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Pirates fall to SL The Perryville High School girls varsity basketball team fell 44-40 at Saxonv in a district contest. Tegan Bishop contributed 6 points in the loss. The Pirates finished the 2020-21 season with an overall record of 12-10. 7



No answer

St. Vincent's girls varsity basketball squad was unable to upset top-seeded Oran Friday. Lacey Best scored three points but the Indians fell 55-28. 7



'Reconnected and better connected'

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

Bill Hart, the new director of the Perry County Historical Society, began his new role in mid-December.

At his office, located at the Perryville Higher Education Center (108 South Progress Drive), he assists with the archiving of gifts, helping individuals with genealogical quiries and producing a monthly newsletter.

Prior to answering a question, Hart briefly took a phone call from a woman attempting to get into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"They must prove their lineage to an individual who served in the Revolutionary War," Hart said. "She has a Perry County ancestor that she's trying to verify to the DAR so she can prove that lineage. They need to have that connection, people looking for a copy of their great-great-great....'

His voice trails off, then he mentions the other day he came across an old mar-

riage record, written in Latin from 1839.

The library and archive of the historical society operates at the PHEC is more genealogical, with a focus on research.

The location at the higher education center has been sparsely attended the past several weeks, Hart said. It's where Hart spends most of his time.

"This is the place where I'm parked Monday through Thursday," Hart said.

Hart described getting into historic preservation.

His first job was at the Medical School Library at Washington University in St. Louis.

"I ended up finding that I was interested in historic buildings and architecture," Hart said. "I joined the National Historic trust for historic preservation and moved to a historic neighborhood in the city in St. Louis at the time."

Friends of his purchased a structure in the Lafayette Square.

"I kind of got bit by the historic architecture bug



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/DANIEL WINNINGHAM

Perry County Historical Society executive director Bill Hart stands in the society's archive of county records at the Perryville Higher Education Center. Hart, who began his role with the historical society in mid-December, catalogs donations to the historical society and assists those with genealogical research who may have questions, among other tasks.

then," Hart said. Hart recalled how an

article on educational pro-

grams and historic pres-

ervation in Preservation

News, piqued his interest.

"At the time, I had a ca-

reer and eventually I got to the point where I could go back to school as a non-traditional student," Hart said. "I discovered that there was a historic preservation degree program at SEMO."

He transferred college credit to Southeast Missouri State University, then commuted from St. Louis, eventually earning his degree.

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East Perry Rural Fire Department plans breakfast

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

Local fundraisers and community meals may have taken a backseat to the pandemic, but for organizations that rely on the revenue each year, they're moving forward in certain places.

Sunday, March 7, the East Perry County Rural Fire Department will host a breakfast at the Senior Citizens Hall at the East Perry County Fairgrounds on Church Street in Altenburg,

The fire department has held the breakfast since the department in central Illinois.

The district's coverage area includes the communities of Crosstown, Farrar, Frohna, Altenburg. In addition, the area encompasses portions of Highway U, Highway D, Highway A, Highway C and Highway Y, south to U.S. Highway 61 and adjacent county roads.

"The cities have their own departments and we have ours, and between us, we probably have 25 personnel, not all as active as others." Unger said. "We could always use more."

The department respond-



District defeat

The St. Vincent boys basketball team saw its 2020-21 season come to an end in a seven-point loss to Advance last week. Luke Brickhaus scored two points in the contest. 7

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REPUBLIC-MONITOR/DANIEL WINNINGHAM

Perryville Director of Parks and Recreation Jim Cadwell, cuts the yellow ribbon at a Feb. 25 Perryville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting unveiling the new changes to the Perry Park Center. To the right of Cadwell are maintenance supervisor Keith Riney of the Perry Park Center and Alderman Doug Martin.

Newly remodeled locker rooms unveiled at PPC

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

Earlier this winter, the Perry Park Center was temporarily shut down for a week in February to finish a remodeling project.

Thursday, Feb. 25, was an opportunity to check out the renovation and updates as the Perryville Area

Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting.

"It's a proud moment for Perrvville and the Perry Park Center," said Perryville Ward 2 Alderman Doug Martin. "If you haven't seen it yet, I would invite anyone to come down and check out the renovations to the bathrooms and the facilities. It's a huge upgrade."

The improvements, from "start to fruition" have been in the works for about two years, according to Martin.

"I know the people who have used it or seen it in the last week, the regular patrons, are very excited about it, they're very happy with the changes," Martin said.

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1980s.

The money raised helps with equipment and other items, according to East Perry Fire Association Chief Greg Unger.

"Not very long ago we upgraded one of our trucks at Farrar," Unger said. "We got a newer pumper for back there. It's exciting because we've been looking for a long time for the right truck, and I think we've found it."

Unger pointed out it's not brand new, the pumper is an early 2000s model from a ed to close to 70 calls in 2020, mostly medical, Unger said.

They are involved in search and rescue operations. Recently, the department responded to a propane truck that went into the ditch, for standby.

"We had to wait around, just in case something happened," Unger said, "Your medical emergency stuff, basically.'

Training can be done both

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The East Perry County Rural Fire Department operates out of two firehouses. The one pictured above, in Frohna, and in another one, based in Farrar. The department is hosting a breakfast fundraiser Sunday, March 7.

sees increase in insurance rates

By Justin Hotop jhotop@perryvillenews.com

After two weeks of in-

clement weather postponed

meetings, the Perry County

District No. 32 school board

finally got back together on

terest for the board was the

renewal of health insurance

committee met Feb. 3 and

discussed the insurance

renewal rates. According

to the district's health in-

surance provider Educator

Benefit Association, it is a

The major point of in-

The Salary and Welfare

Wednesday, Feb. 24.

rates.

7.5 percent increase over the rates from last year. The district contribution

will remain at \$650.00 per month. The board approved the health insurance rate increase for 2021-2022 School year.

"While we never want our rates to increase," Perrvville Superintendent Andy Comstock said. "This was something that was expected.'

Later in the meeting, Comstock explained the calculation method used to determine the staffing needed for the next school year based on the calculations, along with the adopted targets for each grade level, the number of teachers needed to achieve these targets, current staffing numbers per grade level, and the difference between needed and current staff numbers.

Comstock continued onto his superintendent's report that included updating the board on the various renovations on the campus grounds and some issues with the building heating elements. Some summer projects were discussed that pertained to help maintain the campus grounds. A discussion was had regarding the components being considered in developing the 2021-2022 academic calendar options. The calendar committee members are meeting and discussing several calendar options. Parent Teacher conferences are being held next week, some will be face-to-face and some virtual.

The meeting started off by recognizing the board members for the annual School Board Week. Each member received a certificate of appreciation and Donna Steffens Kindergarten class made thank you

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Perryville Police Department: (573) 547-4546. Perry County Sheriff's Office: (573) 547-4576.



POLICE REPORTS

The Perryville Police Department has released its latest report of incidents and arrests:

Incidents include: Officers responded to 24 S. Walnut on Feb. 17 in reference to a reported leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on Feb. 21 for a reported harassment incident.

Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on Feb.23 for an individual turning in a cell phone found at Grand Avenue and Highway 51.

Officers responded to S. Main St. on Feb. 26 in reference to a reported leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

were: Danielle N. Martinez, 33, Perryville by officers on Feb.

11 on a Cape Girardeau Police Department warrant for failure to appear for stealing.

Arrest does not imply guilt.

SHERIFF REPORTS



The Perry County Sheriff's Office has released its latest report of arrests.

Arrest does not imply guilt. Among those arrested were: Robert Edward Thomas, 26, Sparta by officers on Feb. 23 on a Perry County warrant for delivery of 35 grams or less of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Travis Lynn Whitehair, 23, Marion, Ky., by officers on Feb. 24 on a Perry County warrant for failure to appear for passing a bad check. Danielle Nicole Martinez. 32, Perryville by officers on

Among those arrested Feb. 24 on a Perry County warrant for failure to appear for tampering with a motor vehicle.

Brittany Carol Minks, 25, Perryville by officers on Feb. 25 on a Desloge Police Department warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

Robert Eugene Howard, 52, Germantown, Wis. by MSHP on Feb. 26 on a New Madrid County warrant for failure to appear for speeding.

Thomas Michael Logan Yates, 26, St. Mary by officers on Feb. 27 on a Perry County warrant for trespass first degree.

Sarah Renee Helmers, 32, homeless by officers on March 1 on a Perry County warrant for fraudulent use of a credit/ debit device.

■ Mark Daniel Schrum, 32, Farmington by officers on March 1 on a Perry County warrant for probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

 Harley David Hilderbrand, 31, Herculaneum by officers on March 1 on Perry County warrants for two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear for speeding and no seatbelt.



MSHP: look for boat damage

For the Republic-Monitor

Warmer temperatures mean spring is on the way and with it comes more opportunities to enjoy Missouri's lakes and rivers. To ensure everyone's safety, the Missouri State Highway Patrol stresses the importance of being aware and courteous while boating.

This winter's ice and heavy snow combinations have caused damage to some boat docks. Dock owners should wear life jackets when assessing and repairing damaged docks. Using the buddy system means someone is there to assist you if you end up in the water. Remember that

Setting it straight

damaged electric wires around docks should be treated as if they are live. Ameren guidelines recommend monthly ground fault circuit interrupter testing of electric equipment and bonding wires. This includes both the dock and the power supply to the dock being inspected regularly by a qualified electrician.

Remember: If you feel a shock, swim away from the dock.

Any boats operating in areas where dock damage has occurred are encouraged to operate at no wake idle speed. This prevents further damage and increases safety for those working on the docks.

After a long winter, it is important to make sure your boat is ready to launch. Check to see that you have all the necessary equipment, and thoroughly inspect your vessel for fuel and water leaks before you head out on the water. Going through your equipment checklist is a must, and life jackets should be at the top of the list.

Life jackets must be worn or readily accessible to be compliant with state law. Wearing your life jacket is always the safer bet.

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The following lane closures will be in place on I-55: northbound work will extend from mile marker 117 to mile marker 129; southbound work will extend from mile marker 123 to mile marker 117.

Weather permitting, work will begin Thursday, March 11, with completion anticipated Monday, May 31.

The work zones will be





marked with signs. Motorists neer Brian Holt (573) 243are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near these areas.

For additional information, contact Resident Engi0899, MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit modot.org/ southeast.

• The article on page 1A and 8A in the Feb. 25, 2021 edition of the Republic-Monitor regarding the community college feasibility study had the wrong tax rates. A new community college district is proposing a tax levy of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Mineral Area College's tax rate is 48 cents per \$100 of assessed value. All Missouri community colleges are taxed per \$100.

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- 2. Clues to the location of the medallion will be published each Thursday in The Republic-Monitor. \$100 will be given to the person who finds and brings the medallion to our office (during business hours) before 4 p.m. Tuesday following the publication of each set of clues.
- 3. In the event the medallion is not found within the allotted time, \$50 will be added to the prize money the following week.
- 4. Employees of the Republic-Monitor and members of their household are not eligible to win.
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The Perry County Farm Bureau donated agriculture-related books to Riverside Regional Library in recognition of "Thank-A-Farmer Week." From left, are Melissa Haymaker, Perryville Branch Manager; middle back, Dianna Koenig, Perry County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Co-Chair and University of **Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Program** Associate; and, right, June Ernst, Perry County Farm **Bureau Promotion and Education Co-Chair & Library Board Member.**





THANK A FARMER WEEK Farm Bureau donates books

For the Republic-Monitor

In honor of Thank A Farmer Week, accurate agriculture books have been donated by Perry County Farm Bureau to the Riverside Regional Libraries in Perryville and Altenburg and a display is set up. Check out the books, "Tales of the Dairy Godmother" and "Sleep Tight Farm". Also, pick up a copy of the free Agriculture is Everywhere tabloid from the library to learn more about Missouri agriculture.

Thanks to farmers in Perry County, in Missouri, and around the world consumers have food choices, clothing, transportation, shelter and so much more! Missouri Farm Bureau, Perry County Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureau's across the state are joining forces to celebrate the importance of agriculture, February 28-March 6, during Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer will have to grow about 70 Week!

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Missouri dropped from 99,171 on 28.5 million acres of land in 2012 to 95,320 on 27.8 million acres.

Despite the drop in farm numbers and acreage, Missouri continues to rank among the top 10 states in production of major commodities and provides an \$88.4 billion economic impact.

America's farms and farmers are the most productive in the world. Each farm annually produces enough food and fiber for 166 people, 106 in the U.S. and 60 abroad.

American consumers benefit from this bounty, yet spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food. By 2050 the global population is expected to increase by 2.2 million people. Farmers

percent more food than is now produced.

With all that they produce, it is remarkable that farm and ranch families account for less than two percent of the U.S. population. Across the United States, there are two million farms with 3.4 million farm operators.

This number includes owners, their families, hired workers, tenants and renters or sharecroppers. Many farms today find multiple generations working together to produce food and fiber.

A recent study commissioned by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri Farm Bureau confirmed that agriculture is the top industry in our state with a contribution of some \$88.4 billion to the economy. The study further revealed that 378,232 jobs, \$2.2 billion in state/local taxes and \$17.5 billion in labor income are derived from agriculture. In Perry County, the study showed agriculture contributes \$1.1 billion to the economy, 3,908 in county jobs, \$50.2 million in state/local taxes and \$125.6 million in labor income.

Agriculture matters to all of us. Food, clothing, fuel, medicine, entertainment, sports equipment, personal care products, school supplies, the list goes on – all would be much different without it.

"Agriculture is important to our daily lives and our community. Because 98 percent of the population doesn't farm, it is easy to take for granted the importance of our farmers," Dianna Koenig, Perry County Promotion & Education co-chairperson says. "Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week is a great time to recognize the important contribution made by farmers!"

Circuit court to implement changes

For the Republic-Monitor

Prospective jurors in Perry County will soon be able to choose to communicate with the court by text or e-mail as the Perry County Circuit Court implements the new Show-Me Jury system.

Perry County Circuit Court will mail new

online and choose how they want the court to let them know if they have been excused or disqualified for serving or if their service has been postponed or canceled. It really has made jury service so much more convenient for our citizens."

Here is how Missouri's new Show-Me Jury system works:

whether by postal service, e-mail or even text message. For prospective jurors who remain in the pool of qualified jurors after completing their questionnaires, the local court still will send the summons via postal mail.

• Potential jurors who believe they are not qualified for jury service under state law can follow the online instructions to submit their necessary documentation

• For potential jurors who provide the appropriate contact information, the Court can notify them by text message or e-mail before they report for service if their service is no longer needed.

For potential jurors who do not have access to a computer or who prefer not to communicate information had a break of service

confidential information over the telephone call or by e-mail. The Show-Me Jury system is designed to give citizens a choice how they want to communicate with their local courts about potential jury service. Any telephone call or e-mail threatening the recipient with fines or jail time for failure to comply are fraudulent, are in no way connected with Missouri courts and should be reported to local law enforcement officials.

"Juries are a hallmark of the American justice system, and we truly appreciate the willingness of our citizens to serve as jurors," Hotop said. "Through the Show-Me Jury system, we hope to make their service much easier and more convenient."

Potential jurors have due to the suspension of jury trials during the coronavirus pandemic. The Circuit Clerk's office is ready to resume jury trials with safety protocols in place once the Judges make that decision.

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Obituaries

Stephen D. Foster

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Stephen Foster

Stephen D. Foster, 77, of Perryville passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at

his home. He was born April 22, 1943 in Menfro to Dennis Burton and Stella Marie (Walker) Foster.

He and Georgia Ann DePauw were married June 22, 1963 in Perryville. She preceded him in death Feb. 17, 2012.

He was baptized in the Catholic Faith

Stephen was supervisor at Prince Gardner in St. Mary, and Marked Tree Arkansas for over 20 years. Lastly ship-

ping supervisor at Ste. Genevieve Manufacturing. Stephen was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved gardening and caring for his flowers.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra (Doug) Brackemyre of Sullivan, Ill. and Dawn M. (Doug Jr.) Frans of Marked Tree, Ark.; one sister, Shirley Saddler of Texas; one brother, Sidney (Kay) Foster of Sainte Genevieve; five grandchildren, Josh Moran, Christopher Moran, Caleb Brackemyre, Steven Wright and Michelle Wright; and several great-grandchilren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Georgia Ann Foster; and two sisters, Gladys Thomure and Jeannie Armbruster.

Graveside Service will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2021 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery in Belgique with the Deacon Direk Hunt officiating.

Burial will be at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery in Belgique.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or St. Jude Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce K. Orman

PERRYVILLE



Bruce

Orman

his residence surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 7, 1951 in St. Louis, son of Marvin Orman and Amanda (Propst) Orman. He and Deborah Barnes were united in marriage on Jan. 23, 1971 and she survives in Perryville.

Bruce Kevin Orman, 69, of Per-

ryville, passed away on Feb. 8, 2021 at

Bruce worked as a self-employed auto glass and wheel repair man.

He is survived by his wife Deborah, two sons Bruce Orman Jr and Brad Orman and one daughter Erica Lindsey; one brother Kenneth Orman; eight

grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Marvin Douglas Orman, two sisters Phoebe Lueders, and Patricia Byington, one daughter in law, Jamie Orman, one grandson, Derrick Orman, and one granddaughters fiancé, Jeremy Littleton

Liley Funeral Homes in Marble Hill, was in charge of the arrangements.

Vera C. Schuessler

PERRYVILLE

Carl A. Schemel

PERRYVILLE

Carl A. Schemel, 66, of Perryville passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born July 18, 1954 in Perryville to John Sylvester and Lutrudis Caroline (Wibbenmeyer) Schemel.

He and Janet Lint Schemel were married on Dec. 27, 1980. She survives in Perrvville.

Carl worked in construction for many years. He was a member of the Catholic faith, Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, Active member of the VFW, Amvets, Sportsman Club, and Wittenberg Boat Club. He loved fishing, hunting, outdoors, playing cards with friends and spending time with grandkids.

Survivors include three sons, Nathan (Lindsay) Schemel, Jerremy (Cecile) Schemel and Christopher (Katie) Schemel

all of Perryville; seven grandchildren, Taylor, Carlie and Lexi Schemel, Riley and Makenna Schemel, Carter Schemel and Gabby (Zach) Rollet; two brothers, Michael (Cathy) Schemel of Jackson, and Dale (Debbie) Schemel of Perryville; three sisters, Kathy Cowan of Biehle, Gera (Donnie) Legrand of Benton, and Denise (Rich) Pudlo of St. Louis. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law Kevin Cowan.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville with Rev. Rich Wehrmeyer officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Family Use.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Weinhold

JACKSON

Clarence Weinhold, 79, of Jackson, passed away Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, in Fruitland.

He was born Sept. 17, 1941, in Cape Girardeau, son of Edgar and Sylvia Kassel Weinhold. He and Mary DeBlois were married June 9, 1979

Clarence was a Deacon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Perryville. He was a farmer, and a truck driver for various farm related businesses. He enjoyed quilting and especially being with his family. Loving survivors include his wife, Mary, of Jackson; siblings, Marvin Weinhold of Frohna, Darlene Weinhold of California, Marian (Larry) Jarvinen of Michigan, Rev. Terry (Deborah) Weinhold of St. Charles, Gladys (Russell) Barclay of Kentucky, William (Kathy) Weinhold of Oak Ridge, Pauline (Donald) Bothmann, Daniel Weinhold, and Richard Weinhold all of Frohna; step daughter, Darlene of Nebraska; step son, Michael of Missouri; one grandson Todd (Kate) Moll; five great-grandchildren, Tori, Kiera, Holly, Serenity, and Destiny Moll.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lela Butery and Janice Weinhold. There will be no services at this time.

Memorials may be sent to McCombs Funeral Home for expenses. Sympathy messages may be sent to the family on-line at www.mccombsfuneralhome.com.

Clinton D. Pingel

CROSSTOWN

Clinton David Pingel,64, passed away Dec. 18, 2020 after battling cancer.

He was best known for his sense of humor and his love for ot digging often done with his nephew, Jeff Pingel

MDC reopens Cape Nature Center

For the Republic-Monitor

The Missouri Department of Conservation opened its Southeast Regional Office in Cape Girardeau on March 1 and Cape Girardeau Nature Center on March 2 following extensive analysis of local COVID-19 positivity rates, hospitalization rates, and vaccination data.

The campus was closed Dec. 21, due to rising COVID-19 concerns.

The Southeast Regional Office opened to the public and will resume its regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning March 1. Staff will be available by phone at (573) 290-5730 or in-person to assist the public with MDC-related requests. Those requesting assistance in-person are required to wear face masks and social distance.

The Cape Nature Center resumes its regular operating hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The nature center's trails and other outdoor areas will remain open. Outdoor and virtual programs will continue as planned. Participants of in-person, outdoor and indoor events will be required to wear facemasks and social distance. For more information, call Cape Girardeau Nature Center at (573) 290-5218.

"Conservation is an important part of our lives. We all need places to enjoy nature for both our physical and mental health," said MDC Regional Administrator Tony Jaco. "Our trails and grounds remained open throughout the pandemic and soon our buildings will be open once again for programs and public service. Though we have always been available by phone and email, we are pleased to once again be able to serve the residents of southeast Missouri via in-person services. We are very happy to welcome everyone back to our facilities."

Jaco said COVID-19 protocols are in place and "we will continue to follow the Cape Girardeau County mask mandate, as well as any other state and local recommendations on occupancy restrictions or mitigation practices."

MDC regional teams are currently assessing the temporary closure of regional offices, nature centers, and public contact offices around the state. For more information on MDC or to contact MDC offices, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov.

NATURE PROGRAMS

Kick off spring with the Missouri Department of Conservation's Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center free nature program lineup, including two featured events on March 20: Hiking: Recreating Responsibly with Kids at 9:30 a.m. and Discover Nature: Explore Maintz Wildlife Preserve at 1 p.m.

Hiking: Recreating Responsibly with Kids | March 20, from 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Not sure if you can pick that flower, or maybe you want to roll that log over? Take a walk with MDC Cape Nature Center Manager Laci Prucinsky and MDC volunteer Leah Harris and explore different ways to hike and experience nature that are both safe for us and safe for the plants and animals.

To ensure the safety of all, this program requires participants to observe physical distancing and wear a face covering. All family members that plan to attend must be registered.

Discover Nature: Explore Maintz Wildlife Preserve March 20, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Meet MDC Naturalist Cameron Johnston at Maintz Wildlife Preserve in Oak Ridge to get a closer look at what makes the area a spectacular place to visit. While there won't be time to see all 804 acres, you'll discover a few parts of the preserve that offer a diverse array of recreational opportunities, such as: fishing, birdwatching, and archery.

Advance registration is encouraged for all programs and can be completed online at www.mdc.mo.gov/southeastevents.

Memorial Celebration

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Schemel

Vera C. Schuessler, 84, of Perryville passed away Friday, February 26, 2021 at the Jackson Manor.

She was born April 16, 1936 in Altenburg to Paul and Agnes (Meyer) Schuessler.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville.

Survivors include one sister, Norma Schuessler of Perryville; twin sister, Verna Dambach of Perryville; niece, Jeanell Hotop of Perryville and nephew, Jerry Dambach of Benton, five great nephews and one great niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-inlaw, Thurman Dambach.

Visitation was on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 and Monday, March 1, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Service was Monday, March 1, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville with Rev. Joseph Schlie officiating.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Perryville. Memorial contributions may be given to Immanuel Luther-

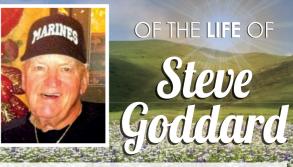
an Radio Broadcast or American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his siblings, Cletus Pingel, Timothy Pingel, Darren Pingel, and Tracy Hanquist along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eldon and JoDean Pingel, brother, John Garavaglia, and sisters, Tina Luckey and Tawnya Pingel.

A small graveside service will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery in Crosstown on Mar. 7, 2021 at 2 p.m.





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New Arrivals

Mathayus Alexzander Hunt



Mathayus

Hunt

Derek and Audria Hunt of Perryville announce the birth of their son Mathayus Alexzander Hunt. He was born at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at Perry County Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mathayus was welcomed home by

Evangeline, 6 and Vincent, 4. Maternal grandparents are John and

Jennifer Galeski of Perryville and Gerald Miller of Lindstrom, Minn.

Maternal great-grandparents are Karen and Randy Blechle of Ellis Grove, Ill.

Silas Joshua Robert Boyer



Joshua and Megan (Brewer) Boyer of Fredericktown announce the birth of their son Silas Joshua Robert Boyer. He was born at 4:47 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Stef Brewer, Alisa and Carl Pingel of Perryville. Maternal great-grandparents are Mary Ann Thompson, Jim Brewer, Sonny

Silas Boyer

and Dorothy Wright. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Allison Boyer of Marquand. Paternal great-grandparents are Larry and Sue Boyer, Ronald Cook and Patricia (Ron) Cook Pense

Colt August Swift

Jesse and Kendra Swift of Perryville announce the birth of their son Colt August Swift. He was born at 3:55 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Southeast Missouri Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Colt was welcomed home by one sister.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Viola Schilli of Perryville.

Paternal grandparents are Brian and Molly Swift of St. Louis.

Effie Vivian Unverferth

Chris Ochs and Samantha Unverferth of Perryville announce the birth of their daughter Effie Vivian Unverferth.

She was born at 11:18 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She weighed 3 pounds, 11 ounces and was 17 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Therese Unverferth of Perryville. Paternal grandparents are Wayne and Brenda Ochs of Perryville.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Perry County Farm Bureau Board member Dave Ernst, left, is presents Riverside Regional Altenburg Branch librarian Eunice Schlichting with two books explaining how ice cream is made and seasons on the farm. The presentation was made in support of Thank a Farmer Week, which is Feb. 28 through March 6.

DHSS partners with area to ensure vaccine access

For the Republic-Monitor

JEFFERSON CITY. MO - A program designed to assist older Missourians with accessing COVID-19 vaccine launched today. In partnership with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Missouri's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) will assist seniors with online vaccination registration, coordinate round trip transportation to and from their vaccination appointments, and conduct reminder calls for seniors' second doses.

"Navigating the web and registering online can be a challenge for seniors, so we're working closely with the AAAs to provide hands-on assistance with the process and make sure that folks have safe transportation to their appointments, " said Jessica Bax, Director of the Division of Senior and Disability Services. "This partnership with the AAAs will ensure all Missouri seniors are able to access their vaccine."

Seniors age 60 and older can seek assistance with the vaccination registration process by calling their local AAA, Aging Matters 573-335-2482.

"AAAs are a trusted resource, rooted in every community across the State of Missouri," said Ann McGruder, Executive Director of the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging. "They are dedicated to serving seniors and meeting all their needs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. AAAs will play a vital role as DHSS works to ensure that every older Missourian has access to a COVID-19 vaccine."

All Missourians age 65 and older are currently eligible for vaccination. Additionally, those with certain high-risk health factors are also eligible now. More information is available at MOStopsCovid.com/seniors

Staying on task can be difficult sometimes

By Amy Bartels Univ. of Mo. Extension

The tendency toward distraction and staying on task can be even more difficult in our post-pandemic culture. Returning to the workplace and balancing the desire for social interaction with the increased pace of productivity can leave many feeling overwhelmed and frustrated. With overstimulation from emails, texts and the internet, it is becoming more and more difficult to stay focused and productive throughout the day. Here are a few tools to keep you on track: Drowning out noise. Workplace distractions can decrease one's focus. White noise machines, earplugs or headphones with classical music can provide great relief when trying to focus in a busy environment.

Pomodoro technique. The idea of staying focused for five hours can seem daunting. The Pomodoro technique (originating from a tomato-shaped kitchen timer) helps to break this chore into manageable increments. Here's how it works. 1. Remove all distractions: Close emails, silence phones and shut office door if applicable.

■ 2. Set a timer for 25 minutes (one "Pomodoro").

■ 3. Work solely on one task, completely uninterrupted, for 25 minutes.

■ 4. Once the timer goes off, take a short break (chat with colleagues, walk around or meditate).

■ 5. After completing four "Pomodoros," take a longer break of 15 or 20 minutes to rest your brain before the next round.

Staying active. Take active breaks during the day by walk-

ing around or climbing stairs. Stretching, standing, even pacing while on a phone call can help alleviate the tendency for your mind to wander. Exercise releases dopamine, which can "wake up your brain" and allow you to regain focus.

Do not disturb. Being firm about setting boundaries and making it clear to others that you are in "work mode" can keep your brain focused on the task at hand. Set up a time-blocking calendar, but also keep in mind that some interruptions may be unavoidable.





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FROM PAGE 1 cards for the board.

The board consists of President Jamie Robinson. Vice President Richard Dix, and members Kathy Carron, Mark Gremaud, Mary Bauwens, Kevin Bachmann and Nancy Voelker. School Board Recognition week was held Feb. 14-20.

"We have a lot of tenure on the board and they have seen a lot and use a lot of historical facts to help in their decision making," Comstock said. "I'm

Breakfast

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at the fire station as well as out in the field, according to Unger

'We try to do some training in house, watch some videos and that kind of stuff," he said. "It depends on the weather. We'd much rather be able to get out and practice with the trucks because that's a lot more interesting. We've got to try to keep up with the training.'

The department receives revenue from homeowners? fire tag fees (\$40 for the first one, \$10 for other properties) and uses a couple of fundraisers to offset those.

"We get tag fees from our tag holders, plus the money we raise from this," Unger said. "We have another fundraising in conjunction with Hemmann Winery that raises funds for the firefighters and the medical staff. It all goes toward upgrading equipment and getting what we need. Anything that's designated for fire service is a lot more expensive. You could probably buy something similar out in the public that doesn't cost

blessed that I have a great board to work with and we want to recognize the countless hours they put in to make us better.'

The board continued to look at different policies received from the Missouri School Board Association. They range from amending how the district is to look at student transfers from outside the district and how it affects their class credits, to how students are to be interviewed by police officials.

will be held at its regular time on March 10.

ignation it's for firefighting, it adds to the cost."

in Farrar replaces a 1978 model.

it was showing problems," Unger said of the older equipment."

The newly purchased pumper is now incorprated into the department's fleet.

"It took a few weeks but we got it in service as soon as

As for the upcoming breakfast, serving the attendees is a group effort.

board and volunteers all help with it, and it all adds up," Unger said. "It helps us to stay viable as a department because our tag fees obviously aren't that great. We need all the extra (revenue) we can get to keep things operational.'

Sunday's event takes place from 7 a.m. to noon. The menu includes sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and hash browns. There will be a free will donation at the annual event. Gilster Mary Lee is donating the pancake mix while M&M Meats is donating all of the pork sausage.

Hart

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"It can be all over the place academically because historic preservation embodies so many things, material culture, archives and historic records, historic architecture, archeology is a part of historic preservation, museums are a part of historic preservation," Hart said.

Prior to his role with the

The next board meeting

near as much. You put the des-

The newer pumper housed

"Like anything with age,

we could," Unger said.

"The (fire department)

Hart mentions he recently was given an ash tray from Lueckel funeral home, which hasn't been open in decades

"It basically has artifacts, old furniture, they have a doctor's office," Hart said.

Museum hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. Additional tour hours are available by appointment.

Hart isn't involved with tours at the museum but he soon will be able to show individuals the Faherty house (which is supposedly the oldest structure in Perryville, constructed between 1827 and 1831), now frozen in the time of the 19th century, with family portraits, providing a slice of life from an earlier time period. The Faherty house is open by appointment only, and has a kitchen portraying the 1828-1840, along with a couple of rooms more in the 1870s or 1880s style. The historical society's library and archive used to be by Faherty house, 11 South Spring Street, until it outgrew that space.

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The newly remodeled locker rooms at the Perry Park Center provide private changing areas and showers for users.

The remodeled areas pro-

Family dressing rooms,

"We've never had that

Cadwell said, are a real

before," he said. "If you

had a mom or dad with lit-

tle kids, how do you change

they're opposite sex. We've

had parents with adult chil-

dren, maybe with disability

or something and need help.

The family changing rooms

bathroom, stool and sink."

There also were two

showerheads installed by the

baby pool for users to rinse

off prior to getting into the

have been aware of the

changes earlier, the Feb. 25

Chamber event was an op-

portunity to make the the

local business community

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Perryville was the contrac-

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Center are on the way, ac-

provement plan and there

are some things further out

but this next year there are

a few maintenance issues,"

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uled for 2022, Cadwell not-

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Additional more long-

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Cadwell said.

Feb. 15," Cadwell said.

While regular users may

pool.

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'game changer.'

PPC

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Frequent visitors have likely been aware of the changes for a few weeks.

"We remodeled the locker rooms," said Perryville Director of Parks and Recreation Jim Cadwell. "Before there was just some changing stalls, kind of like a dressing room like at a department store.'

An open shower area in both the men's and women's locker rooms previously had six showerheads. That's been replaced with a more modern set-up that is probably viewed as more fami-

"What we've done is where the showers used to be, we made those into family changing rooms," Cadwell said. "The individual changing stalls we've converted to

Users now will be able to shower and change in com-

The Perry Park Center ity up-to-date.

Cadwell said, is not as com-

"People don't really like

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PPC roof in need of repairs

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

The city of Perryville may soon be looking at additional Perry Park Center repairs that originally weren't planned for a couple more years.

"Currently, we are finding leaks almost every day or two," Parks and Recreation Director Jim Cadwell said in a Feb. 25 memorandum to city adminstrator Brent Buerck. "I don't know if this was related to all of the ice, snow and cold weather we had recently. Regardless, staff feels that we should replace the pool (roof) and flat roof over the library, offices and locker rooms."

The topic was discussed briefly at Tuesday's Board of

Aldermen meeting.

"We've got CTS looking at that," Buerck said. "There is some condensation coming down, a lot of things at play, part of that section of the roof will need replaced."

In the near future, the city will be looking askings for request for proposals and get more details about repair specifications.

"This storm two weeks ago really brought some things to light," Buerck said.

Riverside Roofing Company LLC of Cape Girardeau, which has been out multiple times to investigate the situation, provided a proposal Feb. 22 that had separate plans for repairs to the pool area, gym area and theatre portion of the building.



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MARCH IS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury-or TBI-caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging brain cells.

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- Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- Loss of consciousness (passed out/knocked out). Even a

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private showers."

plete privacy.

was constructed in 1999 and the locker room changes are just part of keeping the facil-

'We're always trying to make improvements," Cadwell said. "It just needed an upgrade. If anybody has ever redone their bath, they get it."

The more open shower, mon anymore.

that," Cadwell said.

historical society, Hart said the archiving wasn't something he had a great deal of experience with.

"Before this, I wasn't really involved in the paper record of historic preservation," he noted.

Hart has a degree in historic preservation. He also studied architecture as part of a graduate program at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

"I worked for about eight years as a general contractor and developer, I did mostly historic building rehab," Hart said. "It's been really good for me because I feel better connected to my own history here."

His family has been in the Perry County region since before Missouri gained statehood in 1821. His great-great-grandfather, Thomas J. Hart, emigrated before 1820s and married Elizabeth Layton, the daughter of Bernard Layton, who was one of the founders of Perryville. Bernard Layton donated land obtained through a Spanish land grant that eventually became Perryville.

"I feel reconnected and better connected, now that I have more of a historic background in education," Hart said. "I can provide a better service to people who are researching their families in Perry County because I just know from osmosis what a Uniontown name is or what religion someone was probably so I could be looking for their family in the graveyard at whatever church.'

The Perry County Historical Society also operates a museum, at 601 Freedom Park Drive, by the Perry Park Center.

It openeed for the season March 2.



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Crusaders edge Pirates in Saxony's Class 5 debut

GIRLS BASKETBALL SAXONY LUTHERAN 44

PERRYVILLE 40 By Justin Hotop jhotop@perryvillenews.com

Saxony Lutheran started the third quarter hot from the field when Maddox Murphy and Sydney Turner hit jump shots that stretched the Crusader lead to double digits and forced Perryville coach Angela Fulton to call a timeout.

She told her team during the break that the game could go either way, depending on how her team responded.

The Pirates responded well, but it still could not pull out the win. Saxony Lutheran edged Perryville 44-40 in the opening round of the Class 5, District 1 tournament on Saturday at Saxony High School. Despite the loss, it was the lowest margin of defeat for Perryville in a district tournament game in eight seasons.

"We were down 10 there and the game could have gotten away from us," Fulton said. "We don't quit and that was awesome. They played their hearts out."

After the timeout, the Pirates got hot from beyond the arc. Perryville senior Leah Buerck made a pair of threes and Ciara Ehlers made one of her own as the Pirates went on a 15-6 run to take the lead on a basket by Rachel Riney with 1:15 left in the third quarter. Tegan Bishop gave



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A pair of Saxony Lutheran defenders contest a threepoint shot by Perryville senior Leah Buerck on Saturday. Buerck had six points in the game, all on 3-pointers.

Perryville its biggest lead of the game at 30-27 with less than one minute to go.

"I knew a 10 point lead wasn't going to be enough," Saxony coach Lance Tollison said. "We did enough. We got some stops at the right times and rebounds at the right time."

Saxony responded with a 6-0 run to take a 33-30 lead going into the final quarter.

Saxony Lutheran was led by Emma Dunning, who had 13 points, while Alice Hogendobler and Emma Voelker each had seven points. Perryville was led by Ehlers with 13 points while Kyla Schnurbusch had nine points. Riney, Buerck, and Bishop all had six points for Perryville as the starters scored every point for the Pirates in the game. Every one of the eight players who saw the floor for Saxony scored at least two points. Neither team shot well in the game as Perryville shot 27 percent from the field and 25 percent from three. Saxony made just 29 percent from the field and 17 percent from distance.

"We had to limit them to one shot," Tollison said. "For the most part I thought we did that."

But every time Perryville got close, Saxony had an answer.

Back-to-back baskets from Schnurbusch and Riney SEE GIRLS/PAGE 8

Hornet pressure wears down Indians in district semifinal

By Justin Hotop jhotop@perryvillenews.com

As St. Vincent kept it close for much of the night, however Advance wore down St. Vincent in the fourth quarter and walked away with a 64-57 victory in the Class 2, District 3 tournament on Thursday at Advance High School.

"We knew going in that it would be a tough game because they are," St. Vincent coach Bruce Valleroy said. "I thought as the game went on we wore down. We stood around a little too much on offense at times and we had trouble with their pressure. We don't see that during the season and it's totally different when you play against it."

The Indians committed 21 turnovers in the game, but 11 in the second half and seven in the fourth quarter as the pressure from Advance's full court press and then in the second half, their half-court trap.

Advance (20-5) extended what was a four-point lead entering the final quarter to nine at 54-45, but Evan DeWilde and Jon Wibbenmeyer helped spark a 6-0 run with a pair of baskets, that cut the Advance advantage to just three at 54-51 with just under four minutes remaining in the game and forced an Advance timeout.

After the short break Jaren Schrader hit jumpers on consecutive baskets to stretch the lead to seven and then the wheels fell off the offense as the Indians made just one



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St. Vincent senior Phillip Ernst meets an Advance defender at the rim as he attempts a lay-up. Ernst accounted for 13 points and 20 rebounds in the contest.

shot in the rest of the game.

"I tried to sub kids in and out as much as I could, but at times we let the pressure of their defense get to us," Valleroy said. "When you come south you better come ready to play."

John Wibbenmeyer had 19 points and six assists to lead the Indians, while Phillip Ernst added 13 points and 20 rebounds. Shawn Koishor chipped in 10 points and six rebounds. Advance was led by Hayden Hitt with 23 points, including all seven of the 3-pointers for the Hornets. Landon Dailey added 18 points and Schrader scored 13 points.

The game saw Advance strike the first blow as they opened the game on a 9-2 run after DeWilde opened the scoring for St. Vincent with a 3-pointer. The teams went back and fourth from there as Wibbenmeyer hit a three and Ernst put the Indians ahead 10-9 with 2:45 left in the first quarter. Wibbenmeyer hit another three to stop an 11-all deadlock and Blake Monier ended the first quarter with an old-fashioned three-point play in the waning seconds to give St. Vincent a 17-14 lead after the opening frame. St. Vincent closed that quarter

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Oran's height too much for SV in district title game

GIRLS BASKETBALL Oran 55, St. Vincent 28

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sparked a 32-4 run for the rest of the half. St. Vincent scored all their points from the free throw line in the final 14 minutes of the first half. The Eagles led 35-8 at the halftime break.

just wasn't meant to be."

To emphasize Kirn's point, the Indians made seven field goals in the game, and just two shots in the first half, while Oran made 22 shots in the contest, many of them coming off game, Kim knows that his Indians were beaten by the better team on the night. Kim would not be surprised if Oran made a run in the Class 2 playoffs.

"They should go far," Kim said. "It's going to take a good team to beat them that can match up with their size. There is not a weak spot on their team. I think we might have been beaten by the state champions."

As the old saying goes, "you can't teach height." The St. Vincent girls found that out the hard way.

Oran used its height to its advantage early and often as they took down St. Vincent 55-28 in the Class 2, District 3 tournament championship game Feb. 25. With the victory, the Oran girls' hoops program claimed its eighth straight district title.

"Even when they take a girls out, that person is still taller than our tallest person," St. Vincent girls coach Mel Kim said. "They had seven or eight girls that way it seemed and you can't beat that. We tried to go man-to-man and matchup with them that way, but we couldn't handle their screens. I REPUBLIC-MONITOR/JUSTIN HOTOP

St. Vincent senior Zoey Wibbenmeyer drives baseline against Oran's Katie Webb in the first half of the district championship game.

thought we did a good job boxing out, but when the rebound comes out high all they had to do is reach up because they have another four or five inches on us."

St. Vincent senior Lacey

Best made a lay-up to push St. Vincent ahead 4-3 just minutes into the game, but from that moment on, the Eagles took control.

Haley Webb swished a trio of three-pointers which

Oran was led by the Webb duo of Haley and Katie with 13 points each, while Traci Hensy had 12. St. Vincent did not have a player reach double figures as Genevieve Lipe and Lola Dauster led with six points, while Reese Barber had four points.

With Oran's sizable height advantage and maybe because of it. Kirn believed that his team missed some easy shots in the lane and at the rim that would have made the game much closer in the first 16 minutes.

"We just had a bad night shooting," Kirn said. "We were ice cold. We missed eight layups in the first half that if they go in, the score would have looked a lot different. It of extra possessions thanks to offensive rebounds.

"We ran our offense, but the shots didn't fall," Kim said. "I told the girls at half to just keep shooting. I would hate to think what our actual percentage was from the floor."

The Indians finally got out of their slump with a jumper from Reese Barber at the 4:10 mark of the third quarter that stopped a scoreless drought of nearly 20 minutes of game time.

St. Vincent finally found some offensive traction in the second half with a lay-up from Hannah Riney off an inbounds pass and Lola Dauster splashed home a pair of three-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Off the performance in the

The Indians will lose seven seniors from the team, that included Zoey Wibbenmeyer, Emerson Kirn, Mary Schwartz, Hannah Riney, Genevieve Lipe, Lola Dauster, and Lacey Best, which finished the year at 12-10.

"They were all leaders in some way and that's the reason I never named a captain this year," Kirn said. "The girls will go off and compete in soccer and track in the spring and those coaches will get amazing girls who never quit at any time this season."





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Perryville girls claim back-to-back JCAA titles



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Perryville High School's girls varsity basketball team defeated Hillsboro 50-44 on Thursday, Feb. 25 to claim the Jefferson County Athletic Association- Large School Division title for the second straight season. Perryville finished 12-10 on the year and 6-2 within the conference. Perryville played each of their conference opponents twice.



Indians

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on a 12-5 run.

Htt splashed home a trio of three pointers to spark a 18-5 run for Advance that saw them open up a 32-24 lead.

St. Vincent (19-5) countered with a run of their own as Wibbenmeyer scored six of the points in an 8-0 run as the Hornets failed to scored in the final 3 minutes of the first half as the game went into the break tied at 32-32.

Koishor was a big part of the offense coming out of

Girls

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to get Perryville within a single point were answered by a basket by Murphy that stretched the lead to 39-34 with four minutes remaining. Schnurbusch hit a 3-pointer to climb back within two points. Saxony had a chance to salt the game away from the free throw line with 1:30 left, but Murphy missed a pair, opening the door for Perryville to tie.

Turner stepped up with a big defensive stop as she drew a charge.

From there, it became a free throw shooting contest of sorts. Saxony converted seven of 13 from the charity stripe in the final quarter. They were 6-of-8 in the final 30 seconds. Anna Thomason, Murphy and Dunning all hit key free throws in the waning moments. Perryville was 3-for-4 in the final minute from the free throw line. the half as he scored eight straight points for the Indians as the third quarter went back and forth, featuring five lead changes.

Ernst had a putback for the Indians to give Advance a 48-44 lead heading into the final quarter.

Valle Catholic won the district championship on Saturday over Advance 66-56. The Warriors upset top seed Oran 43-40 in the other semifinal. As for the Indians, they will say goodbye to six seniors, including four starters, who have been a big part of a St. Vincent program that has won 93 games in the past five seasons.

The game started even as the teams went into the second quarter tied at 8-8. Dunning hit a trio of three-pointers in the second quarter alone that gave Saxony its largest lead of the first half at 19-12 with 1:35 left in the second quarter. Ehlers gave Perryville momentum into the half with a big triple with less than 20 seconds remaining as the Crusaders went into the break ahead 19-15.

Perryville will graduate four seniors in Buerck, Adreinne Weibrecht, Elizabeth Gremaud and Haley Fulmer. The four seniors have helped rejuvenate the girls program with 39 victories in the last three seasons and back-to-back JCAA large school conference titles.

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The Crusaders' season came to an end at the hands of the Bulldogs on Monday. Notre Dame held Saxony to three points in the second half. Emma Voelker and Sydney Turner had four points apiece to lead Saxony. The Crusaders finished the season 10-16.





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Editorial: Vote 'Yes' on Prop C.O.P.S.

Proposition Court-**Operations-Police-Sheriff**

When you think of our community law enforcement and court system one of the first words that comes to mind is dependable.

When you need help, you call 911. You trust that the call will be answered, you rely on a quick and timely response.

When the responders arrive, you trust they will be able to help, have the tools and knowledge to

assist.

If you are involved in a court case that needs to be seen by a judge, you depend on a safe and secure environment.

If you have a loved one who is serving a sentence in jail, you depend on them to receive basic care and for the deputies caring for them to be able to provide that care in a safe and clean environment.

The Republic-Monitor also depends on 911, first responders, the court system and safety for all.

All of this is true, but, it needs to be more dependable, more secure and more efficient. We believe our 911 system

should be in one central location, this will allow for better communication between all agencies, provide a safer community and will save tax payers money.

We believe our jail is completely outdated, out of room and out of touch with todays needs. Our sheriff deputies and jailers need to have adequate space to do their job, they need to have a clean and safe environment to do their job and they need to be able to provide a safe and secure environment for the male and female inmates.

We believe it is time to stop the prisoners from being transported from the jail to downtown to go

to court. It is an unsafe situation for everyone, the police, the prisoners, the families, the victims and the individuals in downtown who have no involvement in the legal proceedings.

We believe that when going to court it should be a safe and secure experience. Our courthouse is beautiful and has been restored to reflect its history and influence on our community, but it is not a courthouse to serve the needs of 2021 and beyond.

The Republic-Monitor encourages you to strongly consider the needs our community is facing now and in the future. Perry County has seen a large increase in population over the past 30

years, and we need to address how that growth has effected our court system, our operations, our police department and our sheriff's department.

Prop C.O.P.S addresses all these issues and the funds raised from this proposition will create one facility to house all of the agencies and services, all under one roof, all secure, all updated and all with the room and equipment needed to continue to serve and protect our community and residents, as well as be able to grow, as Perry County grows.

The Republic-Monitor encourages you to vote on Tuesday. April 6, 2021, and encourages you to vote yes on Prop C.O.P.S.

Complain about winter? No, not going there

Winters in southeast Missouri are a curious thing. If weather forecasters are calling for a major winter system, it's about two things 1) the temperature at the time the "storm" rolls in; and, 2) the dreaded a-word - accumulation.

Wanna see true excitement and anticipation? Forget Christmas presents. Just tell your child it's snowing, they respond with, "Really?" They then run to the nearest window, no matter the time, and gaze happily outdoors, imagining the white stuff



piling up high enough to bury bodies in.

Are the winter storms around here that bad? By the time I'm ready to voice a complaint, all the snow and ice is gone except for the dirty mounds in parking lots and busy street corners.

WINNINGHAM Every place in the country has positives and negatives CLUTTERED MIND, **CLUTTERED DESK** about the weather. The key is

to take a little effort and try to avoid the extremes. Have you hiked through the Everglades in late spring? There's a reason every home or condo down in Florida has a lanai (fancy word for a

screened in porch or veranda). The mosquitoes are unbearable. Oh, and then there's hurricane season, too. In my nearly three years residing in Naples, Fla., only a couple of tropical storms were in the area. Those are storms with sustained winds of less than 75 mph, at which time the hurricane category ratings kick in. Batteries, bottled water, nonperishable food items and boarded up windows are all that's needed to ride out a hurricane. Hopefully, the power won't be off too long.

Perhaps living in a freezer is more inviting. How about spending a week where the temperature never climbs above 5-10 degrees? Covered parking certainly is a nice perk in this type of weather. Nothing like getting to the vehicle after a heavy frost and then searching frantically for the ice scraper. It's probably buried in the trunk beneath the jumper cables and blankets. Been there, done that. It snows enough around here that I'm not intrepid about driving in the stuff. The older I get, the more ambivalent I feel. No strong feelings here. The road crews do the job. It's fun to be outside in the snow, trudging around looking for big drifts to sink your boots in. I wasn't that big into building snowmen (wait, does this column allow for that specific of a genderfriendly word usage?). Moving on...When the conditions were right, sledding was always an enjoyable time. Of course, the type of sled adds to the thrill, no? The runner sleds with the shiny red metal are built for speed, provided the track is patted down enough to make it a little more icy and fast. Most of the varieties deemed safe enough for use today are hardened plastic. They get down the hill alright, but as for steering, forget about that allimportant detail. By the time many readers saw the front page photo in last week's Republic-Monitor of the sledders on Huber Road, the temperatures were climbing past 60 and the remnants of what was Winter Storm Uri were just a distant memory. There was even a group of disc golfers trying out their luck at City Park as I was traveling home from work on Highway 61. I'm going to enjoy the last part of winter, because soon enough it'll hot and humid. The upside of that, though, is it'll be time for a trip to Cone or Cup to cool off from the heat. Warmer days are ahead. They've begun radio broadcasts of Cardinals' baseball on KMOX from the Grapefruit League in Florida. Ah, spring training. The time when hope springs eternal. If they cancelled the baseball season, now that would be something to complain about.



lege would focus on technical training. We understand the need for technical training for our industries in Perry County. We have the Perryville Area Career and Technology Center and Ranken Technical College to meet those needs without an additional tax to the people. Our county has already given Ranken \$300,000 to open a campus in Perryville (\$100,000 a year for three years).

Perryville is not part of the Mineral Area College Taxing District and they continue to maintain a campus here and will continue to do so without an additional tax to the people.

Mary Bauwens Sally Werner

To the Editor:

There are angels among us... but there are also monsters.

God and/or nature brought us to this realm of trials, sorrows, joys, and triumphs, I would argue... with innocent souls. But as we live out our lives our souls are inevitably soiled with every deed we do or fail to do. These deeds accumulate over the time we are here, unless we admit the sinfulness of those deeds, because, if we do not, how can we possibly seek forgiveness for them or change? Those very human frailties: the lust for money, power, notoriety, sex, the fear of "others" and the hate which follows from it, can and will build, corrode us, and yes, inevitably destroy us, unless we admit them and pray to God, Allah, Buddha, our ancestors, et al. to have our souls wiped clean. They will render us unfeeling & hate filled, incapable of appreciating or doing good for others, though we may increasingly vacuously embrace the value of it. Look around you. There are monsters among us. Unlike our angels who are likely to be physically soiled by a life of trial, our monsters are likely sleek & well groomed, sated, and self-centered, but otherwise they are just like you and me. They are you and me. If we do not call them out, they will not only lose their souls, but cost us our democracy, our lives... and our souls as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the April Election an important ballot measure will be presented to the citizens of Perry County for funding construction of a Joint Justice Center as "Prop COPS." As your Circuit Clerk, I am highly in favor of this effort.

Our Courthouse is the pride and face of our community. It offers a beautiful background to many events but the practicality of it is not what we need for a fully functioning courthouse. I feel that it is often forgotten that we are conducting court business which is not pretty or happy in most situations.

After I began office in January 2019, I was quickly made aware of the lack of security our courts offer to visitors and staff. While staff works together to help keep everyone safe, the lack of a dedicated deputy to screen people entering the building at all times and to monitor tense situations makes conducting court business unsafe.

Having a Joint Justice Center will create a secure entry to the courts and will have deputies and officers nearby at all times. There will be no wait

for a response to an emergency call from my office that unfortunately is necessary from time to time.

Further, hallways are shared by all, whether you are a party to a case, witness, attorney, juror, court staff, judge, or shackled prisoners. We are all passing by each other to get to and from the courtrooms. Drug screening also takes place in a shared hallway and public restrooms. These problems are easily addressed in a Joint Justice Center.

Joining our Courts, Police Department, and Sheriff's Departments in one location makes sense for all of our citizens.

Jennifer Hotop, Circuit County Perry Clerk

To the Editor:

Our community leaders are considering placing a tax initiative on our Perry County ballot in 2022 that would fund a 13th community college that focuses on technical training, forcing Mineral Area College We urge them to reconout. sider.

All three school districts of

Jackson, Cape and Perryville would be part of this tax initiative. If our community leaders decide to move forward by putting this tax increase on the ballot, we could be saddled with the taxation even if we vote it down. This would happen if it passed by a larger majority in Cape and Jackson districts.

Adding a 13th community college to the state of Missouri would minimize monies currently funding the 12 colleges already in place. Many are already struggling to keep their doors open due to decreased funding and lack of students. Another college would only compound these struggles.

MAC has been a part of Perryville for almost 30 years. Mineral Area College supports our community.

For example, they allow the Perry County Military Museum, the Perry County Historical Society, the State Driver's License Testing Center, and so much more to reside in the PHEC free of charge to these entities.

It has been stated that the 13th community col-

Jim Martin Perryville

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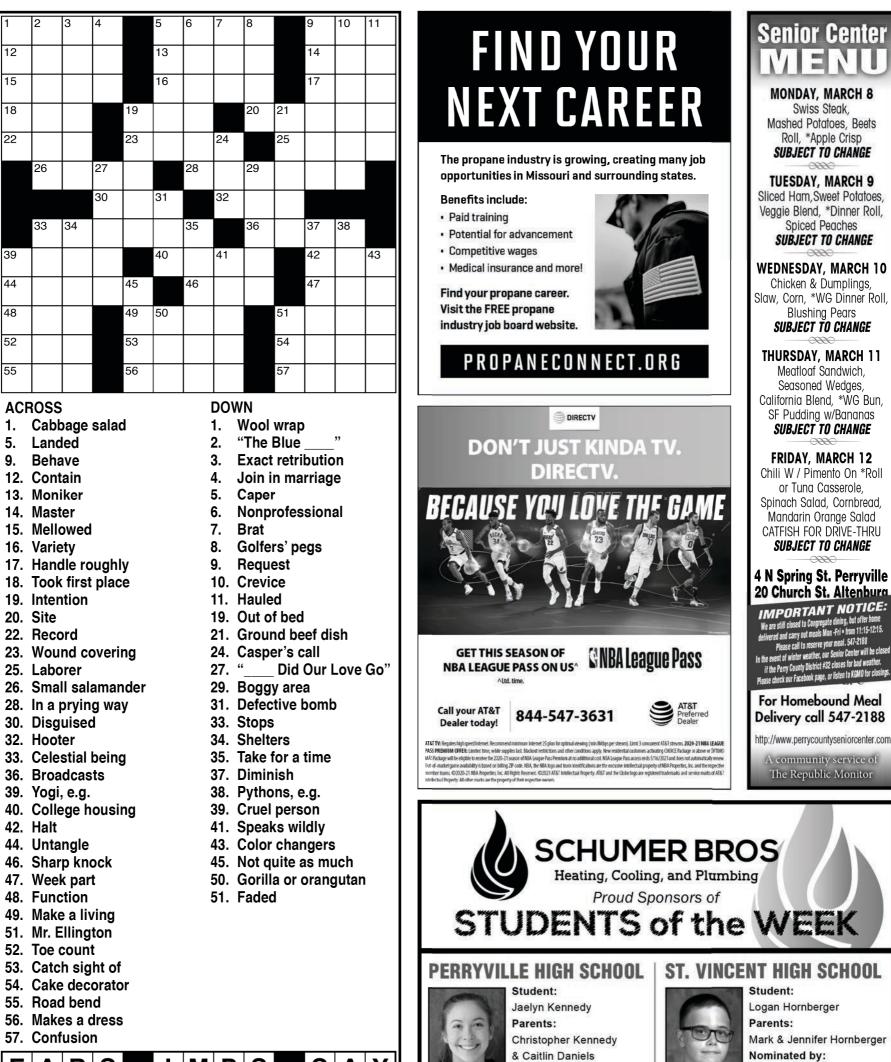
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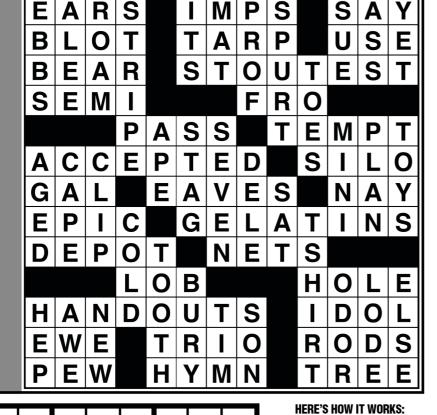
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Lent: a time for prayer, fasting

The past few weeks have certainly been interesting in terms of the weather. It has gone from frig-

id cold, with wind chills well below 0, to here re-PATRICK CHRISTOPHER



We have even had a couple of beautiful sunny days.

From the midst of winter, the snow, the cold we are moving to Spring. There will be cloudy, rainy days, but the hope of almost everyone would be for the beautiful days of sun and warmth where individuals can go out and be active. Sunlight gives us hope. Sunlight gives us energy. And, sunlight gives us growth.

Most Christians are now in the midst of the season of Lent. The word Lent comes from the old English and means Springtime. For Christians we are moving toward that Springtime of Easter and we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

It is time that feeds us with hope, with energy and it gives us growth. But to truly appreciate the gift that Easter is from God, it is appropriate that we go through a season of a little darkness, some challenge, that helps us to reflect on the gift that is just beyond our horizon.

We began our Lent with Ash Wednesday, a day on



Lent is a time that we should concentrate on growth and our relationship with God through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

which we were marked with ashes to remind us of our mortality. We may like to think that at 19 we are invincible. Some like to think that at age 50 they are still young and in their prime (and they may be...) and there are those who at 75 may think they can still do what they did at 40 (and perhaps they can...).

For most of the world, we begin realizing that we are aging at some point. We have dealt with sickness and disease, we have buried parents, friends, perhaps other family members and we are forced to deal with the reality of being mortal.

Welcome to Lent. From Ash Wednesday, we move

through the season being reminded that we need to make things better between us and God. We do that through three basic items that we read about in all four of the Gospels: Prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer: fundamentally speaking, taking the time to be quiet. It is difficult to talk to God, much less to hear God speak to us, if we are surrounded by noise.

Turn off the television, the computer, the tablet, the radio and be quiet for a short time. In that time of quiet we can reflect, read something spiritual, and just talk to Jesus.

We put ourselves into a personal position of reflec-

tive quiet. But prayer is also communal.

Why do so many church buildings exist? Because people have similar understandings of faith and find solace, strength and encouragement in the support of others.

Fasting: Every spiritual tradition in the world recognizes the importance of fasting. It is not just "dieting" but rather a spiritual cleansing of the body. It show that we have the self-discipline to control our appetites. In fasting, we, in a sense, purify our bodies. How can we be people of virtue if we cannot control the desires of our bodies?

Almsgiving: The Master has told us that our right hand should not know what the left hand is doing in terms of doing works of charity. To acquire a charitable heart can be the greatest act of faith an individual can move toward in Lent.

We live in a world where it can become so easy to "harden our heart" toward corporate boards, politics, racism, sexism, or whatever "ism" is in the news today or tomorrow. A charitable heart grounds us in faith. It is a basic "marker" for identifying who we are, what is important to us and why we do what we do.

The season of Lent. It began reminding us of our mortality. Its conclusion is immortality with Jesus in His resurrection.

Rev. Patrick Christopher is the pastor at St. Joseph parish in Apple Creek. He can be reached via email at mailto:stjoeapc@gmail.com.

Life of slave remembered in exhibit

By Mark Evans Printed with permission by the Ste. Genevieve Herald

Not every cemetery has a marker for a man born a slave who took up arms to end slavery and restore the Union, and who was lovingly eulogized by his hometown newspaper.

St. Mary's cemetery does. Farrar "Moses" Riney, a Civil War veteran who died in 1921, is buried there. His life was remembered with a special art event to recognize Riney on the 100th anniversary of his death, on Feb. 16.



him to honor "Uncle" Moses Riney.

"I worked as a television anchor/reporter for more than a decade and I remember a story I covered from Northeast Oklahoma on a reservation where a team rushed in to record the language of the last member of an Indian tribe who spoke it," he said. "Also I grew up in St. Mary's and remember during our 1974 Immaculate Conception Church Centennial celebration seeing our very unique history in a book honoring that event and the town." He said he was moved by the July 2019 ceremony and the fact that so many members of Riney's family attended. Later, he discovered that Pat Webber was working on a genealogy book called A Special Story: Moses Riney. Elder also hoped to tie in the county's 1930s Ste. Genevieve Art Colony heritage with Riney's legacy and get artists involved. "I was hopeful that artists would answer the call to help tell the story of Moses Riney and his family, especially since we had so much information about them, including a photo," he said. "So far I'm pleased with the response. I'm also thrilled that we've had so much success promoting and organizing this event using a Facebook group."

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Greg Elder said the entire event and call for art has been organized without a single in-person meeting, - a good thing during the COVID-19 pandemic. That includes obtaining a proclamation from Mayor Carlton Wyatt of St. Mary calling Feb. 16, 2021 "Moses Riney Day."

Riney was born a slave in Perry County on Jan. 18, 1844. Following emancipation in 1864 he joined the Union Army and Company C Regiment 68 of the U.S. Colored Infantry during the Civil War. He was later promoted to the highest rank a black soldier could achieve, a corporal.

Riney's first battle was at Fort Pillow where he likely witnessed a massacre. On April 12, 1864. Confederate

SUBMITTED PHOTO

People look at art that remembered the life of Farrar "Moses" Riney, a Civil War veteran who died in 1921. A celebration was held on Feb. 16 on the 100th year anniversary of his death.

troops killed nearly 200 black troops fighting for the Union. The massacre became a rallying point for enslaved people fighting for their freedom, and it hardened the resolve of black Union soldiers, who used "Remember Fort Pillow!" as their battle cry.

After serving for more than two years and being involved in five battles during the war he returned home in 1866. Elder said it is unlikely members of troops from the "colored infantries" were honored when they returned from service. In fact in the south they were often

targets of violence. Riney married Mary Bur-

gette, who had also recently been freed. After about 16 years, they bought a farm in the St. Mary area, not far from Riney's former master. They raised 13 children. The couple later moved into the city of St. Mary and found a welcoming place at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

A descendant of Moses Riney, great-great-grandson James Riney, offered a prayer and reflected on Moses' life at the Feb. 16 event.

Elder explained what led





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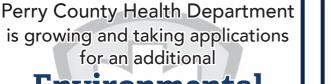
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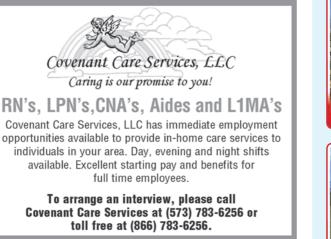
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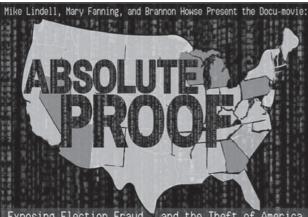
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