna McDonald, setter Sadie Hamilton and defensive specialist Hayley Drake.

Out of the gate, Miles will also rely on seniors right side hitter Sydney Rheinecker, setter Molly Huether, defensive specialist Madi Mahan, middle hitter Mariah Reinhardt and outside hitter Olivia Schilling. Schilling was a varsity starter as a sophomore but was hampered with injuries as a junior.

"We're returning a large portion of our varsity lineup from last year," Miles said. "We will have a ton of varsity experience on the floor."

Despite just winning two matches last season in the conference, Miles expects great things this year. She expects Sparta to be in the hunt for the top of the conference by the end of October.

Sparta last played for a regional championship in 2013, when the Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Pinckneyville in the finals. Sparta's most recent regional title came the year prior in 2012, the year the Lady Bulldogs advanced to a sectional championship match.

"I have a great group of kids this year. They are competitive, hard working and great human beings," Miles said. "We have had great summer and pre-season workouts. It is my hope that we continue to push ourselves mentally and physically, competing at the highest level."

### Varsity Roster

- Seniors**  
Madi Mahan  
Olivia Schilling  
Karli Thornton  
Mariah Reinhardt  
Sadie Hamilton  
Sydney Rheinecker  
Molly Huether  
Mayley Drake  
Anna McDonald
- Junior**  
Libby Renner
- Sophomores**  
Elise Hamilton  
Abigail Heinen  
Erin Kempfer

### Steeleville Lady Warriors

Last season was a

successful one for the Steeleville High School volleyball team.

The Lady Warriors won their first Class 1A regional championship since 2017 and their second with Lesley Wente as coach.

They entered the postseason as a No. 6 seed but toppled favored Elverado in the semifinals before getting over Zeigler-Royalton in the regional finals. Steeleville's season ended in the sectional semifinals against Waterloo Gibault, which went on to win the sectional.

From last season's team, Steeleville returns seniors Jenna Hood, Gillian Valleroy, Kaylee Darnell and Daisy Czaplá and junior Lauren Wedemeyer.

Hood was a Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division all-conference selection. She led Steeleville in kills and blocks.

Valleroy was second on the team in kills, Darnell the team leader in assists and Wedemeyer one of the team's best on defense.

Wente will round out the varsity attack with juniors Olivia Raby and Aubrey Bockhorn, sophomores Shaylee Ayers and Hannah Middendorf and freshman Elly Buch.

"We have some new faces to mix into our varsity lineup to replace the three seniors who graduated last year," Wente said.

Steeleville finished with a 14-19 record last season. The Lady Warriors were 7-3 in the conference, finishing only behind Valmeyer.

"Valmeyer did not lose many girls from last year's team," Wente said. "They will be the team to beat in the conference."

### Varsity Roster

- Seniors**  
Jenna Hood  
Gillian Valleroy  
Kaylee Darnell  
Daisy Czaplá
- Juniors**  
Lauren Wedemeyer  
Olivia Raby  
Aubrey Bockhorn
- Sophomores**  
Shaylee Ayers  
Hannah Middendorf
- Freshman**  
Elly Buch

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# IHSA football programs with the most career wins

State historians Kev Varney and Tom Sikorski have updated their list of the winningest high school football programs in Illinois state history.

Continuing to lead the charge is East St. Louis Senior, which has compiled 809 victories from 1925 through 2021. East St. Louis is the only

program with greater than 800 wins.

The only other programs with more than 700 are Chicago Mount Carmel 780, Tuscola 742, Arcola 739, Chicago/Wilmette Loyola 728 and Wheaton/Central/Warrenville South 712.

Du Quoin sits at 31st in the state with 609 wins. The Indians have

an overall record of 609-322-29 from 1928 through 2021, good for a .649 winning percentage.

Chester has moved into a tie for 219th in the state with 392 victories, spanning from 1923 through 2021. Chester was tied for 221st going into last season, with an overall record of 392-443-21.

Sparta, which has had a program since 1924, is tied for 339th, with 308 victories. The Bulldogs' career record is 308-534-26. They were tied for 329th going into last season.

Pinckneyville is tied for 345th with 303 wins. The Panthers, who have had a program since 1930, are

303-476-23 overall. Their state standing was tied for 335th going into last season.

Other schools of note are Harrisburg 574 wins, 41st; Murphysboro 561, 51st; Benton 534, tied for 69th; Johnston City 526, tied 74th; Carbondale 522, tied 78th; Carmi-White County 496, tied 103rd; West Frankfort

488, 107th; Herrin 487, 108th; Eldorado 444, tied 152nd; Anna-Jonesboro 444, tied 152nd; Cartersville 439, tied 158th; Christopher-Zeigler-Royalton 431, tied 167th; Marion 398, tied 212th; Fairfield 391, 221st; Dupo 375, tied 237th; Sesser-Valier-Waltonville 361, tied 260th; and Nashville 361, tied 260th.

## Volleyball...From Page 28

### Trico Pioneers

It was an immensely successful season last year for the Trico Pioneers.

Trico finished with a 27-11 record, claimed its seventh Black Diamond Conference West Division title over the last nine seasons and won its first regional championship since 2015. The Pioneers also won the Trico and Sparta tournaments.

Trico's big season was cut short, however, when the Pioneers fell victim to Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division champion Valmeyer a Class 1A sectional semifinal match.

Trico saw eight seniors graduate from last season's team but still return five starters.

Those returning starters are seniors setter Madi Rathert and middle Avery Pierce and juniors middle Josie Wettig and outside hitters Reagan Fager and Paige Thies.

Wettig was named the most valuable player of the BDC West, while Rathert was an all-conference selection. Both were also named to the SICA all-south team.

Other players Trico coach Julie Rathert expects to make an impact are juniors setter McKenzie Ebers and defensive special-

ist Olivia Jokerst and sophomores libero Allie Robinson and Ariana McBride.

Trico finished 11-1 in the BDC West last season. Winning the conference remains a goal of the team, and Rathert wants to see her team more competitive at the early season Labor Day tournament and the Red Bud Invitational.

"I would like to add to the success of last season and of course be strong in the post-season," Rathert said. "We are a well-rounded team with many players putting in extra time to help us reach our goals."

"Chemistry is key this season, and I already see it developing."

### Varsity Roster

#### Seniors

Avery Pierce  
Madi Rathert

#### Juniors

McKenzie Ebers  
Reagan Fager  
Olivia Jokerst  
Timber Lepper

Paige Thies  
Josie Wettig  
Lydia Williamson

#### Sophomores

Ariana McBride  
Allie Robinson  
Olivia Thies

#### Freshmen

Maggie Beaty-Dingus  
Vanessa Clover  
Hayleigh Franklin  
Riley Huffman  
Molly Rathert  
Rylie Robinson

## Remaining volleyball and cross country schedules

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Marissa-Coulterville August

8/26-27 Labor Day Invite

8/29 at Valmeyer September

9/1 at Dupo

9/6 vs. Dupo

9/8 at Lebanon

9/10 Carlyle Invite

9/13 vs. Sparta at Coulterville

9/15 vs. Steeleville

9/20 at Okawville

9/22 at New Athens

9/27 at Red Bud October

10/1 Sparta Invite

10/6 vs. Valmeyer

10/8 Lebanon Invite

10/11 at Steeleville

10/13 vs. Lebanon

10/14 vs. Elverado at Coulterville

10/20 vs. New Athens

#### Steeleville August

8/26-27 Labor Day Invite

8/30 vs. New Athens September

9/1 vs. Anna-Jonesboro

9/6 at Lebanon

9/7 at Trico

9/8 at Valmeyer

9/13 vs. Okawville

9/15 at Marissa-Coulterville

9/20-22 Trico Invite

9/27 vs. Zeigler-Royalton

9/29 vs. Lebanon

October

10/1 Sparta Invite

10/3 vs. Chester

10/5 at Dupo

10/6 at New Athens

10/11 vs. Marissa-Coulterville

10/13 vs. Valmeyer

10/15 Freeburg Invite

10/19 vs. Dupo

#### Trico August

8/22 at Cobden

8/25 vs. Zeigler-Royalton

8/26-27 Labor Day Invite

September

9/7 vs. Steeleville

9/8 at Goreville

9/12 vs. Okawville

9/13 at Johnston City

9/15 at Sesser-Valier

9/19 vs. Elverado

9/20-22 Trico Invite

9/26 at Christopher

9/27 vs. Vienna

October

10/1 Sparta Invite

10/3 at Zeigler-Royalton

10/4 at New Athens

10/6 vs. Sesser-Valier

10/8 Red Bud Invite

10/11 vs. Christopher

10/12 at Du Quoin

10/13 vs. Johnston City

10/18 vs. Goreville

10/20 at Vienna

#### CROSS COUNTRY

##### Marissa-Coulterville August

8/22 at New Athens

8/27 at Mascoutah

September

9/3 at Granite City

9/6 Home Invite

9/13 at Sparta

9/17 at Mascoutah

9/24 at Freeburg

9/29 at Chester

October

10/3 at Red Bud

10/8 at East Alton-

Wood River

10/15 Conference at Salem

Steeleville August

8/22 at New Athens

8/27 at Mascoutah

8/31 at Murphysboro

September

9/3 at Granite City

9/6 at Marissa

9/10 at Peoria

9/15 at Du Quoin

9/19 at Nashville

9/24 at Freeburg

9/29 at Chester

October

10/1 at Wesclin

10/8 at Benton

10/15 Conference

Trico August

8/31 at Murphysboro

September

9/6 at Marissa

9/15 at Du Quoin

9/19 at Nashville

9/29 at Chester

October

10/6 at Pinckneyville



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