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Local FedEx packages found dumped in ditches

Newly hired driver suspected

By Travis Lott
 In a bizarre incident, local authorities have recovered 95 packages that were apparently dumped by a Federal Express driver on backroads throughout Randolph County.
 Randolph County Chief Deputy Jarrod Peters said he first learned of the incident Monday about 5 p.m. when a deputy called to inform him that 41 packages were found in the grass and in the ditch along Diamond Cross Road in rural Chester.
 Coincidentally, a package Peters was expecting was among them.
 Another 44 packages were found on Lessley Road later that same evening between Sparta and Baldwin by Zach Allard of Sparta, who went looking for them after speaking

with FedEx employees in an attempt to locate a lost package.
 Allard had been expecting a delivery of an expensive item—a \$750 Xbox video game console. The item was listed as having been delivered, but it wasn't at his home.
 After contacting FedEx, he learned that the package had been scanned on Lessley Road, so he went looking.
 First, he saw one box. It wasn't his. So he searched again, finding dozens more. Thankfully, his package was among the 44 boxes strewn about in the grass, and it wasn't badly damaged. He said others may not have been so lucky, because some were in the mud.
 "I've never seen anything like this," Allard said. "It's



Shown are a couple of the packages found on Lessley Road. Photo by Zach Allard

nuts."
 He called police, and a sheriff's deputy collected the packages.
 "The grass I found them in was pretty tall," Allard said. "There could still be more out there."

Another 10 packages were found Tuesday morning on Plum Creek Road just west of Sparta.
 Peters said the packages were handed over to a FedEx representative Tuesday afternoon. The packages

will be taken to St. Louis to be reprocessed and sent to their rightful owners.
 In a statement, a spokesman from FedEx said the employee who dumped the

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Colleen Dolnick of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon and Rally organizer Mark McConachie of the Evansville Knights of Columbus share the stage during the Rally's Memorial Day service.

Another successful Road Rally

By Travis Lott
 Despite chilly winds that cut through the air Saturday, Evansville's annual Rally On The River had its second largest turnout of all time.
 The event, organized by the Evansville Knights of Columbus, is a Jeep rally to benefit Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis.
 Over the past eight years, the Rally has donated about \$106,000 to the children's hospital.
 This year, the Rally raised \$19,000 alone, topped only by the 2018 Rally that raised around \$20,000, said organizer Mark McConachie.
 One of the highlights of

\$19,000 raised this year for Cardinal Glennon

the Rally is a Memorial Day service near the Liberty Courtyard. This year, the Courtyard opened its deck to be used as a stage for the service.
 As is tradition, the service contained the presentation

of the colors by the Color Guard, as well as a bugler playing Taps and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Rally organizer Bob Myerscough and Randolph County Circuit Clerk Julie Carnahan.
 The keynote speaker was Rev. Jim Thomas, a retired chaplain for the United States Air Force who served 22 years active duty.
 Thomas spoke about cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead's famous lecture on the first sign of civilized culture being a healed femur.
 In nature, Mead said, an animal that sustains an injury dies, because it cannot

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Primary election in 2022 could be moved

By Raymon Troncoso
Capitol News Illinois
 Largely on partisan lines, lawmakers passed an elections bill Monday that would push back the date of the 2022 primary elections amid other major changes to the state's election code.
 The 156-page bill, filed by Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford, would also strengthen the state's cybersecurity surrounding elections and make Election Day a holiday among other provisions.
 The bill was filed Sunday night, passed the House 72-46 at about 6 p.m. Monday, then passed on a partisan 41-18 split in the Senate at about 10 p.m. It will need only a signature from the governor to become law.
 Under the legislation, in 2022, early voting for primary elections would start May 19 and primary election day would be moved to June 28.
 State primaries are typically held in March.
 The dates for nominating petitions for primaries would also change, with those seeking office able to circulate petitions starting January 13. Congressional and judicial candidates must have petitions filed by March 14.
 The provision changing these dates is set to expire at the start of 2023.
 "The state has always had a really long window between the primary and the general, which makes the political season long and risky, negatively affecting public policymaking," West said to committee members Monday. "Our proposal is to do this one-time change

From March to June on a trial basis

just to see how it works, and I think it will be beneficial to the state and then it can maybe be something we keep, moving forward."
 The bill would also make the date of the general election, November 8, a state holiday in 2022. It will be considered a legal school holiday, and any schools closing due to the holiday would "be made available to an election authority as a polling place for this General Election Day." This provision would also expire at the start of 2023.
 One provision would also create a permanent vote-by-mail list.
 Under current law, voters must apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. While that process would continue, election officials would also offer an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. The application would allow voters choose to receive ballots for all partisan-locked elections, non-partisan-locked elections, or both.
 The legislation would have voters who apply to be on the list remain on it until they request to be removed, change their registration or register to vote in another county.
 Some southern Illinois

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Rocher native brings Memorial Day message home

By Travis Lott
 A large crowd of people attended the Memorial Day service in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Prairie du Rocher Monday morning.
 Members of the Prairie du Rocher American Legion Joseph Park Post 622, American Legion Post Auxiliary, the Boy Scout Troop 338 and members of the fire and police departments marched through town from the Legion to the cem-



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Atkinson.

The tradition continues

etry for the service.
 The keynote speaker was retired Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Atkinson of the United States Air Force, who lives in Rocher.
 Atkinson spoke about the heroes of each era and the sacrifices they make for their fellow man, and how the heroes of today are the

healthcare workers who stood on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 Atkinson said he was named after his uncle Gilbert, who was killed on the shores of Normandy during World War II.
 He said that, for veterans, the love of country runs deep.

"When we salute our flag, our eyes water," Atkinson said.
 Atkinson concluded his remarks by reading "I Am A Veteran," a poem by Andrea Brett.
 Also during the service, family members of Prairie du Rocher's last Gold Star Mothers, Lavina Steibel and Dolly Buehler, were escorted to place a wreath on the marker of The Unknown Soldier.

POLICE

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

Local police blotters for the week

Howard J. Williams, 48, of Chester was arrested May 24 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office on a Randolph County warrant for petition to revoke probation. He posted bond.

Matthew T. Moskop, 24, of Marissa was arrested May 27 by Baldwin police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a speeding charge and driving without a valid driver's license and driving an uninsured vehicle. He posted bond.

Emily C. Thompson, 23, of Ste. Genevieve was arrested May 31 by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office on a Randolph County warrant for battery. She posted bond.

given a notice to appear in court.

Dakota P. Oakley, 20, of Chester was arrested May 24 by Chester police for possession of meth, unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe and a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a possession of meth charge. Oakley was jailed.

Dylan J. Moutria, 31, of Murphysboro was arrested May 27 by Chester police for driving on a suspended license, theft and three counts of forgery. He was jailed.

Tommy F. Sheppard, 34, of Steeleville police for threatening a public official, domestic battery and interfering with domestic violence. He was jailed.

Brandy D. Webb, 37, of Chester was arrested by Sparta police May 28 for possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of adult use cannabis. She was given a notice to appear in court.

Brittany A. Sloan, 29, of Coulterville was arrested May 25 by Coulterville police for unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She was jailed.

Douglas H. Inselmann, 47, of Percy was arrested May 28 by Steeleville police for possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage. He was jailed.

Tommy M. Martinez, 24, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police May 24 for criminal damage to property. He was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Christopher Narez, 37, of Willisville was arrested by Willisville police May 28 for disobeying a traffic control device and driving on a suspended license. He was jailed.

Brandon S. Mayberry, 40, homeless, was arrested May 25 by Red Bud police for domestic battery. He was jailed.

Michael R. Throop, 33, of Ava was arrested May 28 by Steeleville police for possession of meth and delivery of meth. He was jailed.

Naysha L. Starnes, 29, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police May 24 on a Randolph County warrant for traffic violations. She posted bond.

Scott E. Dobyys, 47, of Sparta was arrested by Willisville police May 29 in Cutler for driving on a revoked license, driving a vehicle that had no license plate light, unlawful possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle, possession of more than 30 grams of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia (meth pipe) and a St. Clair County warrant for possession of meth. He was jailed.

Ryan M. Bays, 29, homeless, was arrested May 25 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a driving on a suspended license charge. He was released on a recognizance bond.

Dena R. Brown, 38, of Sparta was arrested May 29 by Steeleville police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a retail theft charge. Brown posted bond.

Samuel L.D. Simpson, 25, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police May 25 for domestic battery. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Dena R. Brown, 38, of Tilden was arrested by Willisville police May 29 in Cutler on a Randolph County warrant for theft under \$300. She was released to Randolph County authorities.

Michelle L. Frazer, 48, of Chester was arrested May 25 by Chester police for possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was jailed.

Joshua L. Jones, 33, of Perryville was arrested May 30 by Chester police for possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving an uninsured vehicle and improper signaling. He was released on a recognizance bond.

Stephanie N. Arnold, 43, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police May 27 for criminal damage to property. She was given a notice to appear in court.

Larry D. Rice, 33, of Willisville was ticketed by Willisville police May 24 for improper operation of an ATV or off-road motorcycle. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Ashley R. Mulholand, 30, of Sparta was arrested May 26 by Sparta police on a Randolph County warrant for petition to revoke probation on a forgery charge. She was jailed.

Alexa R. Davis, 25, of Percy was arrested May 30 by Steeleville police for domestic battery. Davis was jailed.

Tyrell C. Nesbitt, 20, of Sparta was arrested by Sparta police May 27 on a Randolph County warrant for traffic violations. He posted bond.

Clayton R. Morrison, 27, of Steeleville was arrested by Willisville police May 25 for speeding and driving on a suspended license. He posted bond.

Republicans still pushing for review

By Grace Barbic
Capitol News Illinois
Senate Republicans attempted to bypass the Senate Executive Appointments Committee Monday after its chairwoman did not call several Prisoner Review Board appointees for confirmation hearings.

an email statement to Capitol News Illinois. "The Executive Appointments Committee is operating well within in Senate rules—the committee is meeting its constitutional responsibility to confirm the governor's appointees within 60 session days of nomination," Murphy wrote. "My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have chosen to politicize this process, but they are well aware the procedure is routine. The Prisoner Review Board is charged with making parole determinations independently, and to involve them in this shameful display of partisanship is inappropriate and dangerous."

tees in question include Aurthur Mae Perkins, Joseph Ruggiero, Oreal James and Eleanor Wilson. All four were appointed by Pritzker in March and April of 2019, but were never confirmed by the Senate. The governor since withdrew their nominations and reappointed them to restart a 60-session-day clock in which their appointments could be heard by the committee.

the committee be discharged from further consideration, and that the appointment messages be placed on the order for a roll call vote before the full Senate.

The Senate voted unanimously on the floor to waive posting requirements for the appointees, through motions brought forward by Republicans. But state Senator Laura Murphy, a Democrat from Des Plaines and chair of the Executive Appointments Committee, did not call the appointees at the hearing Monday morning, the final day before the current session of the General Assembly was scheduled to adjourn.

The PRB, a 15-person body appointed by the governor, imposes release conditions for incarcerated individuals being released from prison.

Although this practice is allowed under Senate rules and has been used by previous governors, Senate Republicans said they were concerned about the unconfirmed PRB appointees' "controversial" votes to release certain types of inmates. "We want to understand...their decision making process," Plummer said at a news conference following the hearing. "We've got a record of decisions they've made about violent criminals that they've let loose on the streets. I mean literally people who have murdered law enforcement personnel, people who've committed several rapes, people who are child molesters, the list is long."

The appointment messages were placed on the Senate calendar, meaning they could be heard Monday, although it was unclear if such a vote would happen before the scheduled adjournment at the end of the day.

Republican Senator Jason Plummer of Edwardsville, a member of the committee, interjected during the hearing, bringing attention to the appointees posting.

The board has the authority to grant, deny or determine conditions of parole and notify victims and families when an inmate is going to be released from custody. The board also makes recommendations for clemency petitions to the governor.

Following the committee hearing, Plummer rose on the Senate floor to move that

Governor J.B. Pritzker's press secretary Jordan Abudayyeh said the governor has no objection to his appointees to the PRB receiving a vote by the committee or the Senate.

"I do not presently see any of those people in the hearing room and I do not see any of them on Zoom. Do you intend to pull the members of the PRB today?" Plummer asked Murphy during the hearing.

There are currently 10 members of the PRB serving without Senate confirmation.

"He does object to the GOP playing games with appointments to a board that is responsible for undertaking a difficult and complex mission," she said in a statement. "These members must be able to make parole determinations entirely independently and free from political interference."

Murphy said the appointees would not be heard. She later issued

Motorcycle wreck in Rocher

The driver of a motorcycle was airlifted to St. Louis University Hospital with serious injuries after a wreck in Prairie du Rocher May 30.

Modoc Road when he ran off the right side of the road.

According to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, John Church, 61, of West Alton, Missouri was northwest on Bluff Road near

His bike then traveled 126 feet before striking a wooden utility pole and coming to rest. His passenger, 56-year-old Manuel Haller of Caseyville, Illinois sustained unknown injuries.

Prison sentence

Perry County States Attorney David Searby announced the following prison sentence from Perry County court in the month of May.

of Pinckneyville was sentenced to five years in prison with one year of mandatory supervised release.

Court dispositions

The following cases have been terminated in Randolph County court.

Johnson pleaded guilty to the offense of burglary.

Randall Hartman of Ellis Grove, DUI, withhold judgment, court supervision, fine, alcohol treatment.

Robert Brooks of Sparta, possession of drug paraphernalia, guilty, fine.

Johnnie Williams of Sparta, domestic battery, not guilty.

Jill Jones of Chester, possession of meth, dismissed.

Talon Bush of Chester, theft, dismissed.

Karen Robertson of Percy, possession of meth, guilty, probation, fine.

Ali Hallom of Sparta, retail theft, withhold judgment, court supervision, fine, restitution.

Bradley Jackson of Chester, possession of meth, guilty, probation, fine.

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Randolph case updates

Randolph County State's Attorney Jeremy Walker announced the following case updates in Randolph County court.

Unless otherwise noted, all cases were heard by Judge Richard Brown.

Jamie Kempfer

Jamie S. Kempfer, 38, of Ruma was sentenced May 6 to two years of first offender probation.

Kempfer admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a November 28, 2020 traffic stop in Chester.

Jayten Kempfer

Jayten E. Kempfer, 23, of Sparta pleaded guilty May 7 to a reduced charge of fleeing and eluding a police officer.

His license was suspended.

Kempfer admitted to failing to pull over for an officer in Tilden July 17, 2020.

Ralph Hofmeister

Ralph E. Hofmeister, 60, of Chester was sentenced May 10 to two years first offender probation.

Hofmeister admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a February 17 traffic stop in Chester.

Walker said that Hofmeister was investigated for stealing a debit card, which led to the discovery of his meth possession.

Karen Robertson

Karen M. Robertson, 42, of Willisville was sentenced May 10 to two years of first offender probation.

Robertson admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a January 29 traffic stop in Percy.

A second charge of meth possession—which she picked up while on bond for the first charge—was dismissed to facilitate the guilty plea.

Lori Hoskin

Lori M. Hoskin, 46, of Chester was sentenced May 10 to two years of first offender probation.

Hoskin admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during an August 3, 2020 traffic stop in Chester.

Kalynn Bergman

Kalynn N. Bergman, 25, of Sparta was sentenced May 10 to three years in prison.

Bergman admitted to delivering fewer than five grams of meth to a confidential informant in Sparta August 16, 2020.

"If you get caught selling dope in this county, you go to prison," Walker said. "You can see how much meth is prevalent in society right now. If we stop one person from selling, it won't cure the problem. But my hope is when that person gets out of prison, they won't go back to their old 'job.'"

Jill Jones

Jill D. Jones, 39, of Chester was sentenced May 10 to two years of probation.

Jones admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a January 22 traffic stop in Chester.

Walker said Jones had been convicted of a felony in 2003, preventing her from being a candidate for first offender probation.

Bradley Jackson

Bradley D. Jackson, 33, of Chester was sentenced May 13 to two years of first offender probation.

Jackson admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a March 8 traffic stop in Chester.

Kevin Bunch

Kevin A. Bunch, 38, of Chester was sentenced May 13 to two years of first offender probation.

Bunch admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a March 10 traffic stop in Chester.

Richard Rude

Richard J. Rude, 47, of Tilden was sentenced May 13 to two years of first offender probation.

Rude admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during an April 23 traffic stop in Sparta.

Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer M. Anderson, 43, of Good Hope, Alabama was sentenced May 13 to two years of first offender probation.

Anderson admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a February 18 traffic stop in Chester.

Jeanne Fisher

Jeanne L. Fisher, 52, of Du Quoin pleaded guilty May 13 to delivery of meth, delivering fewer than five grams of meth to a confidential informant in Sparta September 1, 2020.

She will be sentenced during a hearing with Judge Brown July 22.

Walker said he would advocate for a prison sentence in this case, however, Fisher's health issues and lack of criminal history may be strong mitigating factors during the hearing in the defense's argument for probation.

Amanda Houk

Amanda J. Houk, 36, of Chester was sentenced to two years of probation.

Houk admitted to stealing more than \$500 from an individual in Steeleville in February and March of 2020.

Walker said Houk was stealing money from an elderly person she was caring for. He initially planned to pursue a prison sentence for Houk, but the elderly victim died shortly after charges were filed, presenting problems as the prosecution was without the complaining witness.

Gordon McClellan

Gordon S. McClellan, 52, of St. Jacob, Illinois was sentenced May 13 to two years of probation.

McClellan admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a September 23, 2020 traffic stop in Sparta.

With a prior cannabis possession conviction out of Texas, McClellan was ineligible for first offender probation.

Tanya Nelson

Tanya M. Nelson, 45, of Sparta was sentenced May 14 by Judge Gene Gross to two years of probation.

Nelson admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a June 27 search of her residence.

Walker said the search was based on statements that an individual made about having purchased meth at Nelson's home.

However, there was not enough meth in the home to prove that she had been the one selling it. Walker said the individual who gave this information to the police had more meth in their possession than Nelson did.

"Frankly, I am of the opinion we had the situation reversed, in that the informant was likely the one who delivered the meth to Ms. Nelson," Walker said.

Terry McCurdy

Terry L. McCurdy, 42, of Sparta pleaded guilty May 17 to delivery of meth.

McCurdy will be sentenced July 22 by Brown.

McCurdy admitted to delivering fewer than five grams of meth to a confidential informant in Sparta August 26, 2020.

A second charge of meth delivery and another meth possession charge were both dismissed to facilitate the plea.

Walker said he will argue for a prison sentence.

Ariel Robinson

Ariel L. Robinson, 31, of Sparta was sentenced May 17 to two years of first offender probation.

Robinson admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during an October 31, 2020 traffic stop in Sparta.

Timothy Wilson

Timothy S. Wilson, 35, of Marissa was sentenced May 17 to two years of first offender probation.

Wilson admitted to possessing fewer than 15 grams of DMT, a hallucinogenic drug, during a September 13, 2020 traffic stop in Sparta.

Jason Tucker

Jason R. Tucker, 41, of Sparta was sentenced May 17 to two years of probation.

Tucker admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a November 16, 2020 traffic stop in Sparta.

Tucker was originally accused of taking a Chromebook from the Sparta school district that had been sent home for his child's remote learning.

Part of Tucker's probation terms is that he must repay the district for the cost of the Chromebook.

Patrick Stoffle

Patrick P. Stoffle, 43, of Brookfield, Illinois was sentenced May 17 to two years of probation.

Stoffle admitted to driving a motor vehicle in Steeleville February 7, 2020 at a time when his license was revoked due to a DUI conviction.

Adam Malawy

Adam Z. Malawy, 27, of Nashville, Illinois was sentenced May 19 by Gross to two years of probation.

Malawy faced a sentencing hearing for a burglary that occurred in Sparta December 16, 2018.

The sentencing took some time to get to, as Malawy was clearing up legal issues in Clinton County prior to sentencing in Randolph County.

As Malawy has stayed out of trouble for nearly three years, the defense and prosecution both requested a term of probation rather than a prison sentence.

Leslie Vuichard

Leslie N. Vuichard, 34, of Coulterville pleaded guilty May 20 to possession of meth.

A sentencing hearing with Judge Brown has been set for August 16.

Walker said that, because Vuichard was on parole at the time she received this meth charge, he will argue for a prison sentence.

Christopher Nance

Christopher W. Nance, 28, of Murray, Kentucky was sentenced May 20 to two years of first offender probation.

Nance admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a May 1, 2020 traffic stop in Sparta.

"Sometimes, when I make the drive home in the evening, I think about how many cars I pass that have meth in them. It is truly hard to fathom how much of this substance is in the area," Walker said.

Joel Smith

Joel L. Smith, 50, of Nashville, Illinois was sentenced May 21 to two years of first offender probation.

Smith admitted to possessing fewer than five grams of meth during a January 21 traffic stop in Tilden.

Thomas Gipson

Thomas R. Gipson, 64, of Sparta admitted to entering a motor vehicle in Chester July 10, 2020 with the intent to commit a theft.

A sentencing hearing with Judge Brown will be held July 1.

Gipson is on probation in Madison County for a burglary and committed the Chester burglary after posting bond in another case in Randolph County approximately 30 minutes after he left the Randolph County Jail.

"If that is not a recipe for a trip to (prison), I really wonder what is," Walker said.



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OPINIONS

Obscurity's Magnet By Matt Meacham

Intellectual honesty, not ideology

Wouldn't you know it. Shortly after I devoted last month's Obscurity's Magnet to my favorite news analysis and commentary program, Rising, its hosts, Krystal Ball and Saagar Enjeti, announced - on my birthday, no less - that they're leaving to start an independently produced program, similar in content and format called Breaking Points.

TheHill.com, which produces Rising, is replacing them with Emily Jashinsky and Ryan Grim, capable commentators who have appeared on the show as guests and substitute hosts. I'll continue to follow Rising, and I'm especially eager to see what Enjeti and Ball do with Breaking Points.

Typically, when liberal and conservative commentators co-host such programs they either function as adversaries or find common ground based on their mutual allegiance to establishmentarian politics. Contrastingly, the commonalities between Ball, who represents a center-left perspective, and Enjeti, who speaks from the center-right, stem from their shared populism.

Their authentic, intellectually honest populist commentary represents a much-needed alternative to both the phony, intellectually bankrupt populism associated with our previous president and the combination of establishmentarianism and simplistic identity politics offered by many national political figures and corporate media outlets.

Among the many Rising segments that I find compelling is "How to End the Business Model of Division," January 15, 2021, featuring Eric Weinstein, a polymath who has become one of my favorite public intellectuals recently. Weinstein's interpretation of the general condition of our national political and media landscape closely resembles mine.

"There are two cults, which I've called 'Wokestan' and 'MAGAstana,'" he comments. "Neither of these things is particularly serious, but they're both capable of taking the country down, and the key issue that we face is that the kleptocracy in the center between the left and the right is sponsoring this exciting live-action role playing event."

To paraphrase, our socio-political sphere is dominated to a troubling extent by two identity-oriented factions - one on the left, one on the right - both of which have immersed themselves in their ideologies so fully that their perceptions are distorted and their capacity for intellectual honesty is compromised.

There is still a middle, but unfortunately, many of the most influential people and institutions occupying it seem to be united largely by their commitment to accumulating wealth for themselves and others like them, often at the expense of those unlike them. Also unfortunately, many of them profit - electorally, monetarily or otherwise - from the conflict between the identity-oriented factions on the right and the left, and therefore are more inclined to fan the flames than to douse them.

Weinstein argues that the spirit in which many members of those factions participate in manifestations of that conflict, such as the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol, resembles that of live-action role playing. He likens much of the discourse surrounding the conflict to kayfabe, the fictional mythology associated with professional wrestling and the complex theatrics by which it's promulgated.

What is the antidote to the kayfabe, the live-action role playing, the reality-warping ideological zealotry, the artificially intensified polarization that, as Weinstein says, seems disturbingly "capable of taking the country down?" I believe - and I think Weinstein would agree - that a significant part of the answer to that question is rigorous intellectual honesty. In particular, we must assiduously avoid:

- Motivated reasoning: Deciding what we want to believe then seeking evidence and arguments to support it rather than assessing the relevant evidence and arguments honestly in order to determine what to believe. We're experiencing an epidemic of motivated reasoning. When I listen to representatives of the identity-oriented left and right, I constantly find myself thinking, "They couldn't possibly believe such a self-evidently nonsensical claim had they evaluated it with intellectual honesty rather than ideologically motivated reasoning."

- Assuming that the opposite is the antidote and reacting to any idea or action that we consider objectionable by immediately asserting or doing precisely the opposite, forgetting that, in many cases, the opposite of an error is another error. In my view, this tendency largely explains why the identity-oriented right and left keep receding further and further into absurdity.

- Assuming that anyone who rejects one ideology embraces its opposite. My rejection of identity-oriented conservative fanaticism does not indicate that I embrace identity-oriented progressive fanaticism, and vice versa, I assure you.

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District maps fail compactness test

Democratic mapmakers in Springfield have crafted new legislative district lines that are so laughably offensive to the Illinois Constitution that the state Supreme Court will either have to reject them outright or confirm the court's reputation for partisan political corruptness.

The state charter is crystal clear: "Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population."

Merriam-Webster defines compactness as "closely and neatly packed together; dense."

Many of the proposed northern Illinois House districts are the opposite of compact. They wriggle out from Chicago's city center

Districts are supposed to be compact, contiguous and equal in population

like skinny, arthritic fingers, clawing their way outward to find enough votes to provide districts for incumbent Democrats.

Think of the voters in these anti-compact districts. How in the world would they ever know which district they were in, who represented them and of whom to contact when they might have a problem with Illinois government?

Obviously, the Democratic mapmakers are, to use an old saying, selecting their voters, rather than letting voters select their representatives.

We wouldn't be facing such atrocious maps if the state high court had allowed

onto the ballot in 2016 a proposal to allow voters to determine if they wanted an independent commission to draw maps, without partisan gerrymandering. But the court, in an opinion of four Democrats in the majority and three Republicans in the minority, blocked this opportunity, with probably the most contrived bit of jurisprudence since the Dred Scott decision, which prompted the Civil War.

Nor can the Illinois Supreme Court hide behind earlier decisions. Indeed, this court in 1989 declared a state legislative district invalid because it offended the compact-

ness requirement of our state charter and forced a redrawing. The districts proposed in the map are as bad as that invalid district.

Because of requirements that districts be equal in population, valid districts can't, of course, always be perfect squares. But come on - the proposed, tortured district maps are the height of political arrogance. Democratic leaders obviously assume that the state high court will again play its partisan hand, as it did five years ago.

Democratic leaders in Springfield have overplayed this one badly. Mike Madigan would not have been so brazen.

This editorial was written by Jim Nowlan, a former state House member, senior aide to three Illinois governors and former chair of the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission.

A Musing View®

By Martha Peebles

Thongs, rockets, gator spotting in Florida

While vacationing in Florida last week, Bill and I had a lot of fun experiences. We visited Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center and, of course, The Villages. The sites at the beach were not for the faint of heart. The word "thong" took on a whole new meaning. As kids, we called them toe-peepers. To kids more sophisticated than we were, they were known as flip-flops. Nowadays, thongs, are the modern name for skimpy swimwear. Truthfully, they are not much bigger than a single flip-flop.

The Kennedy Space Center was amazing. The displays and presentations were enough to bring tears to my eyes. It was nostalgic to see the Apollo 11 moon mission again and hear Neil Armstrong say, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." That was July 21, 1969. I was almost 12-years-old and probably wearing toe-peepers, but I remember it vividly. The space shuttle Atlantis

is also on display. It was retired after its final mission and landing on July 21, 2011.

We were planning on seeing a rocket take-off, too, but the event was cancelled for some reason and postponed for the next day. We already had plans to travel to The Villages, so we didn't hang around. People told us that we might be able to spot the rocket's tail from our location in The Villages if we looked into the southeast sky. We did just that.

While having lunch with friends, we requested outdoor seating. At exactly the time of the launch, we stood up and scanned the sky. Everyone at the restaurant asked what we were doing and followed suit. Unfortunately, it was too cloudy to see anything.

The Villages is a large retirement community in central Florida known for its numerous golf courses. We played almost every day with our good friends who now live there. The rule there is not to reach into the water to re-



Even though the Florida gator in this photo is circled, it is still hard to see.

trieve your ball, do not feed the alligators (no hands, no chickens, etc.) and if you do spot a gator, keep your distance. They may look slow and sluggish, but they can run up to 35 mph on land.

It seems that Floridians get a kick out of looking for alligators from a safe distance. It is remarkably like spotting deer in southern Illinois. Only we say "deer," and they say "gator." Our bus tour guide at Kennedy Space Center pointed out a gator for us, as well as a huge eagle's nest. While taking a pontoon ride down a Florida canal with our friends, we had a gator-spotting contest. The first person

to spot a gator got a dollar from everyone. It ended up that our friend, a.k.a. the Pontoon Captain, eyed the first one (a baby), the second one (in the water) and the third one (a huge reptile sunning himself in the swamp).

Bill was thinking it would have been fun to do the same thing at the beach but call it thong-spotting. Back home, he is good at pointing out deer from a mile away. Although not yet too savvy at rockets or alligators, he was quite good at spotting thongs.

He laughed when I made up this motto for him: "One small thong for woman, many nice butts on womankind."

In Other Words

By Travis Lott

We're back

Memorial Day weekend is the time when we honor the lives lost in service to the country. It's a time to attend a service in the cemetery and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

Being a three-day weekend, it's also a time that marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season, a time for barbecues, get-togethers and my personal favorite: live music.

It goes without saying that last year's Memorial Day weekend, with everything closed and events canceled, was a huge drag.

After the past 15 months of the pandemic dominating these

pages and the minds of everyone in the world, this weekend was a bit more of a release than your traditional Memorial Day.

As more than half the country has been vaccinated, things are finally opening up, and fears of the virus that has claimed millions of lives are finally subsiding.

Throughout the area, many of the Memorial Day services were held, as were large gatherings. Being fully vaccinated, I gladly took it all in.

On Saturday, I went to the Rally on the River in Evansville and mingled among some people I haven't seen in a while. Then, that night, I went to the

Weekend at the Cave, a three-day music festival in the Shawnee Cave Amphitheatre for which I had a single Saturday pass.

The venue, which is billed as having a capacity of 4,000, was packed to the gills for the stellar lineup of legendary bluegrass acts Sam Bush, Leftover Salmon and The Infamous Stringdusters. As usual, none of them disappointed.

On Sunday, the girlfriend and I visited the Makanda Boardwalk and the Giant City Lodge, one of my favorite spots for dinner and cocktails.

Monday, Memorial Day, was the time for a moving service in Prairie du Rocher's St.

Joseph Catholic Cemetery to pay respects to our fallen servicemen and women, complete with another large crowd.

This weekend felt like an emergence from a cocoon I had long outgrown.

No doubt, the pandemic is something none of us will ever forget.

But it's nice to have another moment I'll never forget, that moment when Sam Bush took the stage, and I looked around the scenic Shawnee Cave at thousands of smiling people dancing as fresh mandolin notes washed over them. I could only smile and think, 'We're back.'

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Rosette Clay to be honored at Community Activist celebration

Juneteenth event to be held June 19 at Sparta's Vernon School Park

Rosette Clay will be the first-ever recipient of the Community Activist Award posthumously during the Juneteenth Memorial Celebration in Sparta. The event will be held Saturday, June 19 at the Vernon School Memorial Park in Sparta

from 1 to 3 p.m. Clay was a well-known community activist who regularly attended city council and school board meetings, among others. She died last December.

In addition to the award presentation, the celebration will include an old school block party, complementary food and drinks and a talent showcase. Those wanting to enter the talent show must register no later than June 14 by calling Brandi Johnson Rodgers at 317-8353.

Those planning to attend the festivities should bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Juneteenth, which is held every year on June 19, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S.



Somber service

Pinckneyville Mayor Robert Spencer lays a wreath at the graves of Civil War soldiers during Memorial Day services held at the Pinckneyville City Cemetery Monday. The guest speaker was Rev. Collin Hirsch, pastor of Holts Prairie Baptist Church. Photo by Daniel Herbst

License plate fees on small trailers could drop

It took all session but finally there was bipartisan agreement on legislation to lower the cost of license plates for small trailers, according to state Representative Paul Jacobs (R-115th).

Senate Bill 58 would reduce the license plate renewal fee for small trailers from

the current \$118 to \$36 a year. The \$100 a year license fee increase approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor J.B. Pritzker in 2019 has had a chilling effect on the number of small trailer license plate renewals, Jacobs said.

There have been as many as 150,000 fewer trailer renewals since the fee increase took effect. "There were a number of bills to lower the license plate fees on small trailers, but eventually the compromise was to lower the fees to \$36 per year," Jacobs said. "I would

have preferred reducing the license plate charge to a one-time fee, but at least we were able to get the cost lowered. "This is something I hear a lot about from constituents, and I am pleased we were able to get this bipartisan compromise done before we adjourned."

Local FedEx packages found dumped ... from Page 1

packages has been terminated. "The safety and security of our customers' shipments is a top priority for FedEx Ground and service providers are expected to handle packages with the utmost care," the statement reads. "These packages will be delivered to their intended recipients and we apologize for any inconvenience caused by this situation. The individual responsible for this incident is no longer providing service on behalf of FedEx Ground."

The company declined to name the driver. Peters said the FedEx representative he met with also told him that the employee had recently been hired and had only been on the job a few days. A motive for the package dumping is unclear. It appears that, in each location, the driver scanned the packages as delivered then dumped them from the truck. "Obviously, this wasn't an accidental thing," Peters said. Peters said FedEx

has been unable to get in touch with the driver, but the company will continue an investigation into what happened. The FedEx representative also told Peters that the employee has been flagged to prevent him from obtaining employment in this kind of work again. It's a good thing the majority of the packages were recovered when they were, Peters said, because they likely would not have survived the steady rains that drenched the area throughout

the day Tuesday. While many may have been waiting on items that weren't necessities, at least one woman called the sheriff's office because her medicine hadn't been delivered and was likely among the packages that were dumped. Despite consequences through his employment, authorities in Randolph County are unsure if a crime had been committed. Peters said that is yet to be determined by the sheriff's office and state's attorney's office.

Primary election in 2022 could move ... from Page 1

legislators were critical of the bill. State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, said, "I'm 100 percent for providing access to the ballot, but I have serious concerns with the proposal that passed today. It seems like Democratic politicians in Illinois are willing to go to any length to protect their political

power." State Rep. Patrick Windhorst expressed concern over requirements in the legislation that continue policies beyond what was changed during the coronavirus pandemic during a special legislative session in Springfield last May 2020. State Rep. Paul

Jacobs, R-Pomona, said in his short time in Springfield, he's been disappointed to learn of the heavy handed political tactics used by the Democratic party that run the state. "Once again, a massive bill that completely changes the way we vote in the State of Illinois is dropped and

passed on the final day of session, on Memorial Day, when no one is paying attention," Jacobs said. "Well, I am paying attention, and the people of my district should know that Democrats in Illinois are working to make it possible to vote by mail, email and jail. This is a bridge too far, and I could not support it."

Another successful Road Rally ... from Page 1

hunt or fend for itself. In civilized human society, a healed bone is a sign that someone cared for that human being enough to survive and heal. Thomas related this lesson to the mission of hospitals like Cardinal Glennon, the compassionate work it does for the most vulnerable members of society and the way in which the Rally helps that mission continue. Colleen Dolnick of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon, in thanking the attendees of the Rally for support, also quoted Mead. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," Dolnick recited.



Retired Air Force chaplain Rev. Jim Thomas addresses the crowd during his keynote address as members of the Color Guard stand watch.

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MARISSA SCHOOL BOARD

Tech purchases approved

The Marissa School board approved several purchases during its May 17 meeting.

A bid of \$58,257 from Trafera was approved by the board for the purchase of laptops, docking stations and work stations.

The board also approved a \$48,338 proposal to purchase StudySync, which is a print and digital English language arts curriculum, for students in sixth through 12th grade.

The district also wanted to replace its stage curtains and both of its schools. To do so, the board approved a bid of \$33,348 from Brent's Theatrical Lighting of Springfield.

In other news, the board approved a number of personnel moves for the 2021-22 school year.

Teachers rehired were David Niemann, Lindsey Middendorf, Rachael Reuss, Jacquelyn Alberter, Madison

Straub, Sarah Bingel, Abby McMahon, Paige Phelps, Tyson Rheinecker, Kyle Schwartz, Melinda Stork and Rachel Kinzinger.

Lori Selman, who serves as the district's athletic director, was hired as the new high school head volleyball coach.

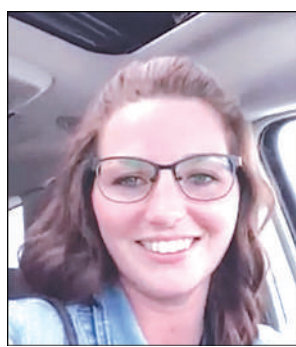
The board accepted the resignation of Andrew Smith as assistant junior high girls basketball coach.

Eisenmann surprised with s'hip

Sylvia Eisenmann of Red Bud was recently surprised with a \$4,000 Resiliency Scholarship to Western Governors University, which is an online university based in Utah.

The scholarship is designed to assist students who had unforeseen financial struggles because of COVID-19.

Eisenmann, a personal aide for Red Bud Elementary School, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in special education and el-



Sylvia Eisenmann was given the scholarship virtually by Jim Chandler of Western Governors University.

ementary education at Western Governors. She was presented the scholarship vir-

tually in April from university strategic partnerships manager Jim Chandler.

SEMO spring 2021 Dean's List

The following local students have been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Devyn Barton of Coulterville, Erica Bauer of Red Bud, Josh Birke of Red Bud, Karson Colvis of Chester, Matthew Dammermann of Ava, Caitlin Dehne of Red Bud, Elizabeth Eubanks of Chester.

Audrey Evans of Baldwin, Chloe Gerlach of Steelville, Alyssa Heller of Red Bud, Clay Herrell of Rockwood, Chelsea Hill of Coulterville, Mallory Jones of Steelville, Laura Juelfs of Red Bud, Ashley Kell-

erman of Oakdale, Alli Kennon of Chester, Brie Luebke of Red Bud.

Brendan Murphy of Chester, Shania Opp of Tamaroa, Jordan Pilout of Evansville, Sarah Renner of Sparta, Sophie Richards of Red Bud, Autumn Rowold of Chester, Kaelyn Rubach of Steelville, Avery Runge of Chester, Hannah Schweitzer of Chester, RJ Smith of Percy, Parker Sondag of Red Bud, Sadie Stefani of Evansville, Ashleigh Stegmann of Campbell Hill, Hannah Trevathan of Steelville.

Haley Troue of Percy, Emily Tudor of Chester, Alyse Vasquez of Chester, Ryan Vogt

of Ava, Kaylee Wagner of Ava, Casey Weisel of Du Quoin, Mason Westerman of Chester, Colin Wingerter of Chester and Jacob Wingert of Ellis Grove.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

Students who earned a 4.0 grade point average and meet all those requirements also earned a spot on the President's List.

Semo President's List announced

There are numerous local students who earned president's list honors at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2021 spring semester.

To earn this accolade, a student has to have a 4.0 grade point average with at least 12 hours of completed standard grade credit and have not achieved a grade below an A.

Ava
Matthew Dammermann
Baldwin
Audrey Evans

Campbell Hill
Ashleigh Stegmann
Chester
Elizabeth Eubanks
Brendan Murphy
Autumn Rowold
Avery Runge
Emily Tudor
Alyse Vasquez
Mason Westerman
Coulterville
Devyn Barton
Chelsea Hill
Du Quoin
Casey Weisel
Oakdale
Ashley Kellerman
Evansville
Jordan Pilout
Sadie Stefani
Percy

RJ Smith
Red Bud
Erica Bauer
Josh Birke
Caitlin Dehne
Alyssa Heller
Brie Luebke
Sophie Richards
Parker Sondag
Rockwood
Clay Herrell
Sparta
Sarah Renner
Steeleville
Chloe Gerlach
Mallory Jones
Kaelyn Rubach
Kaylee Wagner
Tamaroa
Shania Opp

C'ville s'hip, award winners

There were several students from Coulterville's graduate class who received scholarships and awards.

The most decorated student was Benjamin Scott.

Scott received the Randolph County democratic party, VFW auxiliary, CBAI Banking,

American Red Cross blood drive, SIU Carbondale excellence, Masonic Kaskaskia Lodge Herb Schafner, Orlan Pflasterer Foundation and St. Anthony's Men's Club scholarships. He also earned the Heartland's Best Award through KFVS12 and Southeast

Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. Jasmine Greenlee was the recipient of the National Society of High School Scholars Award. Austin Warford received two scholarships, which were from the Orlan Pflasterer Foundation and the St. Anthony's Men's Club.

Greenville Dean's List

The following students were placed on the Dean's List at Greenville University in Greenville for the Spring 2021 semester.

They are Alexandria Ebber of Percy, and Katelyn Myers and Dustin Sutton, both of Steelville. All are seniors.

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RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD

Bridge repair funding approved

By Dan Zobel

The Randolph County board convened May 28 for a relatively light meeting.

The only action taken was to approve a resolution to appropriate \$430,581 in motor fuel tax funds for the reconstruction of a bridge on County Road 5. That amount of money was below the engineer's estimate.

There are two bridges located along this road, one of which was rebuilt last fall.

The current bridge project has been delayed recently because of the length of time it is taking to receive some of the necessary parts.

In other news, Randolph County Health Department Administrator Angie Oathout reported that things continue to get better in

regards to the COVID-19 situation.

However, there were two additional COVID-19 related deaths in the county. Oathout noted that both of those people who passed away had not received the vaccine.

Oathout said that around 30 percent of people in the county are fully vaccinated with upwards of 50 percent having received at least one dose of the vaccine.

She does not yet have statistics relating to how many people age 12-17 have received the vaccine.

Oathout added that the health department is holding Pfizer vaccine clinics for youth in that age bracket. She said that Moderna could also soon have an approved vaccine for youth.

The health department continues to work with the Regional Office of Education and local schools to set up opportunities for students who are at least 12 to have the chance to get the vaccine prior to the 2021-22 school year.

To set up an appointment at the health department or for additional information, call the department at 826-5007.

Oathout also noted that three COVID-19 variants have been detected in the county, including the ones from the United Kingdom and Brazil.

At the Randolph County Care Center, Administrator Michelle Cato stated that all visitors are still required to wear face masks.

Staff members, however, do not have to wear masks if they are fully vaccinated.

Dieterich named top place to work

Dieterich Bank was recently named as one of the best places to work in Illinois for the third year in a row.

The statewide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Illinois, benefitting the state's economy, work force and businesses.

Dieterich, which has a location in Chester, was ranked 17th in the medium employer

category, which is for company's with 100-449 employees. Twenty-two companies were recognized in the category.

To receive this designation, the bank employees completed a survey indicating that Dieterich is a great place to work providing opportunities, competitive compensation and benefits programs, training and development and a favorable culture.

The top three Illinois companies in the me-

dium category were Performance Services, Hanson Professional Services and Duke Realty.

In the small category, which is made up of companies with 15-99 employees, had a top three of TransTech IT Staffing, Radio Flyer and The Salem Group, Inc.

As for the large employer category, the top three named were Edward Jones, Ryan, LLC and Pariveda Solutions.

Sparta chorus seeking board members

The Sparta Community Chorus has five open seats on its board of directors.

Each of the terms is for two years.

The board will accept nominations for members through June 15.

In order to be eligible, candidates must be patron members to the

Community Chorus.

To nominate someone, or if you would like to run yourself, call Erica Goodwin at 618-806-6757.



The hospital built this structure for conducting its lab work.

SCH to begin offering drive-through blood work

Beginning Friday, June 4, Sparta Community Hospital will offer drive-through laboratory blood draw services every Friday from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m.

All patients must be 16 or older and have no history of issues with blood work.

In order to receive blood work in the drive through, patients must have a doctor's order.

Scheduling may be

done by calling 618-443-2177.

"Drive-thru health services is nothing new to us after the COVID pandemic," said Dan Walker, ancillary services director. "We were also able to experience and try out drive-thru lab draws during our January week long drive-thru lab health fair."

"There are some who are still uneasy to

return to healthcare facilities, so we will do our utmost best to provide lab services that will result in our patients not putting off much needed blood screens."

The hospital will also provide lab technicians to Marissa Medical Clinic on Tuesdays and Steelville Clinic on Wednesdays to assist in laboratory blood work.

COVID vaccine clinic for children

Red Bud Regional Hospital will host a children's only COVID-19 vaccine clinic Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to noon in the hospital auditorium.

Children 12 to 18 are eligible to receive the vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine will be the one offered. The second dose will be administered June 26.

Limited doses are available, so appointments are required.

To schedule an appointment, call the Red Bud Health Clinic at 618-282-7373.

Peace Lutheran, S'ville VBS planned

Peace Lutheran Church in Steelville will offer Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. This year's theme is

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor.

All children who are 3 as of June 21, 2021, through those who com-

pleted fifth grade this school year are welcome to attend.

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Ava Homecoming June 10-12

The popular Ava Homecoming will kick off its 100th year June 10 in Bower Park and will again feature free carnival rides all three nights. The opening night's live entertainment will be the Victory

Boys Quartet at 6:30. Jackson Junction will perform June 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight, and Johnny Rock-It will take the stage June 12 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Rides and food stands will open dai-

ly at 5 p.m. The beer stand will be open Friday and Saturday only. There will be prize and cash raffles each night. The homecoming is sponsored by the Ava Fire Department.



Fun at the library

Soon to be first-grader Hope Hafelter and fourth-grader Andrea Leathers enjoyed looking through books at the Marissa library June 1. The girls were taken to the library by their grandmother, who was impressed with all that the library contained for children. Summer Reading starts this week, and many programs on animals will be featured. Photo by Carol Mercer



Officer installation

The Randolph County Marine Corps League Detachment 575 recently installed officers. From left are Commander Brent Piel, Senior Vice Commander Lee Hollaway, Junior Vice Commander Mark Hanks, Chaplain Bud Lawless, and Adjutant/Paymaster John Preston.

M Liquor to get TIF funds

M Liquor and Food Mart in Willisville is getting some village TIF help to repair and surface its driveway. The store owner, Mintuben Patel applied for help on the project. Thursday evening, in a short special meeting, the

town board approved the request. Mayor Clarence Warner said the entire project will cost \$15,000, and the village will pay \$3,875, which is 25 percent of the cost. The project will include filling in the

pot-holes and surfacing the driveway with oil and chips. Willisville will turn over its share after Patel submits all \$15,000 worth of bills for the project. Currently Willisville's TIF fund contains \$66,256.

Weekly COVID-19 update

Once again, the number of coronavirus cases remained low throughout the area this week. This is in large part due to the number of vaccinations that have been distributed, with the Illinois Department of Public Health reporting Tuesday that more than 67 percent of Illinoisans have received at least one vaccine dose and

nearly 51 percent are fully vaccinated. In Randolph County, there were six active cases as of Tuesday, just two more than reported last week. Perry County had 14 cases as of Tuesday, compared to 19 a week ago. Jackson County was monitoring 24 cases Tuesday, 10 fewer than last week. No deaths were reported in any of the

three counties. The tolls remain Randolph, 87, Jackson, 73, and Perry, 61. Statewide, there have been a total of 1,382,587 cases since the beginning of the pandemic and 22,835 deaths. A total of 1,031 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 in Illinois. Of those, there were 284 patients in the ICU and 162 on ventilators.

Vaccination clinic at Tilden Food Pantry

The Tilden Food Pantry will host an Illinois Department of public Health COVID-19 vaccination clinic June 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. The food pantry is located at the former Tilden Grade School at 540 Pine Street. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which is authorized and recommended for per-

sons 12 years of age and older, will be administered. Pfizer is a two-shot vaccine with the second dose scheduled for June 29. The vaccination is free. Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled online. The link can be found on the Tilden Food Pantry's web page.

Anyone that has a scheduling problem is asked to leave a message on the Tilden Food Pantry website www.facebook.com/TildenFoodPantry/ or call 618-317-5131. If there is no answer leave your name, phone number and brief message. Calls will be returned within 24 hours.

CHESTER Community Yard Sale

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Sat. June 5 | 7-11am
Kelly Moeller, Yard Sale
Cole Memorial Park
Home decor, antiques & vintage dolls, 36" round antique bar table, automotive, misses & men's clothing, books, movies & games, 3 room Ozark Trail tent

June 4, 7am-1pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
417 Riverview Blvd.
Pam Sheely | Amanda Winterstein
Patio furniture, child's ride on Barbie jeep, recliner, books, music, games, furniture, housewares, toys, girls' & misses clothing, shoes, purses, accessories & more!

June 4, 4-6pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
116 E. Old Plank Rd.
Kellie Louveau
Baby items & furniture, toys, boys & girls infant clothing, girls, misses & men's clothing

June 5, 8am-?
916 Lehman Dr.
AUTOMOTIVE AND HAND TOOLS

June 4, 7-11am
June 5, 7am-Noon
629 Solomon St.
Household appliances, books, music, games, movies, furniture, housewares, shoes, purses, accessories & clothing (boy's, junior's, misses, women's & men's)

Sat. June 5 | 8am-2pm
United Methodist Women Rummage Sale
971 State Street
Church Fellowship Hall
Baby items, books, movies, games, collectibles, furniture, garden, housewares, sports, hand tools, toys & much more!

June 4-6 | Noon-5pm
COLE MEMORIAL PARK
Custom Art Sale
By Rachel Nance
ART PRINTS
BUTTON
KEY CHAINS
AND MORE!

June 4, 7am-5pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
1713 Clore St.
Virginia Williamson
Books, music, games, housewares, toys, clothing (women's, plus size & men's), shoes, purses, accessories, crafts & much more!

June 4 & 5, 8am-6pm
707 Rock Bridge Rd.
Books, music, games, furniture, housewares & bakeware, toys, girl's, misses & women's clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, rabbit cage & more!

June 5, 7-11am
111 Deer Path Ln. | Cole Park
Karla Kindworth
Home decor & other fun stuff you got to have!

June 4, 7am-5pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
209 Knapp Ave.
Antiques, baby items & baby furniture, books, movies, games, collectibles, furniture, housewares, toys, designer clothing, infant & children (boys & girls) & misses clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, jewelry, glass display case & more!

June 4 & 5 | 7am-?
1713 Clore St.
Virginia Williamson
Books, music, games, housewares, toys, clothing (women's, plus size & men's), shoes, purses, accessories, crafts & much more!

June 5, 7am-Noon
Deb Bauer
1000 Sycamore St.
Boating, water skis, life jackets, tubes, boating items, name brand misses clothing (Pink, Nike, UA) women's, men's (3X-4X), big & tall clothing, shoes, purses, accessories

June 4, 10am-5pm
June 5, 7am-3pm
June 6 (Raindate)
430 Riverview Blvd.
Antiques, baby furniture, collectibles, electronics, furniture, housewares, women's & men's clothing, curtains, bedding, vintage Barbies, toys & much more!

June 4, 2-6pm
June 5, 7am-2pm
1816 Swanwick St.
Furniture, housewares, toys, women's clothing, shoes, baby items & furniture, books, music, movies, games & purses

June 4, 7am-3pm
June 5, 7am-???
449 W. Holmes
Housewares, toys, women's & plus size clothing, shoes, purses, Christmas, jewelry & much more!
BALL-CONGELTON-FRICKE SHEFFER-URQUHART Families

June 4 & 5 | 8am-Dark
601 Palestine Rd.
Carol Nagel & Sheila Gibbs
Household appliances, baby items, electronics, housewares, power tools, clothing (infant, children's, junior, misses, women's & young men's), shoes, purses, accessories, motorcycle jack, tool box & name brand stuff

June 4 & 5, 10am-4pm
June 6, 10am-Noon
Multi-Family Sale
524 W. Holmes St.
Electronics, furniture, housewares, women's clothing, men's clothing, bedroom set, television & more!

June 4, 9am-5pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
1408 Knott St.
Elisha & Jean Gaertner Susanna Auer
Housewares, sports, toys, QVC goodies, electronics, furniture, books, music, games & HSN goodies

June 4 & 5, 7am-Noon
900 George St.
MOVING SALE
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June 4 & 5 | 7am-Noon
218 Oak Terrace
Multi-Family Sale
Home decor, baby items, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, accessories, clothing (infant boys, toddler girls, women's, plus size, men's), shoes & more!
RAIN OR SHINE

June 4 & 5 | 7am-4pm
June 6 | 9am-2pm
Angie Hartman | 1207 Cole Place Rd.
Antiques, large & household appliances, automotive, collectibles, furniture, garden, housewares, sports, hand & power tools, John Deere 110 garden tractor & still putting out more!

June 4, 3-6pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
209 Dixie Dr.
Edna Neislein | Sherry Bohnert
Antiques, baby items, toys, clothing (infant, women's & men's), shoes, purses, accessories, lamps & more!

June 5, 8am-?
4559 Bodes Ln.
Christmas decorations, books, music, games, movies, housewares, toys, sports, clothing (girls, junior girls, misses, women's, big & tall), shoes, purses, accessories, microwave, home decor, booster seat & more!

June 4 & 5, 7am-Noon
1410 Opdyke St.
Household, appliances, collectibles, electronics, furniture, housewares, clothing (junior's, girl's, women's & big & tall men), books, movies & more!

June 4 & 5 | 6am-???
629 Palestine Rd.
MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Clothing (infant, children's, juniors, misses, women's, plus, men's), baby items, books, movies, games, toys & much more!

June 4 & 5 | 7am-1pm
22 Garfield Street
MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Clothing (infant, children's, women's & plus size), toys, shoes, purses & accessories, housewares, kitchen chair set, furniture, baby bed & mattress, games, books & music

June 4, 2-6pm
June 5, 7am-Noon
618 Solomon St.
Household appliances, books, music, games, collectibles, furniture, housewares, toys, junior girls & misses clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, air fryer, coffee & end tables, wall decor & more!

June 5, 8am-3pm
1311 Allendale Blvd.
Antiques, large appliances, automotive, collectibles, electronics, furniture, housewares, sports, toys, tools, clothing, shoes & much more!

June 5, 9am-5pm
June 6, 9am-1pm
1223 Opdyke St.
Collectibles, electronics, garden, books, music, games, movies, grill & accessories, limb cutter, Ducks Unlimited collectibles & prints & much more!

SOCIETY

Evansville News

By Eloise Kueker
449-2043

Many of you have asked about Don. He is still with us and is in good spirits. He has lost a lot of weight and eats less all the time. He still enjoys the kids and grandkids coming and any friends and relatives who stop by. He is sleeping a lot but is comfortable.

He will be celebrating his 75th birthday June 6. I am sure he would appreciate any cards as the celebration will be low key. We thank God for each day that he is still with us.

Cards can be mailed to: Don Kueker
701 N. Pine St.
Sparta, IL 62286
Anyone who would

like to call him can call 618-449-2043.

Thank you to everyone who has called or stopped by. It is so great to see so many caring people even those who don't know him personally.

Happy May birthday to Sean McConachie, Jonathan Koester and Marcus McConachie. Happy June birthday to Teletha Pautler, Ethan Largent, Don Kueker, Becky Forsythe, Sophia Kueker, Brad Becker, Katie Hanezewski Alicea Orella and Renae Kueker.

Happy June anniversary to Malachi and Becky Forsythe, Derwin and Robin Brockmeyer, Tom and Sue Morrison, Kenny and Marilyn Diskey and Keith and Rhonda Juelfs.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Allene Myerscough Caskey, Sam Hennrich and Bud

Bennet.

Congratulations to the Sparta High School girls track team for winning third place at the Mississippi Girls Conference Track Meet. Olivia Schilling placed second in the Long Jump and sixth in the 100.

Kayla Braun placed first in shot put and second in discus.

Haley Drake finished fifth in the 1600.

Olivia is the daughter of Ryan and Jenna Schilling. Kayla is the daughter of Adam and Amanda Braun. Haley is the daughter of Kevin and Lynette Drake.

Congratulations to Adrienne Carril who made the Spring Dean's List at SIUE.

For the June Book Club at the library, registration deadline is June 22. The book will be Matilda by Roald Dahl. It will be discussed June 29. Time for discussion will be 3-4:30 p.m.

Story time will be held each Tuesday in June from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The theme is Who Are You.

Evansville Enterprise May 29, 1942

Mrs. P.E. Sauer passed away. Survivors were her daughter Mrs. Warren Doble and sisters Mrs. H.H. Weinrich and Mrs. L.L. Dougherty and two grandchildren.

George H. Meyer passed away. Survivors were his wife Mrs. Tillie Meyer, daughters Mrs. Herman Hille and Mrs. Albert Rolphing and a son Floyd Meyer.

The infant son of Mr. And Mrs. Lawrence Gaertner, Robert Gerald, passed away May 24, 1942.

Visitors who planned to spend Memorial weekend on the banks of the Kaskaskia River were warned to be on the lookout for the huge and ferocious mosquitoes.



Celebrates 50th

Floyd and Barbara Koester of Evansville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 22, 2021 with a dinner at Giant City State Park Lodge. Floyd Koester and Barbara Sauerhage were married May 21, 1991 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sparta. They are the parents of daughters Connie (Jeff) Liefer, Robin (James) Bixby and Nancy (Robert) Rahlfs. They have six grandchildren.

Coulterville and Swanwick News

By Diana Cole
758-2880

Elizabeth "Betty" Clutts celebrated her 98th birthday May 2. Helping her celebrate were her children, Peggy Bowlby of Sparta, Ruth Nutt of Meansville, Georgia and Fred Clutts of Stillwater, Oklahoma. The following day Betty, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoyed pizza at the Coulterville VFW. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Sunday, May 30 David, and I attended the graduation party for our oldest grandson Christian Logue. Elodie and Daxton Stewart went with us. There was a pool party, food, games and a cake. Christian will attend Culver-Stockton College in the fall. We also got to visit with our oldest granddaughter, Elizabeth and her husband Dominic Barnard. Everyone had a good time.

Condolences to the family of Harvey Gillespie, who passed away Wednesday, May 26.

Happy 90th birthday to Joyce McIntyre of Coulterville last week. David and I visited with Joyce last week at Pis-

tol City Restaurant.

The Coulterville Library will hold their summer reading program starting Thursday, June 3. The first two weeks will be at the firehouse in Coulterville and the last two weeks will be at city hall. Time is 1 p.m.

Community Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, June 12. Pastor Cody of the Coulterville UMC will do a Bible Study class in the fall. Pastor Cody is working on getting a movie night together. If you are fully vaccinated, then you don't have to wear a mask, they are not allowed to ask if you have been vaccinated because of HIPPA laws. Annual Conference is Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12.

Coulterville School is providing summer lunches for kids, and they have already started.

The Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 18. The theme is Scarecrow. It will have fun activities for the kids, bouncy houses, raffles, DJ, and vendors. The Friends of Coulterville want it to be a free event for families and are looking for donations. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 3. Any group or organizations that have any ideas or would like to attend the meeting are welcome.



Lloyd

Ryan and Dana Lloyd of Ellis Grove are the parents of a daughter.

Charlee Mae Lloyd was born at 11:07 a.m. at Memorial Hospital East Monday, April 26, 2021. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Lloyd and Carolyn Schoenbeck of Ellis Grove.

Paternal grandparents are Daren and Rosellen Sawh of Coulterville and Jim and Lisa Lloyd of Ava.

S'ville seniors

Menu

June 7-11

MONDAY: Chicken sandwich, Tex Mex beans, slaw, peaches.

TUESDAY: Turkey/dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie.

WEDNESDAY: Kettle beef, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, pineapple chunks, do nothing cake.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger, macaroni/cheese, slaw, pears, chocolate chip bar.

FRIDAY: Chili, grilled cheese, broccoli salad, mandarin oranges. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4.

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



May quilt winner

Dorothy Zipfel of Ruma was the March quilt winner in the Friends of St. Leo's quilt raffle. Even though the drawings are held monthly, tickets for 12 drawings can be purchased for \$20. For more information, call Ron Melliere at 284-3491 or see Shelba Kempfer at Ace Hardware in Red Bud.

Divorces granted

George Michael Jany, petitioner, Judy A. Jany. Dissolution of marriage was granted May 10, 2021.

Ivy Marie Johnson, petitioner, Joseph Edward Johnson. Dissolution of marriage was granted May 13, 2021.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID LEE SMITH SR.

David Lee Smith Sr., 63 of Tilden, died at his home at 1 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

He was born November 20, 1957, in Taylorville to Victor and Marilyn Emerson Smith.

He married Frances Schaefer December 24, 1980 at the courthouse in Randolph County. She survives after 40 years of marriage.

He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era from 1974 until 1977, joining on his 17th birthday. During his time in the Army, he became a crew chief and was an accomplished helicopter mechanic. Mr. Smith worked as a miner for Peabody Coal Company. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing, camping with his family, water skiing, and duck hunting. More recently, he and his wife enjoyed target shooting. He visited Calvary Church in Sparta and watched their services online. Most of all, he loved his wife, his home and his family. He will truly be missed.

He is also survived by his sons Christopher J. (Pamela) Smith and David L. (Hannah) Smith Jr. of Coulterville and Joseph P. Smith of Red Bud; grandchildren Faith, Emma, Layla, Jake, Raiden, Harlow, Birdie, Scotlyn and Eleanor; sister Michelle Schmidt of Peoria; cousins; nieces; nephews; aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings James V. Smith, Mary M. Mize and Gail Thome.

A graveside memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens in Taylorville.

McClure Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Taylorville is assisting the Smith family with arrangements.

Memories of David, or condolences to his family, may be shared online at mcclurefuneralhome.com.



JUNE O. ELWYN

June O. Elwyn, 93, of Sparta, died Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Randolph County Care Center in Sparta.

She was born April 30, 1928 in Sparta to Robert E. and Maude Kelley Vermillion.

She married Rollin Elwyn August 31, 1947. He preceded her in death January 18, 1995.

June was a graduate from Sparta High School and attended college at Millikin University. She worked as a bookkeeper at Elwyn's Cleaners in Sparta. June was a life member of the Westminster Church in Sparta. She was an organist and pianist that played for over 70 years at the church. One of her favorite hobbies was quilting, and she made some of the best quality of handmade quilts.

She is survived by her children Paul (Maureen) Elwyn of Danville, Kentucky, Jim (Billie) Elwyn of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and Lynn (Dan) Peck of Sparta; grandchildren Lexie (Russell) King of Prospect, Texas, Jaeson (Lora) Peck of Watertown, Tennessee, Ryan (significant other, Jessica Bland) Peck of Schuline, Jenny (significant other, Curtis Farber) Elwyn of St. Louis, Jaimie (Bill) Smith of Sparta, Seth (Haylie) Elwyn of Ste. Genevieve, Laura (fiancé George Johnson) Elwyn of Louisville, Kentucky; great-grandchildren Sadie King, Max King, Jacob (Ariel), Cheyenne (significant other, J.D.), Callie and Gavin Peck, Riley Biermann and Paige Smith; great-great-grandchildren Nolan Elwyn and Paisley Peck; nieces Diane (Gwinner) Snyder and Linda Winfield and nephew David Dagner.

June was also preceded in death by her parents sister Estelle Dagner, brother-in-law Robert Dagner and mother-in-law Marjorie Elwyn. Heil-Schuessler & Sinn Funeral Home in Sparta assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Sparta Community Chorus or the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sparta.

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LAVINIA L. CRITTENDEN

Lavinia L. Chittenden, nee Rust, 97, of Freeburg, formerly of Clarmin, entered into rest with Jesus Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Freeburg Care Center.

She was born October 21, 1923 in St. Louis to Charles and Anna Mae Kraus Rust. She married Lenard Crittendon August 3, 1946. He preceded her in death November 8, 2017.

Lavinia was a homemaker and worked with her husband as Chittenden Refrigeration. She and her husband participated in several mission projects and later joined the Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief Team. She was an active member of Winkle Baptist Church.

Lavinia is survived by her daughters Lois (Chuck) Sawyer, Carol (Dale) Carter, Rita (Dave) Smith and Betty (Ray) Politsch; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Chittenden was also preceded in death by her parents, twin Virginia (Bill) Schoolcraft, Ann (George) Manson and Betty (Ron) Slack and sister-in-law Loretta (Oliver) Rains.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Heil-Schuessler Funeral Home in Marissa with Rev. Jeff Downard officiating. Burial was in Marissa Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Winkle Baptist Church.

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JOAN BROWN

Joan Brown, 82, of Sparta, died Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Randolph County Care Center in Sparta.

She was born March 5, 1939 in Eden to John and Bessie Benedict Bradley.

Joan married George Robert "Bob" Brown June 15, 1957 in Sparta. He preceded her in death.

Joan and Bob owned Brown's Jewelry Store and Fashion Crossroads Clothing Store, which were both located in Sparta. She was an active member of the Red Hat Society. Joan and the rest of the Red Hat Society would travel to many different nursing homes and sing to the residents to brighten their day. She loved animals, especially her dogs.

She is survived by her children Jeffrey R. (Sheila) Brown of Sparta, Greg Brown of Ava, Pam Doolin of Royalton and Rhonda (Chad) Levan of Ava; grandchildren Rachel, Caleb, Joshua (Jen) and Kristina Brown, Nick, Robby and Dylan Schweizer, Samantha Gentry, Sydney and Seth Levan and 13 great-grandchildren.

Joan was also preceded in death by her parents, brother Don Bradley and sister Ruth Kane.

Visitation is Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heil-Schuessler & Sinn Funeral Home in Sparta. Services will follow. Burial will be in Caledonia Cemetery in Sparta.

Memorials may be made to the Randolph County Humane Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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HARVEY F. GILLESPIE

Harvey F. Gillespie, 68, of Coulterville, died Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:25 a.m. at Bria Health Service in Bellville.

Harvey was born June 8, 1952 in Red Bud to Harvey Brian and Iva Frances Williams Gillespie.

On September 5, 1998, he married Genevieve Gaverza at the Kaskaskia Park in Chester, overlooking the Mississippi River. She survives after 22 years of marriage.

He had worked as a coal miner for 32 years and spent 27 of them at the Ziegler mine in Coulterville. Harvey was a member of the Sheppard's Chapel and the United Mine Workers of America. He was a Star Trek enthusiast. He loved welding and learning about WWII. He could be found in the local VFW socializing and discussing facts about WWII.

His passion was learning about history through talking to people, watching documentaries and reading about it. He never met a stranger and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by son Andrew Gillespie of Coulterville; sister Lela (Randy) Neisler of Pensacola, Florida; half-sister Dorothy Douglas of Sparta; nieces Rose Douglas and Maggie Neisler of Pensacola, Rona Douglas, Tammy (Chris) Krause and Donna Wilkerson, all of Marissa; nephews Nick, Nathan, Neal and Adam Neisler of Pensacola; great-nieces and nephews Ryan and Sherri Douglas, Karen Baker, Jeffery Gimber, Jamie Hamon, Whitney Schoenbeck, Emily Wilkerson and Kathy Patterson and half-sister-in-law Maryann Schenke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother Ralph Schenke, half-brother-in-law Jim Douglas Sr., nephews Jim Douglas Jr. and Paul Douglas and great-nephew Jim Douglas III.

Services were held at Pyatt Funeral Home in Coulterville Friday, May 28, 2021 at noon with Andrew Gillespie, the son, officiating. Burial was in Coulterville City Cemetery.

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KATHY G. WILLIS

Kathy G. Willis, 60, of Sparta, died Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the New Athens Home for the Aged.

She was born July 25, 1960 in Sikeston, Missouri to Floyd and Kathleen Ward Willis.

Kathy loved to fish and spend time with her family. There was not a stranger in her eyes, and she was always friendly with anyone she met. Kathy was the type of person to own something old, but knew how to spruce it up and make it look new. She was very proud of her Cherokee Indian heritage. She was always caring toward people and animals, but there was a special place in her heart for her Chihuahua Bit-Bit.

She is survived by her children Misty (Mandi) Russell of Sparta, James Harrison (Britton) Russell III of Tilden and Jesse James Russell of Sparta; grandchildren Summer and Jerzie Russell, Jordan Mirles, Seth and Ethan Phillips, Dakota, Zoey, Aubrey and Hunter Hamilton, Dylan and Nick (Vicki) Hatley and Danielle Kelly; great-grandchildren Ava Marie Mirles, Kaden, Renlee, Jordy, Ayleah and Kalynne Hatley, Aaron and Austin Stork; sisters Anita Willis and Geraldine Griggs, both of East Prairie, Missouri and Karon Riley of St. Johns, Michigan and brothers Gerald Willis of Rushville, Illinois and Billy Willis of Farmington, Missouri.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Hillary Stork, sisters Mary Kopel and Rosetta Willis and brother Lonnie Willis.

Graveside service were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at East Prairie Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heil-Schuessler & Sinn Funeral Home in Sparta to help with funeral expenses.

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Dr. LAWRENCE CHARLES FIENE

Dr. Lawrence Charles Fiene, 93, died Friday, May 21, 2021 at Sparta Community Hospital surrounded by his family.

Dr. Fiene was born in Steeleville to Henry and Ella Fiene.

He married Marianne Marti Bolek in 1951 in Chicago. She preceded him in death.

Dr. Fiene is survived by daughters and sons Kathleen Fiene, James (Kathy) Fiene, Jo (Bruce) VanMetre, Laura (Adel) Shalabi, Eric Fiene and Rebecca (Craig) Swift; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, son Henry Fiene, sisters Gertrude Mueller, Mildred Crouch, Evelyn Hancock, Paula Martin, Rosalie McCaw, Talitha Gremmels and Ruth Alms and brother Alfred (Bud) Fiene.

It was Dr. Fiene's wish to be cremated. No services are planned at this time.

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

Condolences may be left for the family at heilschuessler.com.

TABITHA D. HOWIE

Tabitha D. Howie, 47, of Red Bud, died at 8:13 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Red Bud Regional Hospital.

It was her wish to be cremated.

Memorial services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Pechacek Funeral Home in Red Bud with Pastor Thomas Klausing officiating.

Memorials may be made to the college fund for Tyler Howie.

Sign the guest book at wpfh.net.

MICKIE L. POGUE

Mickie L. Pogue, 66, of Hammond, Indiana, formerly of Willisville, died at home Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Mickie was born in Chester January 30, 1955 to Edgar Alvin and Velma Ann Schoenberg Edwards.

She was a retired security therapy aide from Chester Mental Health.

Mickie was survived by daughters, Ame (Matt) Fraembs of Willisville and Tanya (Jason) Pope of Hammond; grandchildren Daltyn (Mariah) Becker, Mickaela (Trent) Ogilvie, Ahmber Fraembs (Eian Saxton) and Brantley Fraembs; great-grandson Brixton Ogilvie and two great-grandchildren arriving soon; sister Sharon Kay Adams of Munster, Indiana and her beloved dog Coco.

Mickie was preceded in death by her parents, sister Vickie Edwards and brother Eddie Edwards.

Services were held 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Rathert's Funeral Home in Ava with Minister Deb Rathert officiating.

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BARBARA D. GRINDSTAFF



Barbara D. Grindstaff nee Weber, 81, of Chester, formerly of St. Louis County, Missouri, died Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at Red Bud Regional Care. She was born May 25, 1940 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Theodore and Deborah Gooding Weber.

Barbara married Daniel E. Grindstaff October 24, 1959 in East St. Louis.

Barbara had worked as a waitress at Famous Barr in the Soup Con Restaurant at Northwest Plaza in St. Ann, Missouri and she retired as a quality assurance technician from Alco (Emerson) Controls in St. Louis County. In October 2007, she moved to Chester to be closer to her youngest daughter and son-in-law Brigitte and Richard.

She was of Christian faith. She enjoyed reading, audiobooks, crochet and knitting throughout her life.

She is survived by children Mark (Lee Ann) Grindstaff of St. Louis County, Joseph (Jolinda) Grindstaff of Lincoln County, Missouri and Brigitte (Richard) Stubits of Chester; grandchildren Elizabeth (David) Dodd, Bradley Sitz, Lauren (Graham) Sullivan and Jacob Grindstaff; step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews and dear friend Beth Ryan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, ex-husband, longtime companion Charles L. Haas, son-in-law John D. Sitz, daughter Kimberly A. Sitz, sisters Shirley LaPitz and Janet Johnson.

It was Barbara's wish to be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Chester Public Library in her name.

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BONNIE J. EBERS



Bonnie J. Ebers, 72, of Steeleville, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Chester.

Bonnie was born January 5, 1949 in Sparta to Stanley and Edith Dobyns Eggemeier.

She married Larry G. Ebers February 14, 1985 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Sparta. He survives.

Bonnie worked at an insurance company, Consolidated Coal and Craig Williams Creative, Inc. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill, The Ladies Aid, her Bible Study Group and was a softball player on a women's league. Bonnie was a great cook, especially making homemade cherry and peach pies. Family was always an important part of her life. Bonnie and Larry loved to go dancing and traveling. She was talented at decorating her home with unique items.

Bonnie is also survived by her sisters Carol (Mike) Skinner of Waterloo, Sandy (Dave) Degenhardt of Murphysboro and Kathy (Bret) Gale of Sparta; mother-in-law Violet Ebers of Steeleville; brother-in-law Lonny (Judy) Ebers of Chester; sister-in-law Joyce (Jerry) Ohlau of Percy; nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2021 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill with Rev. Sean R. Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery in Steeleville.

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

Memorials may be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Renovation Fund, Christ Our Savior High School in Evansville and St. Mark's Lutheran School, and can be mailed to Wilson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 217, Steeleville, IL 62288.

Sign the guest book at wilsonsfuneralhome.net.

STEWART LEIGH MILAM



Stewart Leigh "Stu" Milam, 60, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, formerly of Marissa, died Friday, May 21, 2021.

Stewart was born in Oak Park, Illinois July 6, 1960 to Benjamin F. and Bonnie Milam.

He married Marsha Ann Payne December 5, 1985 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She survives.

He graduated from Marissa High School and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a computer of science degree. After college, Stewart served four years in the U. S. Air Force.

Stu worked in the computer science field with Georgia Pacific for 17 years and Sun Country Bank for many years. For 30 years. He dedicated himself to the research of spinal cord injuries and providing in-home medical care for his quadriplegic son. He enjoyed following the Atlanta Braves baseball team.

Stewart is also survived by son Spencer Leigh Milam; daughter Nicole Ann Milam; stepson Justin Payne and his son Sebastian; parents; brothers Steven W. Milam and Michael D. Milam and sisters-in-law Pam, Tammy and Terri Payne.

Stewart was preceded in death by his brother Paul Thomas Milam.

A celebration of life service was held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from the chapel of Byrd and Flanigan Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, Georgia with Rev. Tim Taffar officiating.

CONSTANCE E. BRUNS



Constance E. Bruns, 55, of Pinckneyville, died Monday, May 31, 2021 at 12:30 a.m. in Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Constance was born May 16, 1966 in Long Beach, California to Clifford Ray and Hazel Ellene Vaughn Bristow.

She married Anthony Eugene Bruns in Washington County, Illinois. He survives.

She had worked as a plumber, painter and construction. Constance was of the Lord's faith. She was an independent woman who was a great mechanic. She was good at drawing, puzzles, building things and was a great decorator. Constance enjoyed camping, hiking, and had a great eye for arrow head finding. She was excellent at making jewelry from the arrow-heads that she found, for her herself, loved ones and friends.

Constance was an excellent at cooking anything. She enjoyed watching live music especially Alison Krauss, Alanis Morissette, Adele, and Metallica. She loved animals, and her flower and tree garden. Her passion was spending time with her family. She never met a stranger and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is also survived by a son Jimmy Bristow of Pinckneyville; daughter Carree Mullen of Ithaca, New York; brothers Bud (Valerie) Bristow of Evansville, John (Kathy) Bristow of Oklahoma and Danny Bristow of Tucson Arizona; sister Cheryl (Jim) Hunt of Percy; nieces and nephews, Brian, Levi and Christina Bristow, Johnny Bristow Jr. Dana, Alecia, Elizabeth, Angela, Emily, Anna, Daniel Bristow Jr. and Austin Bristow and dog Jesse James..

She was preceded in death by her parents. Pyatt Funeral Home in Pinckneyville is assisting the family with arrangements.

It was her wish to be cremated and the interment will be in the Bristow section of the Massey Cemetery near Crowder, Oklahoma.

Sign the guest book at pyattfuneralhome.com.

SCOTT R. WELSHANS



Scott R. Welshans, 56, of Prairie du Rocher, died at 2:50 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Memorial Hospital East.

He was born to Dyrrol and Lorene Braun Welshans September 10, 1964 in Red Bud.

Scott enjoyed spending his time outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working in his garden.

He is survived by sons Dylan Welshans (fiancee Cassie Oakley) of Prairie du Rocher and Colin (Danyelle) Welshans of Waterloo; grandchildren Cole and Hadley Welshans; siblings Melanie Miller of Waterloo, Jeff (Pam) Welshans of Marissa and Vena Wingerter of Waterloo and special friends Dennis Bowen of Evansville and Chad Kempfer of Prairie du Rocher. He was preceded in death by his parents.

It was Scott's wish to be cremated.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at noon Saturday, June 5, 2021 at the American Legion Hall in Evansville. A private inurnment will be held at a later date at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Evansville.

Pechacek Funeral Home in Red Bud is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made in Scott's memory to the American Cancer Society.

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Tilden Memorial Day

Approximately 70 people gathered at the Tilden City Cemetery May 31 for a Memorial Day Service. Coulterville First United Methodist Church Pastor Cody Battefeld was the guest speaker. As part of the ceremony, Vietnam veterans and Vietnam era veterans who currently live in Tilden or who have lived in Tilden were specifically honored. Above, Sunny Melton and John Price salute after placing the wreath in front of the memorial. Melton served in the Navy while Price was an Army sergeant.



Sparta Memorial Day

The Sparta Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion post held Memorial Day services at Caledonia Cemetery Monday. The main speaker for the program was Army Reserve Lt. Col. Brad Haury (retired). Haury spent three deployments in the Middle East, including Iran and Afghanistan. He spoke about the local aspects of war. Holding the microphone for Haury is Kenny Eddy. Taps and the national anthem were performed by Dillon Pirtle. Rev. William Shepherd of the Church of God in Jesus All Nations gave the invocation and benediction.



Campbell Hill Memorial Day

Members of the Campbell Hill American Legion post stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem at Monday's Memorial Day service. The guest speaker was Cheryl Lodge, athletic director at Trico. The Campbell Hill Memorial Day Choir performed several patriotic selections.



Ava Memorial Day

Illinois Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Rodney Anderson of rural Ava was the featured speaker at Memorial Day services held at Evergreen Cemetery in Ava Monday. Anderson, who also serves as Ava's fire chief, spoke on the bond those who serve in the armed forces share and his time spent deployed in Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The roll of deceased veterans from Ava was read by Amy Wilson, and patriotic songs were performed by a community choir.



Coulterville Memorial Day

Coulterville Mayor Steve Marlow, left, and Anthony Barnett, public service administrator of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, were the guest speakers at the Coulterville Memorial Day Services held Monday, May 31. Submitted by Diana Cole

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Bricktown Market now open

By Travis Lott

A partnership between a local businessman and the city of Sparta has brought a building on the south end of town back to life.

333 South St. Louis Street, which has housed many businesses over the years including Dandy's Deli, is now Bricktown Seafood, Meats and Deli.

The property has sat vacant for some time now, and the city had it slated for demolition for about two years. However, city manager Corey Rheinecker said that was never the avenue Sparta wanted to take.

The expense of the demolition and cleanup was well over \$100,000, Rheinecker said, all to have a vacant lot on that corner. "An empty lot for grass doesn't do a lot for the city," Rheinecker said.

After speaking with several interested parties about putting a business in the location, city officials were beginning to think an empty lot would be the outcome, because the work to rehabilitate the property was immense. It needed to be brought back up to code, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and it needed a new roof and



From left are Bricktown owner Justin Hewitt, city commissioners Alan Young and Michael Kelley and Sparta Mayor Jason Schlimme.

all new interior.

"Not many people wanted to take on that kind of challenge," Rheinecker said.

Then came Justin Hewitt, owner of Broadway Grille on Sparta's downtown Broadway Street.

Along with wife Ashley Hewitt and brother Eric Hewitt, Justin acquired the property and entered a TIF agreement with the city to rehab the property.

The city invested a total of \$135,000 into the property through TIF funds, as long as they met the requirements of making structurally

sound, bringing it to code and occupying it with a business. While most requirements have been met, the business will receive the rest of that money once it is in business for one year. Under the agreement, the Hewitts had to invest a large sum of their own money into the project, which Rheinecker said they did.

Over the course of the past year, the Hewitts completely transformed the building from a rundown vacant structure to one of the nicer looking businesses around.

Bricktown offers fresh cuts of just about any meat a customer would want, including wild-caught seafood shipped straight from the Gulf.

"As far as seafood goes, it's the best quality you can get in the midwest," Justin said.

The seafood selection is vast as well, carrying various shrimp, crab legs, lobster and fish.

All of the meat is cut fresh, and sourced from local farms as much as possible, Justin said.

The man with his hands on the knives is

Joe Weber of Sparta, someone with more than 20 years of experience cutting meat.

National meat prices remain high as an after-effect of the pandemic, and Justin said it cost a pretty penny to stock Bricktown.

However, the prices Bricktown offers are comparable to anywhere that sells fresh meat, and he said it's just one of those things that is tough for everyone right now.

"People gotta eat," Justin said. "We have competitive prices, and the quality is much better than what you

would get at Walmart." Justin also said the business will do custom cuts of meat and large seafood orders on request.

The deli also serves sandwiches such as French rolls and sub sandwiches, and it will soon start serving daily hot specials such as smoked wings.

Having just opened May 25, Justin said the support and business he's gotten from the community has been tremendous—which goes to the heart of what he wants Bricktown to be.

"We are focused on quality, customer service and the community," Justin said.

In keeping with the value of the community, Justin said anyone in need can contact Bricktown about potential fundraisers.

One fundraiser that Justin plans to do as an annual event is a crawfish and shrimp boil to raise money for the fire department, an event that would feature live music, as well. He hopes to host the first one in August of this year.

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By: Dan Zobel

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For the first time in program history, the Steeleville High School boys track team won the Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division title June 1 at Columbia. The Warriors finished

behind each of the Mississippi Division schools, placing sixth overall, but was the top team out of the Kaskaskia Division.

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Steeleville High School athletes and coaches with their first-place plaque and medals

Prep softball theatrics at Steeleville



Emma Mulholland flashes a smile as she makes her way to first base after smacking the game-winning hit for Steeleville against Du Quoin.

Emma Mulholland delivers walk-off single for Steeleville

By Dan Zobel

The Steeleville High School softball team appeared destined for its third extra innings game in as many days May 29 when it entered the seventh inning locked in a 9-9 tie with Du Quoin.

The Lady Warriors went nine innings May 27 with Valmeyer and 10 innings May 28 with Marissa-Coulterville, both losses.

This time around, Steeleville's fortunes changed on both accounts when freshman Emma Mulholland stepped to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning with teammate Olivia Raby on third base and two outs.

Mulholland battled with Du Quoin pitcher Carly Strauss, fouling off several pitches. Finally, Mulholland got the pitch she wanted and lined the ball to center field for a game-winning walk-off single.

"I was just thinking, it'll be fine whatever you do, but just get a base hit," Mulholland said. "When I saw it go over the pitcher's head, I knew it was a good hit and that we won."

Mulholland not only came through for the Lady Warriors at the

plate, but in the pitcher's circle, as well.

Steeleville scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 9-6 lead in the back and forth affair. Du Quoin, which hit four home runs in the game, was not done at the plate against Steeleville starting pitcher Lexi Renner.

After an error and a pair of singles cut Steeleville's lead to 9-7, Mulholland was summoned into action. Du Quoin pushed two more runs across in the inning to tie the game at nine, but Mulholland pitched a scoreless seventh inning, only the second inning of the game Du Quoin did not score a run, to set up the team's heroics in the bottom half of the frame.

Raby opened the home half of the seventh by drawing a key walk. She advanced to third base after a pair of groundouts to bring Mulholland to the plate.

"I'm just glad she came through," said Steeleville coach Andy Gerlach. "She came in and pitched well in a game when they were rattling the bats, too. It was big for a freshman to step up and play like that in that situation."

Du Quoin seemed in control of the contest

for the first half of the game. The Lady Indians built a 5-1 lead through the opening three and half innings. Madison Lee led off the game with a home run. Ellie Searby and Hanna Bartnicki hit back-to-back solo shots in the third inning.

Steeleville struck for three runs in the fourth to get back within one run, but Lauren Heape blasted Du Quoin's fourth home run of the contest in the top of the fifth to give the Lady Indians a two run advantage.

Then, in the bottom of the fifth, the entire Lady Warrior offense clicked as they sent 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs to take a three run lead.

The first five batters in the inning reached base, including a two-run single off the bat of Hannah Myers and a run-scoring single from Alaina Fiene. Olivia Raby then brought home another run with a groundout and Shea Conway tacked on the final run of the inning with a single.

"In the last couple of days, we've had opportunities to score and we didn't score," Gerlach said. "Today, we had

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Trico's Rathert spins a no-hitter

By Dan Zobel

It was a tale of two different types of games for the Trico High School softball team at Steeleville.

The Pioneers earned victories over Du Quoin and Woodlawn during the day, but they took two different routes to those wins.

Against Woodlawn, Trico scored twice in the sixth inning to take the lead, and the Pioneers clung to a 3-2 triumph despite Woodlawn getting the tying run to third base in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Trico then ambushed Du Quoin in more ways than one, as the Pioneers pounded the Lady Indians 12-0 in a game that lasted five innings due to run-rule. It also featured a no-hitter from sophomore Madi Rathert in the pitcher's circle, the first no-hit performance of her career.

"The first game was good for us," said Trico coach Drew Franklin. "We need to be in situations like that with a little pressure on us so when it comes down to crunch time, we make plays. Our pitching staff is young and inexperienced. Josie (Wettig) is a freshman, and I still consider Madi a freshman because she didn't get to throw last year. They're getting better every time they go out. It's a great one-two punch."



Trico's Madi Rathert readies to fire a pitch during the bottom of the fifth inning.

Woodlawn scored a pair of two-out unearned runs off of Wettig in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Alyssa Bastien, Trico's powerful catcher, erased that deficit when she led off the top of the sixth with a home run.

Bailey Kuhnert followed with a double. Two batters later, Sam

Cottom delivered a pinch-hit go-ahead RBI single.

"We all pump each other up," Kuhnert said. "It's really refreshing whenever you're up to bat and you hear your teammates cheer you on. I know I might not get the best hit, but my teammates will always pick me up. I really like

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Trico leadoff batter Dalyn Eilers moves off of third base with coach Drew Franklin watching the action unfold.

Daniel Vogt strong in no-hitter of Carlyle

By Dan Zobel

Trico High School Daniel Vogt had a pitching performance to remember May 29 at Carlyle.

The Pioneer senior no-hit the Indians in a 10-0 victory over the Indians.

"He had all four of his pitches working," said Trico coach Ben Koehn. "He just attacked the hitters and pretty much mowed through them."

Vogt took matters into his own hands for the bulk of the outs. Of the 21 outs recorded, the right-handed pitcher had 15 strikeouts. The

only blemish against him were four walks and a hit batter.

"I was throwing pretty hard," Vogt said. "I got a lot of strikeouts on my sliders and fastballs. The slider was really working."

Koehn planned to only use Vogt for a certain number of pitches, but as the game moved into the fifth inning and Trico led 4-0, the coach told Vogt the game was

his. Around the sixth inning, Trico infielder Keegan Brooks made an outstanding play to keep the no-hitter intact.

A Carlyle batter smacked a ground ball into the hole between first and second base. Brooks ranged into the hole, made a diving grab and through to first base for the out.

"It was a really big play," Vogt said. "If you

think about it, nearly every no-hitter has a play like that to keep it alive."

Offensively, the Trico offense made sure Vogt did not need to worry about a close game.

The Pioneers tallied four runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to increase their lead to 10-0.

Kaden Wilson and Jakob Koehn each collected three RBIs.

"We played pretty well overall," Vogt said. "That takes a lot of the stress off. I knew I just had to go out there and throw."

It was Vogt's first career no-hitter at the high school level and the first of his entire career as far as he could remember.

"I felt pretty good when I was warming up, and I knew my stuff was going to be pretty

good," Vogt said. "This means a lot to me. It's always what you kind of shoot for as a pitcher. It's nice to finally get one."

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Pitching: Trico: Daniel Vogt and Jakob Koehn. Carlyle: Brady Heinzmann, Dakota Rakers (4), Blake Herzog (7) and Drew Smith. WP: Vogt. LP: Heinzmann. Top Hitters: Trico: Kaden Wilson (2-4, 2B, 3BI), Brady Heins (1-3, 2BI), Eli Rees (2-4, RBI), Keegan Brooks (2-4), Preston Johnson (1-4), Caden Crask-Weeks (2-3, 2B), Mitchell Gale (1-4), Jakob Koehn (2-3, 2B, 3BI).

Cahokia Conf. girls track meet

Breese Central and Freeburg were far and away the top two teams at the prep girls track Cahokia Conference meet May 27 at Westclin.

Breese Central won the conference title with Freeburg in second. Dupo, the top team out of the Kaskaskia Division, was a distant third.

Red Bud, which placed sixth, earned several second-place finishes. Adrienne Vallett was second in the 1600 and 3200 runs with Hannah Sievers getting second in shot put.

For Steeleville, its best finish was fifth. Aubrey Bockhorn did so in the 800 run and Daisy Czaplá in the long jump.

The top two finishers, plus any other Red Bud and Steeleville competitors, are listed.

11. Simone Liefer, RB, 1:30.21
800 Run
 1. Kristen Ess, BC, 2:32.94
 2. Reagan Lucas, FR, 2:40.66
 3. Aubrey Piel, RB, 2:42.14
 5. Aubrey Bockhorn, STV, 3:03.75
 10. Anna Wolter, RB, 3:13.66
1600 Run
 1. Kristen Ess, BC, 5:52.23
 2. Adrienne Vallett, RB, 5:57.89
 9. Aubrey Bockhorn, STV, 6:46.91
3200 Run
 1. Kristen Ess, BC, 12:25.39
 2. Adrienne Vallett, RB, 12:35.14
100 Hurdles
 1. Megan Weilmuenster, FR, 16.37
 2. Allyson Ellis, DU, 17.45
300 Hurdles
 1. Megan Weilmuenster, FR, 50.66
 2. Lydia Luechtefeld, OK, 52.78
4x100 Relay
 1. Breese Central 55.42
 2. Dupo 56.48
4x200 Relay
 1. Freeburg 1:59.17
 2. Breese Central 2:00.98
 6. Red Bud (Anna Wolter, Hannah Sievers, Madison Pensoneau, Carolyne Mulherin) 2:19.77
4x400 Relay
 1. Freeburg 4:39.01
 2. Breese Central 4:43.86
 4. Red Bud (Harlie Braun, Madison Pensoneau, Aubrey Piel, Adrienne Vallett) 5:19.75
4x800 Relay
 1. Freeburg 11:36.67
 2. Trenton Westclin 11:41.97
Shot Put
 1. Brianna Markus, BC, 11.2m
 2. Hannah Sievers, RB, 10.33m
 4. Abigail Vallett, RB, 7.9m
Discus
 1. Lorena Kraemer, LEB, 28.34m
 2. Brianna Markus, BC, 25.65m
 7. Adrienne Vallett, RB, 23.7m
 8. Hannah Sievers, RB, 22.87m
High Jump
 1. Morgan Ahle, BC, 5'0
 2. Allie Fredenberg, CO, 4'10
 7. Madison Pensoneau, RB, 4'4
 9. Carolyne Mulherin, RB, 3'8
Pole Vault
 1. Pella Druke, FR, 2.06m
 1. Kalee Marshall, RB, 2.06m
Long Jump
 1. Abby Venhaus, CO, 5.19m
 2. Morgan Ahle, BC, 5.0m
 5. Daisy Czaplá, STV, 4.11m
 7. Madison Pensoneau, RB, 4.03m
 11. Carolyne Mulherin, RB, 3.76m
Triple Jump
 1. Emma Taylor, BC, 9.81m
 2. Isabella Reaka, FR, 9.52m

- Team Scores**
 1. Breese Central 170
 2. Freeburg 129
 3. Dupo 55
 4. Columbia 43
 5. Trenton Westclin 39
 6. Red Bud 38
 7. Salem 22
 7. Okawville 22
 9. Lebanon 10
 9. New Athens 10
 11. Steeleville 4
100 Dash
 1. Abby Venhaus, CO, 13.0
 2. Courtney Bassler, BC, 13.15
 14. Daisy Czaplá, STV, 14.65
 16. Carolyne Mulherin, RB, 15.28
200 Dash
 1. Abby Venhaus, CO, 26.89
 2. Kabrina Houston, DU, 27.96
 11. Daisy Czaplá, STV, 32.05
400 Dash
 1. Lidiah Hoffarth, NA, 1:05.94
 2. Courtney Bassler, BC, 1:09.01

Conference...From Page 14

"This is a big thing for us," said Steeleville coach Neal Haertling. "The boys are very excited. We've had teams in the past that had good runners and had people do well, but those teams weren't very big. We have never had a team put it together to win a conference."

The Warriors have just 14 athletes on this year's team, but they possess an array of abilities, allowing them to compete in nearly every event.

"The guys went into this wanting to do their best and they really pushed hard," Haertling said. "Some guys are doing things they have never done before, but they are coming through."

Evan Reitz took home the individual win in the 300-meter hurdles, while Carter Wasson was second in the 100-meter dash.

"That's a pretty big accomplishment for Evan," Haertling said. "Carter ran against some really good competition."

The next step for Steeleville is the Wednesday, June 9 Chester Sectional.

"We're one of those teams that keep moving forward," Haertling said. "The boys can't wait to get to sectionals and see how far we can go. We have some boys who love track."

At the conference meet, Red Bud tied for eighth overall and for third in the Kaskaskia Division.

12. Eli Rushing, STV, 1:01.47
 15. Mason Kinney, RB, 1:03.66
 16. Landon Luthy, RB, 1:07.51
800 Run
 1. Will Detmer, BC, 2:04.95
 2. Evan Wilkerson, FR, 2:10.0
 7. Ray Dagner, STV, 2:18.25
 8. Nick Fehr, RB, 2:19.69
 17. Joey Stoffel, STV, 2:40.8
1600 Run
 1. Justin Mumford, TW, 4:26.16
 2. Evan Wilkerson, FR, 4:49.68
 3. Christian Rees, STV, 4:50.38
 4. Nick Fehr, RB, 4:55.11
 11. Clayton Donagher, STV, 5:25.78
 16. Joseph Hanger, RB, 6:18.17
3200 Run
 1. Nick Fehr, RB, 10:28.49
 2. Evan Wilkerson, FR, 10:40.19
 6. Clayton Donagher, STV, 11:51.86
 7. Cayton Cratch, STV, 11:51.86
 13. Joseph Hanger, RB, 13:19.28
110 Hurdles
 1. Creed Phillips, SA, 16.77
 2. Ethan Williams, FR, 17.87
 4. Evan Reitz, STV, 18.75
 7. Nikolas Rubach, STV, 21.43
300 Hurdles
 1. Evan Reitz, STV, 43.48
 2. Creed Phillips, SA, 43.59
 8. Nikolas Rubach, STV, 50.55
4x100 Relay
 1. Freeburg 44.77
 2. Breese Central 45.11
 6. Steeleville (Tanner Allison, Gunnar Moore, Evan Reitz, Carter Wasson) 47.12
 7. Red Bud (Cameron Hill, Brayden Howard, Mason Kinney, Austin Krebs) 55.23
4x200 Relay
 1. Freeburg 1:35.78
 2. Breese Central 1:38.8
 5. Steeleville (Tanner Allison, Gunnar Moore, David Coleman, Evan Buch) 1:43.96
 7. Red Bud (Cameron Hill, Mason Kinney, Brayden Howard, Austin Krebs) 1:49.42
4x400 Relay
 1. Freeburg 3:36.67
 2. Trenton Westclin 3:39.45
 5. Steeleville (Ray Dagner, Evan Reitz, Christian Rees, Gunnar Moore) 3:45.88
 7. Red Bud (Landon Luthy, Caleb Guebert, Mason Kinney, Nick Fehr) 4:03.03
4x800 Relay
 1. Trenton Westclin 8:29.27
 2. Columbia 8:54.14
 3. Steeleville (Cayton Cratch, Eli Rushing, Christian Rees, Ray Dagner) 9:06.02
Shot Put
 1. Luke Hatten, LEB, 55'8
 2. Caleb Smith, SA, 55'7
 6. Evan Buch, STV, 36'1.5
 10. Landon Luthy, RB, 29'10.5
 14. Austin Krebs, RB, 27'2
 19. Cooper Wasson, STV, 21'5.5
Discus
 1. Luke Hatten, LEB, 163'5
 2. Cole Johnson, SA, 138'0
 7. Evan Buch, STV, 102'4
 9. Austin Krebs, RB, 89'1
 16. Cooper Wasson, STV, 53'5
High Jump
 1. Daniel Jansen, OK, 6'4
 2. Jervace Mayes, SA, 5'6
 3. Brayden Howard, RB, 5'6
 7. Christian Rees, STV, 5'4
 11. Caleb Guebert, RB, 5'0
 12. Eli Rushing, STV, 4'6
Pole Vault
 1. Alek Bandy, SA, 10'6
 2. Shane Becker, BC, 10'6
Long Jump
 1. Logan Rubin, SA, 6.46m
 2. Aaron Bouas, FR, 5.98m
 7. Caleb Guebert, RB, 5.5m
 12. Brayden Howard, RB, 5.16m
 13. David Coleman, STV, 4.84m
 16. Gunnar Moore, STV, 4.36m
Triple Jump
 1. Rand Matthews, CO, 12.21m
 2. Logan Rubin, SA, 12.07m
 12. Nikolas Rubach, STV, 8.54m
 13. Tanner Allison, STV, 8.23m

- Team Scores**
 1. Freeburg 117
 2. Breese Central 112
 3. Salem 106
 4. Columbia 56
 5. Trenton Westclin 45
 6. Steeleville 42
 7. Okawville 38
 8. Red Bud 20
 8. Lebanon 20
 10. Dupo 2
100 Dash
 1. Hunter Vetter, BC, 11.46
 2. Carter Wasson, STV, 11.53
 11. Caleb Guebert, RB, 12.38
 14. David Coleman, STV, 12.89
 16. Cameron Hill, RB, 13.46
200 Dash
 1. Daniel Jansen, OK, 23.43
 2. Hunter Vetter, BC, 23.5
 12. Tanner Allison, STV, 26.19
 15. Cameron Hill, RB, 27.17
400 Dash
 1. Marcus Price, BC, 50.79
 2. Daneil Jansen, OK, 51.46
 6. Carter Wasson, STV, 53.04



Pinckneyville's Savannah Aldridge, left, and Abby Kuberski work with the ball against a Harrisburg defender during the opening half of the Lady Panther 8-0 victory.

Pinckneyville girls soccer wins first ever postseason match

Trio of Lady Panthers score two goals

By Dan Zobel

Not even a steady rain and cool temperatures could spoil a historic moment for the Pinckneyville High School girls soccer program.

On June 1, the Lady Panthers hosted Harrisburg in a first round game of the Class 1A Pinckneyville Sectional.

Pinckneyville sent home eight goals, five in the first, en route to an 8-0 victory, which was the first postseason win in the history of the young varsity program.

"That's a big start for us to win our first playoff game," said Pinckneyville coach Jay Ray. "The girls were pumped and very excited to get their first postseason victory at the high school level. I was pleased with the way we played."

Next on the docket for Pinckneyville (6-8) is a showdown Friday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Massac County (5-7-2).

The two teams split during the regular season, with Massac winning 3-1 May 6 and Pinckneyville taking a victory May 25.

"We just need to play our game," Ray said. "When they beat us, we were minus three starters, but that is no excuse. If we just play our game, we should come out alright."

A win would advance Pinckneyville to the sectional semifinals June 8 against either Belleville Althoff or Gibault.

Against Harrisburg (0-14), a team that Pinckneyville combined to out score 15-2 in two regular season games, the Lady Panthers spread out their scoring.

Anna Pestka, Breyona Schandl and Jillian Shaneyfelt each netted two goals. Lily Britt and Bailey Taylor added one goal apiece.

"Last time we played (Harrisburg), their starting goalie wasn't



Lily Britt of Pinckneyville drives past a Harrisburg defender toward the net during the June 1 Lady Panther victory.

there," Ray said. "She made a big difference and made some nice saves on us early. During practice Monday morning, we worked on finishing. I think it paid off, because we finished the ball pretty well."

In net, Madison Gefers handled the bulk of the duties for Pinckneyville, with Shaneyfelt relieving her late in the game. Harrisburg was unable to get a shot on goal against the Lady Panther defense.

That defense has not allowed more than one goal in a single match since giving up eight in a May 18 loss to Carterville (9-1-2).

The win for Pinckneyville is its third in a row. The team's last loss was May 20 against Murphysboro (12-0-1) by a 3-0 score.

"It's just all starting to click for us," Ray said. "Even in our last loss to Murphysboro, we held them scoreless in the second half. The girls are finally starting to gain confidence in themselves."

Girls soccer sectionals

The Pinckneyville High School girls soccer team is hosting a Class 1A sectional this week. The sectional was divided into two subsectionals.

Pinckneyville received the No. 3 seed in its subsectional. Other teams in the subsectional were No. 1 Murphysboro, No. 2 Massac County, No. 4 Mt. Carmel, No. 5 Anna-Jonesboro and No. 6 Harrisburg.

In the other side, in order of seed, are Belleville Althoff, Columbia, Freeburg, Breese Central, Gibault, Breese Mater Dei and Salem.

The sectional champion will play the Litchfield Sectional title winner in the Columbia Supersectional.

Not all match times have been set.

Columbia Supersectional June 15	
Championship at 7:00 - Winner Litchfield Sectional vs. Winner Pinckneyville Sectional	
Pinckneyville Sectional June 1	
Match 1 - Gibault 2, Breese Central 1	
Match 3 - Freeburg 2, Breese Mater Dei 1	
Match 4 - Anna-Jonesboro 1, Mt. Carmel 0	
Match 5 - Pinckneyville 8, Harrisburg 0	
June 2	
Match 2 - Salem at Columbia	
June 4	
Match 6 at 6:00 - Gibault at Belleville Althoff	
Match 7 - Winner Match 2 vs. Freeburg	
Match 8 at 6:00 - Anna-Jonesboro at Murphysboro	
Match 9 at 4:30 - Pinckneyville at Massac County	
June 8	
Match 10 - Winner Match 8 vs. Winner Match 7	
Match 11 - Winner Match 6 vs. Winner Match 9	
June 11	
Championship - Winner Match 10 vs. Winner Match 11	

Mike Layne to host Pinckneyville volleyball camp

Pinckneyville High School volleyball coach Mike Layne will hold a volleyball camp July 14 and 15 in the auxiliary gymnasium at Pinckneyville High School.

The camp is available to children entering second grade through a senior in high school in the 2021-22 school year. Seventh and eighth

To be held July 14 and 15

graders will meet from 8 to 9:30 a.m. each day, followed by freshman through seniors from 9:30 to 11:30 and second through sixth-graders from 1 to 2:30.

The cost of the camp is \$50, which includes a

shirt and potential prizes. Registration will be accepted up to the start time of camp.

The camp is designed to introduce young players to the fundamentals of the game. Emphasis will be sound

individual fundamentals, offensively and defensively. Extra time will be devoted to passing, serving, setting and hitting.

In addition to Layne, assistant camp directors will be Katie Shaneyfelt and Jessica Derick with camp staff made up of Pinckneyville High School volleyball players.

Du Quoin girls track team wins SIRR championship

Sparta places third, Pinckneyville sixth

For the fourth consecutive season, the Du Quoin High School girls track team has won the SIRR Mississippi.

The Lady Indians starred again May 26 on their home track when they topped Nashville, the next closest team, by 58 points.

Sparta placed third, Carterville fourth, Anna-Jonesboro fifth and Pinckneyville sixth.

Du Quoin won the title in 2017, 2018 and 2019 before the 2020 season was wiped out due to COVID-19.

Prior to this stretch, Du Quoin's last conference title came in 1994.

The Lady Indians won 10 of the 18 events. Jalynn Wood led the way with three individual victories, winning both hurdle events and the pole vault.

Olivia Phillips, meanwhile, was part of four event titles. She won the 800 and 1600 and was a member of the team's winning 4x400 and 4x800 relays.

For Sparta, the Lady Bulldogs again dominated the throwing events.

Kayla Braun picked up another win in the shot put with teammate Isabelle Ware in second. Braun was also second in the discus, just behind Nashville's Allison Melton.

Pinckneyville's top individual finisher was Kris Kreger, who was third in the 100 hurdles and fourth in the 300 hurdles.

The Lady Panther 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relays each placed third.

The top two finishers, plus any other ones from Du Quoin, Sparta and Pinckneyville, are listed.

Field events are list-

ed in meters.

Team Scores

1. Du Quoin 210
2. Nashville 152
3. Sparta 53
4. Carterville 48
5. Anna-Jonesboro 44
6. Pinckneyville 40

100 Dash

1. Alecia Doyle, CTV, 13.15
2. Grace Alongi, DQ, 13.44
3. Tomyiah Bardo-Spiller, SP, 14.36
4. Olivia Schilling, SP, 14.36
5. Malia Webb, DQ, 14.52
6. Alee Gaines, PV, 14.9
7. Callie Wildermuth, PV, 15.99

200 Dash

1. Talanie Kozuszek, NV, 26.66
2. Alecia Doyle, CTV, 26.77
3. Grace Alongi, DQ, 27.68
4. Tomyiah Bardo-Spiller, SP, 28.59
5. Ashley Waters, DQ, 29.65
6. Katie Jackson, PV, 30.06

400 Run

1. Grace Alongi, DQ, 1:01.57
2. Jacqueline Crain, DQ, 1:02.31
3. Emily Baggett, PV, 1:08.06
4. Olivia Schilling, SP, 1:15.48

800 Run

1. Olivia Phillips, DQ, 2:18.73
2. Brodie Denny, AJ, 2:20.79
3. Kallie Oestreich, DQ, 2:41.43
4. Aurora Wright, PV, 2:52.45
5. Emma Francis, PV, 2:53.2
6. Sadie Hamilton, SP, 3:13.75

1600 Run

1. Olivia Phillips, DQ, 5:39.6
2. Brodie Denny, AJ, 5:53.06
3. Lainey Miller, DQ, 5:54.1
4. Hayley Drake, SP, 6:29.16
5. Daira Sangurima, SP, 6:43.76

3200 Run

1. Alexis George, DQ, 13:41.21
2. Maddie Decker, DQ, 13:48.4
3. Sadie Hamilton, SP, 14:34.94
4. Michaela Skorch, PV, 16:06.45

100 Hurdles

1. Jalynn Wood, DQ, 16.48
2. Delanie Dearmond, DQ, 17.69
3. Kris Kreger, PV, 18.8
4. Kodee Crispin, PV, 22.01

300 Hurdles

1. Jalynn Wood, DQ, 50.52
2. Emma VanHise, NV, 51.79
3. Delanie Dearmond, DQ, 54.02
4. Kris Kreger, PV, 54.93
5. Madison Braun, PV, 1:16.57

4x100 Relay

1. Nashville (Shelby Thorson, Karmen Reynolds, Talanie Kozuszek, Halle Rueter) 1:50.46
2. Du Quoin (Nevaeh Loos, Ashley Waters, Sophie Hill, Lauren Heape) 1:56.1
3. Pinckneyville (Katie Jackson, Moe Morgenthaler, Cagney Kwiatkowski, Ashlee Hirsch) 1:56.79

4x200 Relay

1. Nashville (Shelby Thorson, Karmen Reynolds, Talanie Kozuszek, Halle Rueter) 1:50.46
2. Du Quoin (Nevaeh Loos, Ashley Waters, Sophie Hill, Lauren Heape) 1:56.1
3. Pinckneyville (Katie Jackson, Moe Morgenthaler, Cagney Kwiatkowski, Ashlee Hirsch) 1:56.79

4x400 Relay

1. Du Quoin (Jacqueline Crain, Olivia Phillips, Lauren Heape, Kallie Oestreich) 4:26.65
2. Nashville (Bailey Newman, Kali Heggemeier, Paityn



From left Alecia Doyle of Carterville, Tomyiah Bardo-Spiller of Sparta, Grace Alongi of Du Quoin and Malia Webb of Du Quoin in the 100-meter dash. Doyle edged Alongi for first place.



Du Quoin's Jalynn Wood leaps of a hurdle as she is out in front during the 300-meter hurdles. Wood won both hurdle events.

1. Matecki, Hailey Baugh) 4:34.1
2. Pinckneyville (Ashlee Hirsch, Emily Baggett, Moe Morgenthaler, Cagney Kwiatkowski) 4:40.74

4x800 Relay

1. Du Quoin (Kallie Oestreich, Lauren Heape, Olivia Phillips, Jacqueline Crain) 10:44.87
2. Nashville (Daci Finke, Kali Heggemeier, Olivia Verges, Hailey Baugh) 10:59.43
3. Pinckneyville (Emma

- Francis, Emily Baggett, Aurora Wright, Ashlee Hirsch) 11:06.87)

Shot Put

1. Kayla Braun, SP, 11.3m
2. Isabelle Ware, SP, 10.69m
3. Adriana Stewart, DQ, 9.7m
4. Molly Doerflein, PV, 8.94m
5. Kaylyn Fields, DQ, 8.89m
6. Carly Heisner, PV, 7.75m

Discus

1. Allison Melton, NV, 32.62m
2. Kayla Braun, SP, 32.22m
3. Kaylyn Fields, DQ, 26.15m

6. Daci Palmer, PV, 24.63m
7. Adriana Stewart, DQ, 23.13m
8. Carly Heisner, PV, 21.1m
9. Isabella Ware, SP, 18.6m

High Jump

1. Emma VanHise, NV, 1.52m
2. Sophie Hill, DQ, 1.47m
3. Olivia Dill, DQ, 1.32m
4. Katie Jackson, PV, 1.27m

Pole Vault

1. Jalynn Wood, DQ, 2.75m
2. Maddie Robison, DQ, 2.44m

3. Brenna Hartmann, SP, 2.29m

Long Jump

1. Talanie Kozuszek, NV, 4.75m
2. Olivia Schilling, SP, 4.62m
3. Lauren Heape, DQ, 4.62m
4. Nevaeh Loos, DQ, 4.37m
5. Tomyiah Bardo-Spiller, SP, 4.24m
6. Moe Morgenthaler, PV, 4.13m
7. Alee Gaines, PV, 3.63m

Triple Jump

1. Grace Alongi, DQ, 10.27m
2. Delanie Dearmond, DQ, 9.91m



Aurora Wright and Emma Francis of Pinckneyville stay close together in the 800 run, as Sadie Hamilton of Sparta and a Carterville runner remain close behind.



From left in the front row are Sparta medal and ribbon recipients Hayley Drake, Sadie Hamilton and Daira Sangurima. Back row: Olivia Schilling, Kayla Braun, Isabelle Ware and Brenna Hartmann.

SIU football coming to Chester

The city of Chester was chosen by the SIU Carbondale football team as the location for its second annual Saluki Football Southern Illinois Clean-Up project.

The project will include picking up trash, as well as offering a one-day football camp to students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

On June 19 at 8 a.m., SIU football coach Nick Hill, other coaching staff members and around 30 players from the team will pick up trash at various locations in the city.

Around 11, the Chester Eagles will then provide them lunch.

Around noon, the football camp will be held at the Cohen Com-

Picking up trash then hosting a free youth football camp

plex. This camp is free, but registration is required. Interested participants can register at city hall, and must be signed up by June 16.

The community clean-up and youth clinic initiative started in 2019 as a community service project in which the team spreads out into four communities to clean up trash in public areas.

This year's event also includes clean up efforts and a free youth

clinic in Carbondale, Du Quoin and Johnston City.

Donations can be made toward the clean up and in support of an individual student-athlete's efforts.

For example, if somebody contributes \$10 per hour for five hours of work, that contribution would be \$50. All donations made will directly support the SIU football program.

To make a donation, go to salukifunder.siu.edu.

Bowling standings

Hepp gets high game at 236

Steeleville

	Won	Lost
Tuesday Early		
Gutter Slutz	23.5	11.5
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NAPA	13.5	21.5
Hot Mess	11.5	23.5

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Red Bud catcher Devin Hall tags out a Gibault runner during the Musketeer May 31 loss to Gibault.

Steeleville wins three, M-C tops Sparta

Baseball roundup

does picked up a win that earned them the Black Diamond Conference West Division title.

TRI 100 000 0 - 1 2 2
Z-R 100 020 x - 3 6 1

Pitching: Trico: Kaden Wilson, Jackson Kranawetter (6) and Jakob Koehn. Z-R: Scout Hudgens and Nick McKinney. WP: Hudgens. LP: Wilson. **Top Hitters:** Trico: Kaden Wilson (1-3, 2B), Preston Johnson (1-3). Z-R: Anthony Rolla (2-2, 2B), Cole Freeman (2-3, 2B, RBI), Nick McKinney (1-3), Landen Bate (1-3).

Gibault 12 Red Bud 1

Daniel Darin did it all for Gibault in a nonconference game at Red Bud. Darin collected the win on the mound, striking out nine batters and allowing just three hits in four innings, and he also batted in three runs at the plate.

GIB 032 43 - 12
REB 000 10 - 1

Pitching: Gibault: Daniel Darin, Ian Bollinger (5) and Kameron Hanvey. WP: Hanvey. **Top Hitters:** Gibault: Hudson Blank (RBI), Ryan Bollinger (2-3), Ian Bollinger (1-3), Nick Chambers (1-3, 2B, 2BI), Daniel Darin (2-2, 3BI), Eli Garcia (1-1, 2B), Kameron Hanvey (1-3, RBI), Brayden Sabo (RBI).

Benton 7 Du Quoin 1

Harrisburg 11 Pinckneyville 3

MAY 28 Steeleville 10 Marissa-C'ville 4

Chase Newby drove in three runs for Steeleville, and Zach Mevert struck out seven Maris-

sa-Coulterville batters over four innings, as the Warriors defeated the Meteors.

M-C 020 011 0 - 4 4 1
STV 203 221 x - 10 12 4

Pitching: Marissa-Coulterville: Riley Seymore, Caleb Trieb (5) and Josh Stephens. Steeleville: Reid Harriss, Zach Mevert (4) and Kaleb Knop. WP: Harriss. LP: Seymore. **Top Hitters:** Marissa-Coulterville: Chase Hurst (2-3, RBI), Alex Dagner (1-3), Riley Seymore (1-4, 2B), Josh Stephens (RBI). Steeleville: Jacoby Gross (1-3, RBI), Lane Lazenby (2-4), Zach Mevert (2-3, 2B), Chase Newby (2-4, 3BI), Kaleb Knop (2-3, 2BI), Logan Bartens (RBI), Avery Hamilton (2-2, RBI), Rory Lutz (1-3, RBI).

Anna-Jonesboro 10 Pinckneyville 3

MAY 26 New Athens 7 Red Bud 1

Kaleb Barriger had two of Red Bud's four hits and drove home the only run for the Musketeers, as they lost to New Athens.

NAT 000 043 0 - 7
REB 000 010 0 - 1

Pitching: New Athens: Jared Lisher, Troy Hart (7). Red Bud: Parker Van Dorn, Will Simpson (7) and Devin Hall. WP: Lisher. LP: Van Dorn. **Top Hitters:** New Athens: Troy Hart (1-4), Jared Lisher (3-4, 2B, 3BI), Owen Tolson (2-3), Kaden Vielweber (2-4, 3BI), Andrew Wynn (RBI). Red Bud: Camden Langrehr (1-2), Kaleb Barriger (2-4, RBI), Max Diewald (1-3).

Marissa-C'ville 10 Sparta 9

Sparta had the tying run at third base in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Marissa-Coutlerville was able to escape with a thrilling nonconference vic-

tory.

M-C 000 342 1 - 10 12 4
SPA 003 401 1 - 9 12 4

Pitching: Marissa-Coulterville: Austin Hill, Chase Hurst (5) and Josh Stephens. Sparta: Jayden Ethington, Zach Bodeker (5) and James Pillers. WP: Hurst. LP: Bodeker. **Top Hitters:** Marissa-Coulterville: Chase Hurst (1-4, 2BI), Carter Trieb (3-3, 2B, 2BI), Caleb Trieb (1-4, 2B, RBI), Tanner Middendorf (1-3), Josh Stephens (1-4), Jeff Wiley (1-5, 2B), Austin Hill (1-4), Nolan Cathcart (2-4, RBI), Braeden Poirot (1-2, 2BI). Sparta: Camden Davis (3-5, RBI), James Pillers (3-3, 2B, 3B, RBI), Jayden Ethington (1-3, RBI), Hunter Valleroy (1-3, RBI), Cody martin (1-3), Zach Bodeker (1-3), Landon Walter (2-4, 2BI).

Steeleville 7 Valmeyer 4

Zach Mevert enjoyed a big day at the plate with a double, home run and two runs batted in for Steeleville, and the Warriors held off Valmeyer.

VAL 000 121 0 - 4 7 2
STV 212 200 x - 7 10 3

Pitching: Valmeyer: Jacob Kempfer, Henry Weber (2) and Jacob Rowold. Steeleville: Chase Newby, Jacob Gross (2) and Kaleb Knop. WP: Gross. LP: Kempfer. **Top Hitters:** Valmeyer: Clay Juelfs (RBI), Jacob Kempfer (1-3), Elijah Miller (1-3, 2B, RBI), Ethan Rowe-Brown (1-2), Evan Rowe-Brown (1-2, HR, RBI), Jacob Rowold (2-3, 3B), Henry Weber (1-3, RBI). Steeleville: Jacoby Gross (1-4), Lane Lazenby (1-3), Zach Mevert (2-4, 2B, HR, 2BI), Chase Newby (1-3, RBI), Kaleb Knop (2-3, RBI), Logan Bartens (2-3, 2B, RBI), Avery Hamilton (1-3, RBI).

Edwards County 6 Pinckneyville 3

Du Quoin 7 Murphysboro 0

Baseball standings

Records Through June 1		
	Conference	Overall
Black Diamond Conference West Division		
Z-R-C	7-1	22-5
Trico	6-2	13-7
Goreville	3-5	12-9-1
Vienna	2-4	13-9
Chester	0-6	3-12

Cahokia Conference	Kaskaskia Division
Steeleville	9-1 12-3
Valmeyer	7-3 9-10
New Athens	7-3 8-6
Marissa-Coulterville	5-7 7-9
Red Bud	4-6 5-15
Dupo	1-9 2-11
Lebanon	1-8 1-9

SIRR Mississippi		
Nashville	10-0	21-9
Carterville	6-4	13-5-1
Du Quoin	5-5	16-14-1
Pinckneyville	5-5	9-12
Anna-Jonesboro	4-6	9-9
Sparta	0-10	2-16

Upcoming Postseason Schedule

The high school baseball postseason opened play June 2 with a slew of games across the area.

Subsectional seeds are in parentheses.

CLASS 1A
SIU Carbondale Supersectional
Sectional 8
June 9
Game 1 at 4:30 - Winner Regional C vs. Winner Regional B
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Regional A vs. Winner Regional D
June 11
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Regional A
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Wayne City at (8) Elverado
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Steeleville
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Valmeyer at (4) New Athens
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Regional B
June 2
Game 1 - (10) Bluford Webber at (7) Marissa-Coulterville
Game 2 - (11) Grayville at (6) NCOE
June 4
Game 3 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Woodlawn
Game 4 at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 at (3) Edwards County
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Regional C
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Gallatin County at (8) Pope County
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Goreville
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Carrier Mills at (4) Cobden
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Regional D
June 2
Game 1 - (10) Galatia at (7) Crab Orchard
June 4
Game 2 at noon - (11) Dongola at (6) Mounds Meridian
Game 3 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Hardin County
Game 4 at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 at (3) Century
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at Winner Game 2

CLASS 2A
SIU Carbondale Supersectional
Sectional 8
June 9
Game 1 at 4:30 - Winner Regional C vs. Winner Regional B
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Regional A vs. Winner Regional D
June 11
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Regional A
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Eldorado at (8) Massac County
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Harrisburg
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Vienna at (4) West Frankfort
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Regional B
June 2
Game 1 - (10) Hamilton County at (7) Anna-Jonesboro
Game 2 - (11) Johnston City at (6) Carmi-White County
June 4
Game 3 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Carterville
Game 4 at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 at (3) Benton
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Regional C
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Chester at (8) Red Bud
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Nashville
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Pinckneyville at (4) Du Quoin
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Regional D
June 2
Game 1 - (10) Sparta at (7) Murphysboro
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Zeigler-Royalton
Game 3 at 4:30 - (6) Waltonville at (3) Trico
June 7
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Emma Mulholland delivers...From Page 14

some timely hits. It was nice to see us score five runs in that inning to get us back into the game and take some of the momentum."

The game was the fourth of the day at Steeleville, as the Lady Warriors welcomed Du Quoin, Woodlawn and Trico to their home field. Trico played against Du Quoin and Woodlawn.

Steeleville opened the festivities with a 6-2 loss at the hands of Woodlawn. Lexi Renner hit a home run for the home team against the Lady Cardinals, but Steeleville could not overcome an early 5-0 Woodlawn lead.

"We were trying to compete with two teams that are pretty good in the area," Gerlach said. "This was a good round-robin thing we put on. These games are to try to get us ready for the post-season. We have some small things to fix and we're right there with all of the good teams."



Kadence Bockhorn of Steeleville slides safely into home plate ahead of Du Quoin catcher Ellie Searby.

2BI), Ella Davis (0-3, BB), Ella Hirsch (1-3, BB, SB), Carly Strauss (0-4), Ashlyn Waters (2-3, BB).

Steeleville: Kadence Bockhorn (1-3, 2-SB), Kaylee Darnell (1-4, SB), Lexi Renner (2-3, BB), Hannah Myers (2-4, 3BI), Alaina Fiene (2-4, 2BI), Olivia Raby (0-3, BB, RBI), Shea Conway (1-4, 2BI), Ashlyn Roberts (1-4, 2B, SB), Emma Mulholland (1-4, RBI).

Woodlawn 6 Steeleville 2

WLN 023 000 1 - 6 9 0
STV 000 011 0 - 2 6 2

Pitching: Woodlawn: Jady Griffin and Cheyenne Bailey. Steeleville: Emma Mulholland and Shea Conway. WP: Griffin. LP: Mulholland.

Hitters: Woodlawn: Kodey VanEycke (2-4, HR, RBI), Cheyenne Bailey (1-3, BB, 2B), Lauren Harris (3-4, RBI), Izzy Frick (0-3, BB), Ella Bequette (1-2, 2B), Ryan Petersen (1-4, 2BI), Jady Griffin (1-4), Caitlyn England (1-3), Zoey Shields (0-3).



Du Quoin first baseman squeezes her glove on the ball to record an out as Steeleville base runner Shea Conway prepares to step on the bag.

Steeleville: Kadence Bockhorn (0-3), Kaylee Darnell (0-3), Lexi Renner (2-3, HR, RBI), Hannah Myers (2-3), Alaina

Fiene (0-3), Olivia Raby (1-3), Shea Conway (0-3), Ashlyn Roberts (0-3), Emma Mulholland (1-2, RBI).

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Marissa-C'ville outlasts Steeleville in 10

Softball roundup

**MAY 31
Steeleville 3
Valmeyer 2**

Kadence Bockhorn delivered a go-ahead RBI double in the top of the seventh and Lexi Renner drove in an insurance run two batters later to help Steeleville take down Valmeyer.

STV 000 100 2 - 3 8 1
VAL 000 001 1 - 2 5 3

Pitching: Steeleville: Lexi Renner and Shea Conway. Valmeyer: Aspen Schmidt, Brooke Miller (4) and Peyton Similey. **WP:** Renner. **LP:** Miller. **Top Hitters:** Steeleville: Kadence Bockhorn (2-3, 2B, RBI), Kaylee Darnell (1-4, 2B), Alaina Fiene (RBI), Olivia Raby (1-2, 3B), Lexi Renner (3-4, 2B, RBI), Ashlyn Roberts (1-3). Valmeyer: Kylie Eschmann (1-3, 2B, RBI), Brooke Miller (1-4), Markee Voelker (1-3, 2B), Brianna Miller (1-2), Tingleigh Jakimauskas (1-3, RBI).

**MAY 29
Tolono Unity 13
Pinckneyville 6**

**St. Joseph Ogden 17
Pinckneyville 16**

**MAY 28
Marissa-C'ville 5
Steeleville 4
(10 innings)**

Marissa-Coulterville got the go-ahead run in the top of the 10th inning with the help of a pair of Steeleville errors, and the Lady Meteors remained undefeated despite a stern test from Steeleville.

Grace Middendorf struck out 11 Steeleville batters. Lexi Renner retired nine Marissa-Coulterville batters on strikes.

Emily Thornton blasted a three-run home run for the Lady

Meteors to tie the game in the fourth inning.

M-C 100 300 000 1 - 5
STV 400 000 000 0 - 4

Pitching: Marissa-Coulterville: Grace Middendorf and Lainey Canning. Steeleville: Lexi Renner and Shea Conway. **WP:** Middendorf. **LP:** Renner. **Top Hitters:** Marissa-Coulterville: Lainey Canning (1-3), Emily Smith (1-3, 2B), Olivia Quigley (1-4, 2B), Grace Middendorf (1-4, 2B, RBI), Emily Thornton (1-4, HR, 3BI). Steeleville: Kadence Bockhorn (3-5, 2B), Kaylee Darnell (1-4), Shea Conway (2-5, 3B, 2BI), Alaina Fiene (RBI), Lexi Renner (1-5, RBI).

**Du Quoin 14
Sparta 2**

**Pinckneyville 18
Teutopolis 10**

**MAY 26
Chester 7
Red Bud 4**

Zoey Frazer, Alexis Eggemeyer and Kylie Fortner each had three hits, with Fortner driving in a pair of runs, and Chester downed Red Bud.

CHE 004 021 0 - 7 14 2
REB 013 000 0 - 4 7 2

Pitching: Chester: Emma Eggemeyer and Zoey Frazer. Red Bud: Lyla Hess and Cassidy Ellner. **WP:** Eggemeyer. **LP:** Hess. **Top Hitters:** Chester: Zoey Frazer (3-4, RBI), Camrynn Howie (1-4, 2B, RBI), Katie Shinabargar (1-4, 2B), Kylie Fortner (3-4, 2BI), Anna Childs (1-1), Ashlyn Colvis (2-4, 2B, 2BI), Alexis Eggemeyer (3-4, 2B, RBI). Red Bud: Grace Wallace (1-2), Katie Schneider (1-2, 2B, RBI), Allie Zipfel (1-3), Alexis Koester (RBI), Lyla Hess (1-3).

**Marissa-C'ville 15
Sparta 8**

Olivia Quigley doubled and batted in three runs for Marissa-Coulterville, and the Lady Meteors took advantage of 10 walks issued by Sparta pitcher

ing to rally for a victory.

SPA 200 033 0 - 8 6 4
M-C 103 056 x - 15 8 6

Pitching: Sparta: Mariah Reinhardt, Alli Rheinecker (6) and Kayla Braun. Marissa-Coulterville: Grace Middendorf, Aaralynn Ranck (7) and Lainey Canning. **WP:** Middendorf. **LP:** Reinhardt. **Top Hitters:** Sparta: Jordyn Hatley (1-2, 3B), Sydney Rheinecker (2-3, 2B, 3B), Faith Sroka (RBI), Alli Rheinecker (1-4), Kayla Braun (RBI), Kylee McDaniel (1-4), Lexi McFadden (1-2). Marissa-Coulterville: Lainey Canning (1-2), Autumn Gilley (1-1, RBI), Emily Smith (1-2), Casey Daugherty (2-4, RBI), Olivia Quigley (1-3, 2B, 3BI), Emily Thornton (1-4, RBI), Grace Zimmer (1-2).

**Valmeyer 9
Steeleville 4
(9 innings)**

Tingleigh Jakimauskas hit a home run to open the seventh inning to tie the game and force extra innings, and Valmeyer exploded for eight runs in a wild ninth inning, en route to a victory at Steeleville.

VAL 000 000 108 - 9 12 3
STV 100 000 003 - 4 10 1

Pitching: Valmeyer: Aspen Schmidt, Brooke Miller (5) and Tingleigh Jakimauskas. Steeleville: Lexi Renner, Jenna Hood (9) and Shea Conway. **WP:** Miller. **LP:** Renner. **Top Hitters:** Valmeyer: Brooke Miller (3-5, 2B), Markee Voelker (1-4, RBI), Aspen Schmidt (2-5, 2BI), Peyton Similey (2-2, RBI), Brianna Miller (1-4), Maus Brooke (1-1, 2BI), Tingleigh Jakimauskas (2-5, 2B, HR, 2BI). Steeleville: Kadence Bockhorn (1-4), Shea Conway (2-5, 2BI), Kaylee Darnell (1-4, 2B, RBI), Alaina Fiene (2-4), Jenna Hood (1-5), Hannah Myers (2-5), Lexi Renner (2-3, 2B, HR, RBI), Ashlyn Roberts (1-4).

**Pinckneyville 12
Edwards County 1**

**Du Quoin 9
Murphysboro 8**

Softball standings

Conference	Records Through June 1	
	Black Diamond	Overall
Trico	7-1	21-4
Z-R-C	5-2	13-4
Goreville	4-4	15-10
Chester	1-5	5-12
Vienna	0-5	6-15

Conference	Kaskaskia Division
Marissa-Coulterville	11-0
Valmeyer	8-4
Steeleville	7-4
Red Bud	4-5
New Athens	3-7
Lebanon	2-6
Dupo	0-10

SIRR Mississippi	Overall
Carterville	9-1
Nashville	8-2
Pinckneyville	7-3
Sparta	3-7
Du Quoin	2-8
Anna-Jonesboro	1-9

Upcoming Postseason Schedule
The high school softball postseason opened play June 2 with a slew of games across the area. Subsectional seeds are in parentheses.

CLASS 1A
Johnston City Supersectional
Sectional 8
June 8
Game 1 at 4:30 - Winner Regional C vs. Winner Regional B
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Regional A vs. Winner Regional D
June 10
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Regional A
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Bluford Webber at (8) Galatia
June 3
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Elverado
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) NCOE at (4) Steeleville
June 4
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Regional B
June 2
Game 1 - (10) Wayne City at (7) Gallatin County
Game 2 - (11) Grayville at (6) Edwards County
June 3
Game 3 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Woodlawn
Game 4 at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 at (3) Marissa-Coulterville
June 4
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Regional C
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Mounds Meridian at (8) Carrier Mills
June 3
Game 2 at 6:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Goreville
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Dongola at (4) Hardin County
June 4
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Regional D
June 2
Game 1 - (7) Cobden at (2) Crab Orchard
Game 2 - (6) Century at (3) Pope County
June 3
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
CLASS 2A
Johnston City Supersectional
Sectional 8
June 8
Game 1 at 4:30 - Winner Regional C vs. Winner Regional B
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Regional A vs. Winner Regional D
June 10
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Regional A
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Anna-Jonesboro at (8) Vienna
June 3
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (1) Massac County
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) West Frankfort at (4) Hamilton County
June 4
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Regional B
June 3
Game 1 at 4:30 - (10) Eldorado at (7) Harrisburg
Game 3 at 4:30 - (6) Benton at (3) Carmi-White County
June 4
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 at (2) Johnston City
June 4
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Regional C
June 2
Game 1 - (9) Sparta at (8) Chester
June 3
Game 2 at 4:30 - Winner Game at (1) Trico
Game 3 at 4:30 - (5) Zeigler-Royalton at (4) Pinckneyville
June 4
Championship - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Regional D
June 2
Game 1 - (7) Du Quoin at (2) Murphysboro
Game 2 - (6) Waltonville at (3) Carterville
June 3
Championship at 4:30 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2



Trico's Taylor Cottom catches a throw from shortstop Bailey Kuhnert to double Du Quoin runner Lauren Heape off of the bag during the second inning.

Trico's Rathert spins...From Page 14

that." In the bottom of the seventh, Trico's defense came to the rescue.

With one out, Cheyenne Bailey reached third base on a triple when she drove a Wettig pitch to the fence in right field. Lauren Harris walked to put runners on the corners.

Woodlawn loaded the bases after Izzy Frick sacrificed Harris to second base with a bunt and Ella Bequette drew the team's second walk of the inning.

Ryan Petersen, who had already singled and walked in the game, came to the plate for the Cardinals.

Petersen jumped on the first pitch she saw from Wettig and lined it down the first base line. For a split second, the ball looked like it was ticketed down the right field line, but Kuhnert, Trico's first baseman, calmly snagged the ball out of the air for the final out.

"I was ready for anything," Kuhnert said. "I knew the tying run was on third and winning run was on second. I knew that whatever came my way, I could go home. Luckily, it was a line drive

to end the inning. I was really happy about that."

Trico made sure the game did not come down to the wire against Du Quoin. The Pioneer immediately jumped on Du Quoin pitcher Olivia Numi for five runs in the first inning.

Rathert brought home their first two runs with a two-run double. It was the first of three doubles in the game for Rathert.

With two outs, Wettig and Taylor Cottom provided the fireworks with back-to-back solo home runs. Cottom's especially was well struck as she crushed a pitch to straightaway center field that was only slowed down by a tree directly beyond the fence.

Trico added three runs in the second inning, including RBI singles by Bastien and Kuhnert, and four more in the third. Kuhnert again had a big blow, this time a two-run single. Laney Anderson added an RBI single.

"We saw two different types of pitchers today," Kuhnert said. "I am really proud of our team for adjusting to both. One had more movement and one was a little slower. Everyone

in the lineup adjusted and we got our runs in just like we were supposed to."

That output was more than enough for Rathert. The sophomore hurler opened her outing by striking out the side in the first inning.

That was a sign of things to come, as she mowed through the Du Quoin lineup. The Lady Indians were able to get five runners to reach base, but none was via a hit. Rathert hit two batters and walked a pair. Abbi Mocaby was the only Du Quoin batter to reach on a batted ball, as her fourth inning ground ball led to a Trico error.

Rathert finished her outing with six strikeouts, including two in the fifth inning. The biggest defensive play behind her came in the second inning when Kuhnert, playing shortstop, snatched a line drive off of the bat of Ella Davis and slung a throw to first baseman Taylor Cottom to double off Lauren Heape, who had reached base when she was hit by a pitch.

**Trico 12
Du Quoin 0**

TRI 534 00 - 12 15 1
DUQ 000 00 - 0 0 1

Pitching: Trico: Madi Rathert and Alyssa Bastien. Du Quoin: Olivia Numi, Maddi Robison (2), Lexi Cobin (4) and Ellie Searby. **WP:** Rathert. **LP:** Numi.

Hitters: Trico: Dalyn Eilers (2-3, 3B, SB), Megan Wettig (1-2, BB), Madi Rathert (3-3, 3-2B, 2BI), Alyssa Bastien (1-2, BB, RBI), Bailey Kuhnert (2-3, 2B, 3BI), Josie Wettig (1-3, HR, RBI), Taylor Cottom (1-1, 2-BB, HR, RBI), Laney Anderson (2-2, BB, RBI), Myah Kelley (0-2, BB), Jimenez (0-1), Kranawetter (0-1), Stroub (1-1), Bowerman (1-1, 2B), Nehrt (0-1), Fager (0-1), Reagan Couch (0-1), Sam Cottom (0-1).

Du Quoin: Madison Lee (0-2), Abbi Mocaby (0-2), Ellie Searby (0-2), Hanna Bartnicki (0-2), Lauren Heape (0-1, HBP), Ella Davis (0-1), Ella Hirsch (0-1), Carly Strauss (0-0, HBP), Riley Atkins (0-1), Mya Russell (0-0, BB), Delanyne Dearmond (0-1), Alyiah Waters (0-1), Reagan Dorsey (0-0, BB), Sophie Miller (0-1).

**Trico 3
Woodlawn 2**

TRI 000 102 1 - 3 7 2
WLN 000 200 0 - 2 5 2

Pitching: Trico: Josie Wettig and Alyssa Bastien. Woodlawn: Jadyn Griffin and Cheyenne Bailey. **WP:** Wettig. **LP:** Griffin.

Hitters: Trico: Dalyn Eilers (2-4), Megan Wettig (0-2, HBP), Madi Rathert (1-4, 2B), Alyssa Bastien (1-2, 2-BB, HR, RBI), Bailey Kuhnert (2-3, 2B), Josie Wettig (0-3), Taylor Cottom (0-2), Laney Anderson (0-2), Myah Kelley (0-3), Sam Cottom (1-1, RBI).

Woodlawn: Kodey VanEycke (0-4), Cheyenne Bailey (1-3, BB, 3B), Lauren Harris (1-3, BB), Izzy Frick (0-3), Ella Bequette (0-3, BB), Ryan Petersen (1-3, BB), Jadyn Griffin (0-3), Caitlyn England (1-2, BB), Zoey Shields (1-3).

Chester girls track team wins its own invitational

On May 26, the Chester High School track team hosted the Popeye and Olive Oyl Invitational.

On the girls side, the Lady Yellow Jackets added another team title to their list of accomplishments.

Chester recorded 148 points, over 50 more than second-place Sesser-Valier's 97.

Individuals who won events for Chester were Madison Kribs (800 run), Camryn Luthy (100 hurdles), Hannah Blechle (pole vault) and Josie Kattenbraker (long jump). Chester also won the 4x200 and 4x800 relays.

Kattenbraker added second place finishes in the 300 hurdles and high jump, while Jasmine Meredith was second in the pole vault and Samantha Eggemeyer third in pole vault. The team's 4x400 relay also placed second.

As for the boys, Chester tied for second with Vienna. Both schools were 40 points behind East Alton-Wood River.

Chester's Jordan Hughes won the 800. The team's 4x800 relay picked up a win.

Yellow Jacket Matt Korando was second in the high jump.

Red Bud competed with the boys, finishing fifth.

Musketeer Nick Fehr took first in the 1600 and 3200.

Team Scores
Girls
1. Chester 148
2. Sesser-Valier 97
3. Okawville 95
4. East Alton-Wood River 61
5. Vienna 51
6. New Athens 21
7. Father McGivney 6
8. Gibault 5
Boys
1. East Alton-Wood River 114
2. Vienna 74
3. Chester 74
4. Okawville 70
5. Red Bud 60
6. Father McGivney 27
7. Dupo 26
8. Gibault 21

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2021 Juneteenth Memorial CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 19
 1:00-3:30pm
 Vernon School Memorial Park SPARTA

1st Annual Community Activist Memorial Celebration

2021 Recipient: Mrs. Rosette Clay
 Please Come Join As We Celebrate Our Own

*To sign-up for the talent showcase Contact: Mrs. Brandi Johnson Rodgers (618) 317-8353 All Ages Welcome
 Deadline: Mon, June 14

All are welcome to this community event & bring your own lawn chairs & blankets

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."
 -James Baldwin

WELCOME & PRAYER Tributes & Award Presentation
 Intermission: Old Skool Block Party Music, Complimentary Food & Drinks

*Talent Showcase Black History Trivia Closing Remarks
 "Lift Every Voice & Sing" (Lyrics Provided)

JUNE-TEENTH
 Commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States, observed on June 19

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Pre-Bidding Opens Saturday, May 29
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Collectibles: Kerosene Lamps, La Belle Pitcher And Bowl Set, Umbrella Vase, Hurricane Lamp, Old Area Rugs, Carnival Glass, Crock Salt Dishes, Mustache Cups, Germany Coffee Cup, Germany Pitcher, Pedestal Cake Plates, Roseville 751-3 In. Candle Holder, Bavaria, Germany, Austria Plates, Germany Bowls, Bavaria China Setting For 12, Crock Bowls, Wooden Butter Mold, Child's China Set, Lunch Pail, Blue Granite Swirl Coffee Pot, Blue Granite Swirl Strainer, Blue Granite Swirl Skillet, Descoware Cast Iron Made In Belgium, Royal Chambord Cast Iron, Le Creuset Cast Iron Dutch Oven And Pots, Weller Matte Green Pottery, Crockery Cookie Jar, Scottie Dog Creamer, Prussia Creamer Cast Iron Skillets, Jungmans Wall Clock With Pendulum, Copper Boiler, Child's Baby Carriage, Picture Frames, Hen On Nest, Alfred Meakin Bowls, Florentine China Setting For 8, Round Butter Dish With Lid, Dresden China Plate, Blue Dish, Ovenware Bowl, Milk Glass, Alfred Meakin Pitcher And Bowl Set, Pie Plates, Pink Depression Divided Dish With Lattice Edge, Alfred Meakin Pitcher, Alfred Meakin Dishes, Cookie Cutters, American Plastic Bricks, Twin Size Crocheted Bedspread, Twin Size Quilts, Wall Clock W/ Pendulum (S) On The Face, Mantle Clock(Needs Repaired), The Jewel Crescent China Setting For 12, Franciscan China Set, 3 Piece Maple Bedroom Set, Oak Childs Chair

Tools-Misc: Grizzly Cast Iron Top Router Table, Pressure Washer, 12 Volt Sprayer With 8 Ft. Boom, Deer Climber Stand, Troy Bilt Push Mower, 3 Pt. Log Splitter, Milwaukee Sliding Compound Miter Saw With Table

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Saturday, June 19 • 9am
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Real Estate Open House
Sunday, June 6 • 1:00-3:00P.M.

Real Estate (To Be Sold At 11:00 A.M.): 1997 16ft. x 80ft. Mobile Home Situated On 1/2 Acre +/- With Trubuilt 30ft. x 40ft. Building With 16 Ft. Garage Door, P.P.# 1-44-0340-131

Terms: 2500.00 Down Day Of Sale Balance Due In 30 Days. Taxes Will Be Prorated To The Date Of Closing. Sold In AS-IS Condition.

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 209 Knapp Ave, Chester. Friday, June 4, 7am-5pm & Saturday, June 5, 7am-noon. Home decor, furniture, men's & women's designer clothing, Children's clothing, toys, seasonal decor, dog cage, brand new designer boots and lots of shoes, multiple pieces of jewelry, Bath & body, perfume, lots of new items, including luggage, like new baby bed, bassinet, Oak hall tree, new farm house room size rug, misc.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 108 Paulette St., Chester. June 4, 8am-6pm & June 5, 7am-noon.

1-6-3 YARD SALE: 309 W. Chestnut, Percy. June 3, 8am-5pm & June 4, 8am-5pm. Clothes, furniture, dishes, lots of misc. items.

1-6-3 GARAGE SALE: Rain or shine. Vintage jewelry, Native American jewelry & books, vintage & antique items, organic gardening supplies, yard & garden chemicals; furniture, galvanized tubs, vintage bird cages, ball canning jars, plant stands, household, decorations, misc. tools, cut glass punch bowls, baskets, Tonka toys, men's Levi jean jackets, smaller size women's clothing, something for everyone! Thursday, June 3, 1-6pm, Friday, June 4, 8am-5pm. 802 E. Sunset Dr., Steeleville.

1-6-3 GARAGE SALE: June 4 & 5, 8am-noon. Allen place off of Riverview, Chester. Yardman tiller, side by side, 3 wheel bicycle, new pack & play, baby things, Christmas decorations, dishes, lots more. Not responsible for accidents.

1-6-3 YARD SALE: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 3-5, 8am-? 313 N. Lewis, Sparta. Bunn coffee maker, small appliances, dishes, hard back western books, clothes & shoes, lots of misc.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Agatha Parish NEW ATHENS
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 All Items Priced

1-6-10 HUGE GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, rain or shine. June 4 & 5 and June 11 & 12, 8am-5pm. 4574 Bodes Lane, Chester. Approx. 1/2 mile off Shawneetown Trail or 3 miles from Cohen Field. Mercedes SLK230, vanities & mirrors, furniture, exercise equipment, dog kennels, trap cages, indoor & outdoor decor, household items, toys, V-Tech, ride on & multi-activities blocks, strollers, bouncers, rock & play, infant & baby accessories, clothing & shoes newborn to 5T (boy's) men's & women's clothing & shoes plus a lot more items.

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of the court under the act. THE COURT HAS THE AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU APPEAR, you will not be entitled to further written notices of publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Julie A. Jany
 Clerk of Court

Jeremy R. Walker #6279989
 Randolph County State's Attorney
 One Taylor Street
 Chester, IL 62233
 618-826-5000, ext. 193
 618-826-3738 (fax)
 attorney@randolphco.org

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of TONY G. COLVIS, Deceased
 No. 2021P34

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Tony G. Colvis of 4207 Globler Road, Chester, Illinois, 62233. Letters of Office were issued on May 18, 2021, to Rita D. Colvis of 4207 Globler Road, Chester, Illinois, 62233, as Executor and whose attorney of record is R. Jeffrey Kerkhaver of Fisher, Kerkhaver, Coffey & Gremmels Law Office, 600 State Street, Chester, Illinois, 62233.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Randolph County Courthouse, #1 Taylor Street, Chester, Illinois, 62233, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 10, 2021, or three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this Notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Within ten days after filing of the Claim with the Clerk, the claimant shall cause a copy of the Claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative of the estate and to the representative's attorney of record.

Dated: May 24, 2021

Rita D. Colvis,
 Executor of the Estate of Tony G Colvis

R. Jeffrey Kerkhaver - Attorney
 R. Jeffrey Kerkhaver - #03127288
 FISHER, KERKHAVER, COFFEY & GREMMELS LAW OFFICE
 Attorney for Estate
 600 State Street
 Chester, IL 62233
 Telephone: (618) 826-5021
 Fax: (618) 826-5024
 Email: fkcglaw@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Estate of Ralph J. Wolter, Deceased
 NO. 2021-P-36

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION AND FOR MAILING OR DELIVERY TO CREDITORS - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Ralph J. Wolter. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2021 to Jacqueline M. Wolter, 8170 State Rte. 3, Evansville, IL 62242, as Independent Administrator, and whose attorney of record is Arbeiter Law Office, 1019 State Street, PO Box 367, Chester, Illinois 62233.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Randolph County Courthouse, Chester, Illinois 62233, or with the representative, or both on or before November 27, 2021, or three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this Notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before said date is void.

Within ten days after filing of the Claim with the Clerk, the claimant shall cause a copy of the Claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative of the estate and to the representative's attorney of record.

Dated: May 21, 2021

Jacqueline M. Wolter,
 Independent Administrator
 By: Arbeiter Law Office
 Attorney

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Trico Community Unit School District No. 176 will accept bids for Dairy, Bakery, Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, and other Petroleum Products, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at which time all bids will be opened at the office of the District Superintendent. Bids will be presented to the Board of Education at approximately 6:30 p.m. on July 19, 2021. Bids are to be mailed to Gina Barlow, District Secretary, or delivered in person to the District Office at 16533 Highway 4, PO Box 220, Campbell Hill, Illinois, 62916. All bids must be sealed and the item being bid identified on the outside of the bid envelope. Bids must be delivered by the specified time in order to be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids will be for the needs of the district for the 2021/2022 school year, beginning approximately August 17, 2021 and ending approximately June 2, 2022. For bid specifications and requirements, contact the District Office, Trico Community Unit School District, 16533 Highway 4, PO Box 220, Campbell Hill, Illinois, 62916, (618) 426-1111, Ext. 1100.

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 Send your resume or work experience synopsis to: Michelle.villagena@htc.net
 You can also pick up an employment application at Village Hall, 905 Spotsylvania St., New Athens, IL 62264

Trico Community Unit School District #176
 Campbell Hill, IL 62916
VACANCY NOTICE
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 2021-2022
 POSTING DATE: MAY 24, 2021
 DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED
 REQUIREMENTS: Proper IL Licensure with appropriate endorsement. Previous successful experience in teaching and school administration. Master's Degree or higher. Valid Driver's License, Pass Background/Fingerprint Check.
Letter Of Application & Resume To:
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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 IN THE INTEREST OF:
 Payton Wittenbrink, Minor
 No. 2021-JA-5
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 Jessica Wagner and Andrew Wittenbrink and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS and to all whom it may concern:

Take notice that on February 4, 2021, a Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by the Randolph County State's Attorney's Office in the Circuit Court of Randolph County entitled in the Interest of Payton Wittenbrink and that in Courtroom No. 2 on June 17, 2021 at the hour of 1:00PM or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, and adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child be declared a ward



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 POSTING DATE: MAY 24, 2021
 DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED
 REQUIREMENTS: Proper Certification is required
 Letter Of Application & Resume To:
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 Campbell Hill, IL 62916
 gbarlow@trico176.org – www.trico176.org
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HELP WANTED
 Gold Plate Program is accepting applications
 In-Home Aides, applicants must have a valid driver license, proof of auto insurance, must be 21 years of age, pass a background check and TB test.
 Full-time Assistant Cook, must have food certification or willing to get it. Monday thru Friday, day shift only. Must be 21 years of age, must pass a background check and TB Test.
 Van Driver, must be 25 years of age, pass a background check, Monday thru Friday, day shift only. Hours may vary.
 All positions send resumes to:
 Gold Plate Program of Perry County
 PO Box 345, Du Quoin, IL 62832 or stop by Gold Plate & Pick Up Application

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION
For POLICE OFFICER
The City Of Chester, IL
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Chester, Illinois, will be accepting written applications for employment as a Full-Time Police Officer for the City of Chester, Illinois.
 Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, possess a valid driver's license, and have no felony convictions and certain misdemeanor convictions. Applicants must submit to an extensive background investigation. Minimum eligibility includes a high school diploma or GED.
 Qualified applicants will need to attend a MANDATORY Orientation meeting to be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at Chester City Hall, located at 1330 Swanwick Street, Chester, Illinois. Introductory information concerning the Chester Police Department, information regarding the testing process and the date of the test and oral interviews will be provided at this meeting.
 Applications can be picked up at Chester City Hall and must be completed and on file with the Mayor's Office no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021. The Mayor's Office is located at 1330 Swanwick Street, Chester, Illinois, 62233. Phone number is 618-826-5114. Be sure to specifically request an application for Full Time Police Officer.
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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 For more information about the Chester Police Department, visit us on our website at www.chesterpolicedepartment.com or on Facebook. EOE

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 Melvin Anderson to Joseph Edmonson Jr. & Nikea J. Edmonson Lt 3 JMcClurken S/D Consideration \$39,000
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 Phillip N. Birchler & Debra J. Birchler to Gregory A. Birchler, Kathleen S. Birchler, Edward L. Birchler & Betty L. Birchler SW Sec 35 4-5 Consideration \$116,000
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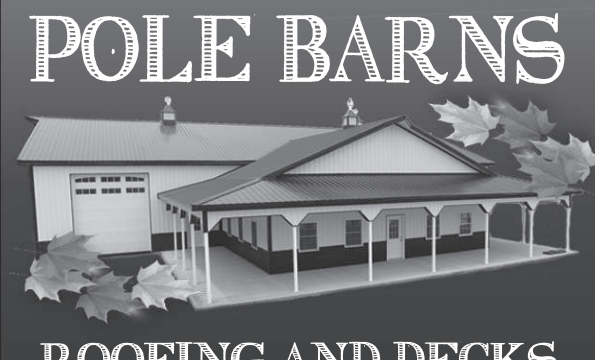
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Randolph County now has resource guide

Area health officials have released a new 60-page book to help connect people in need to various resources in Randolph County.

The Randolph County Resource Guide was developed by several groups including the Randolph County Health Department, ComWell, the Southern Illinois Substance Abuse Alliance's recovery committee,

Western Egyptian, the National Alliance on Mental Illness Southwestern Illinois and all three hospitals in Randolph County.

The guide features everything from support for various illnesses, drug and alcohol rehabilitations and child services to guides to the county's education systems and financial assistance avenues.

The document has

been posted to the Randolph County Health Department and county's websites and the various agencies involved are working to circulate it on social media and have it printed for those who don't have internet.

More information will be released once new formats are made available for the public.

Scammers claim to be from Secretary of State office

Secretary of State Jesse White has issued a warning to Illinoisans regarding texting and email scams from scammers claiming to be from his office.

The scammers are attempting to gather personal information to defraud victims.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

In some instances, the scammers copy the Secretary of State logo and masthead to appear official.

Anyone who receives one of these messages should not click any links or provide any information.

Visiting the sites that are linked could place malware on victims' devices or trick them into disclosing personal information.

The Secretary of State Office will never request personal information such as social security numbers via text or email. If you receive a mes-

sage such as this, delete it immediately. Furthermore, if you receive a phone call, hang up on the caller immediately.

Keeping software such as phone and computer operating systems up to date can also prevent viruses. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new versions are available.

For more information, call the Attorney General's southern Illinois consumer fraud hotline at 1-800-243-0607.

St. Clement grant opportunities

The St. Clement Community Foundation of Red Bud has announced plans to make grant awards to local non-profit agencies and organizations for the support of health care and health education projects.

Grants will be awarded for programs conducted in the service area of the former St. Clement Hospital in Red Bud which includes Randolph County and the St. Clair County communities of Lenzburg, Marissa and New Ath-

ens. Applications can be found on the Foundation's website stclementcf.org under the applications tab.

All applications must be submitted on line by July 15.



Meet Sissy

Sissy is a Boxer mix who gets along well with most other dogs, although she can be a bit picky and other girl dogs might annoy her. She is energetic for her age and travels well. If you are interested in adopting Sissy, contact the Perry County Humane Society at 618-542-3647 or email the shelter at pchsinfo@yahoo.com.

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C'Hill Picnic is on

Planning is under way for this year's Campbell Hill Picnic, which will be held in the park as usual July 23-25.

This year's parade theme is Been There, Seen That. The parade will be held Sun-

day, July 25. The car show will take place Saturday, July 24. There will be live music July 23 and 24.

The picnic is sponsored by the Campbell Hill Fire Department and American Legion.

Lawmakers pass \$42.3 billion budget after 2 a.m.

By Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois
Illinois lawmakers worked into the early hours of Tuesday morning to pass a \$42.3 billion state budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year that Democrats say would fully fund K-12 education and the state's pension obligations while also paying down a sizeable portion of the state's debt.

Lawmakers have been working on the budget since Governor J.B. Pritzker delivered his proposal in February, and it passed on mostly partisan lines.

The job became easier with better-than-expected tax collections this year as well as passage of the federal American Rescue Plan Act, which will provide about \$8.1 billion that the state can spend over the next four fiscal years.

Lawmakers said they plan to use the money for one-time projects such as affordable housing development, public health improvements, violence prevention programs and infrastructure projects.

Republicans, however, complained that the infrastructure

spending was entirely directed by Democrats.

Highlights of the proposed budget include increasing funding for the evidence-based funding plan for K-12 public schools by \$350 million, bringing the total to \$9.2 billion.

It also calls for spending about \$7.5 billion in state general revenues on Medicaid, plus another \$7.4 billion for other human services; \$1.9 billion for higher education; another \$1.9 billion for public safety; and \$1.4 billion for general services.

In addition to those regular items, the plan calls for spending about \$2.5 billion of the ARPA money Illinois expects to receive. Of that, \$1.5 billion would go for things like economic recovery programs to help businesses hardest hit by the pandemic, public health, affordable housing and violence prevention programs like after-school activities, and summer youth employment.

Another \$1 billion of the ARPA funds would be directed into the ongoing Rebuild Illinois capital improvements program to accelerate

some of the projects slated for construction.

Republicans opposed the plan because it also relies on eliminating or delaying the implementation of roughly \$660 million worth of corporate tax cuts and business incentives, which Democrats have termed corporate loopholes.

One of those calls for delaying any further phase-out of the corporate franchise tax, which was a concession Democrats had made to Republicans in 2019 to reach bipartisan agreement on the budget and a \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" capital improvements plan.

The budget bill passed the House minutes before midnight, 72-24. But it took until the early hours of June 1 for the package to come up for a vote in the Senate, thereby triggering a constitutional requirement that it pass by at least a three-fifths majority, or 36 votes.

It passed the Senate with 37 votes after a short debate.

The budget package next goes to Pritzker for his consideration.

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