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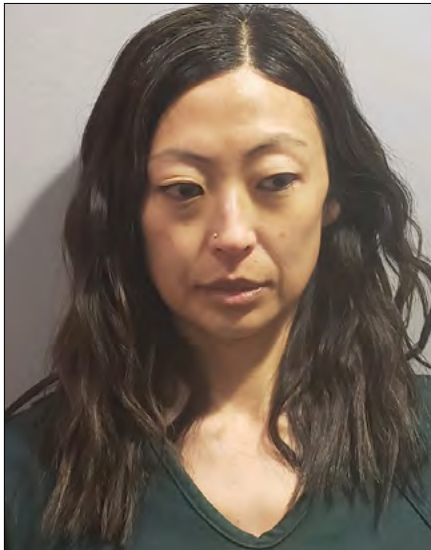
The Wayne City Prom Court separates for 2025 Prom King Pierce Bryan, and Queen MaKalyn Gregory, at the High School's dance held last Saturday night. Bryan is the son of Aaron and Malia Bryan, and Gregory is the daughter of Mickey and Kelsey Gregory. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

Prosecutor Wants Megan Valentine's Cell Phone Unlocked For Evidence

The special prosecutor in the Judge Michael Valentine murder case has filed a motion to compel Megan Valentine to unlock her cellphone as part of the ongoing homicide investigation.

In the motion to compel, special prosecutor David J. Robinson writes, "Defendant's cellphone ran out of power and thus requires the passcode to open when it is turned back on. The iPhone was the subject of the November 5, 2024 warrant for iPhone."

In support of the motion, Robinson cites the 2023 case of *People v. Sneed*. In that case, the Illinois Supreme Court concluded that the testimony implicit in the act of providing a cellphone's passcode is a "foregone conclusion" and thus insufficiently testimonial to be privileged under the fifth



MEGAN VALENTINE

amendment.

The prosecution's request to compel Megan Valentine to unlock her cellphone will be heard at May 2 pretrial hearing.

Megan Valentine remains in the White County jail at Carmi for Edwards County. She is awaiting trial on charges of first degree murder, aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated discharge of a firearm and aggravated domestic battery. She is accused of shooting her husband, Edwards County Resident Judge Michael J. Valentine November 5, 2024.

Pulaski Resident Judge William J. Thurston has been assigned the Valentine Case. At this point, no trial date has been set as the exchange of discovery from both sides continues.

Small Quake Rattles Area

A small earthquake rattled parts of the region Sunday night. Officials with the U.S. Geological Survey report a magnitude 2.4 tremor was recorded a bit northeast of Mt. Carmel in Wabash County.

The tremor originated from a depth of 14.2 kilometers and was noted at 9:18 pm. No damage was reported from the incident.

The last recorded quake in our region was last August when a 2.4 tremor was recorded west, southwest of Enfield.

The last major quake in the region was recorded April 18, 2008. A slip along the Wabash Valley Fault triggered a magnitude 5.2 earthquake centered near Mt. Carmel. That quake caused minor structural damage as far away as St. Louis.

On Zoom Ray Tate Back In Court

Ray E. Tate made a brief appearance in Clinton County Circuit Court by Zoom last week, in an ongoing effort to withdraw his guilty plea to charges related to his capture after murdering Wayne County Deputy Sean Riley.

Tate, now 43, claims he was coerced into pleading guilty to multiple aggravated kidnapping and armed violence charges related to his capture at a farm house near Carlyle.

During the less than two minute long hearing, Tate's court appointed attorney Van-Lear P. Eckert of Belleville, was granted a request to withdraw the motion he filed earlier this month asking the court to allow Tate to withdraw is guilty plea and vacate his sentence.

In a very terse exchange, the judge allowed Tate's new attorney leave to file an amended motion to withdraw a guilty plea and set the matter for a review hearing May 14.

Tate is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for the December 29, 2021 slaying of Deputy Riley in Wayne County and another 30



RAY E. TATE

years in Clinton County for convictions of aggravated kidnapping and other weapons related charges. He remains in the Menard Penitentiary in Chester, Illinois pending the May 14 hearing, which will also be held via Zoom.

Grayville City Council To Help Masonic Lodge

by Len Wells

Following Monday night's meeting of the Grayville City Council, officials agreed to help the local Moose Lodge with expenses related to upgrading their electrical system.

Moose Lodge 1960 asked for any assistance possible to help defer the \$8,600 cost to make needed electrical upgrades. After further research, it was decided the council would be able to pay for half the project in the form of a grant and the other half in the form of a zero percent loan from the city's revolving loan fund. The funding is expected to be formally approved at the next council meeting.

Moose Lodge 1960 will be celebrating its 65th anniversary later this year. The fraternal organization donates money to many local charities, including the senior citizens and youth related programs.

Pricey Sewer Pumps

Council members approved the purchase of two very pricey sewer pumps. Each of the new pumps will cost the city \$78,895. The price is up significantly from an earlier estimate of just over \$63,000 each. Turns out, one of the pumps was undersized and wore out earlier than expected. The council

approved the expenditure unanimously.

The council agreed to purchase a new pickup truck for the sewer department. Commissioners agreed to buy the Dodge 2500 from Jansen Motors in Carmi at a cost of just over \$45,000.

Commissioners have set a new trash pickup rate at \$21.25 per month. Rates will be revisited each year. The city's current contract with Sunrise Sanitation runs through 2030.

Leaking Church Roof

Officials with the First Christian Church in Grayville asked the city council for assistance in putting a new roof on their building. The current roof, said to be only six years old, is already leaking. Church officials asked for city help based on the fact the church is used as a meeting place for several other entities, including the local VFW and American Legion, Food Pantry and Arts Camp. Church officials said the project, featuring a new metal roof, will cost in excess of \$92,000.

Some commissioners questioned if the City of Grayville could legally donate money to a church. In the end, the question about making a donation was tabled pending further research on the legality of such a donation or loan from the city.

To Interview Frontier Leadership Candidates

A special meeting of the Illinois Eastern Community College District board has been called for Thursday evening. Trustees will be interviewing candidates for two leadership positions at Frontier Community College in Fairfield.

Candidates for the position of Frontier Community College president and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs will be interviewed.

Frontier Community College President Dr. Jay Edgren announced his

retirement plans in December of last year. Also in December of last year, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Paul Bruinsma resigned after news of his criminal history in Missouri divorce documents.

The meeting will convene at the IECC District Office in Olney. No formal action on the selection of either candidate will be taken.

Land Sold

James E. Knake, Trustee of New Athens, Illinois sold 35.72 acres of land near Xenia to William S. and Betty L. Villiers of Grove Oak, Alabama. The sale price was \$180,000.

House, Land Sold

Walter and Jenny Bailey of County Road 690 North in Fairfield sold a residence and 49.92 acres of land to Sonny Jaymin and Taylor Erin Gregory of Fairfield.

The property is located at 1879 County Road 690 N. Fairfield and sold for \$350,000.

Survives Thailand Earthquake Grayville Native, Stephen Wilson, Was Having Lunch

by Len Wells

Grayville native Stephen Wilson survived the massive 7.7 magnitude earthquake that devastated Myanmar and parts of Thailand Friday.

Wilson, the son of the late Dr. C.W. and Lucy Wilson of Grayville, moved to Thailand in 2023. He was living in the city of Chiang Mai, the second largest city in Thailand when the quake hit, killing hundreds.

Sounded Like Thunder

"About 1:50 p.m. local time, I was finishing lunch with friends at the Central Airport shopping center when I began to hear something that sounded like distant thunder," Wilson said.

"About 10 seconds later, I felt the building begin to shake. I realized it was an earthquake and thought it would stop in a few seconds. Instead, the shaking continued to build until it was difficult to just sit in my chair. Walking was impossible. I was sick to my stomach, which I would describe as how I feel when I go deep sea fishing. The shaking continued to build for about 60 seconds to the point I thought the building would collapse. The concrete pillar near our table was



STEPHEN WILSON

moving three or four inches in two dimensions. The power went off and I began to wonder if I would survive the collapse."

Violent Shaking

Wilson continued his description of the violent quake. "The violent shaking continued for about a minute. When it slowed, we jumped up and ran down the stairs to the front door. The ground was still rumbling more than four hours after it started. I have to say no one cried out, screamed or even made a sound. Outside, police showed up at the mall entrance and began directing traffic."

After the shaking subsided, Wilson started driving south on Highway 11. "My friend Aom, who lives in Lampang, said I could sleep in her spare room. My condo building is shut down pending an inspection. The water in the pool sloshed so violently it collapsed one side. Water splashed out of roof top pools all over the area."

Hundreds are dead with the death toll expected to rise significantly as rescue workers from around the world descend on the area to help in what will be a lengthy search and rescue operation.

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Weather Forecast

Day	High	Low	Cond.
Tuesday	62	36	Cloudy
Wednesday	74	53	Rain
Thursday	68	55	Rain
Friday	66	55	Rain
Saturday	65	49	Rain
Sunday	54	43	Cloudy

Louie Peck, 82, Of Wayne City, Dies; Career Trainer, Jockey

Wayne City resident, Louis Charles "Louie" Peck, 82, died on Friday morning, March 28, 2025, at the Skilled Care Unit of Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

Louis graduated from Brookings High School in South Dakota before leaving home to begin his career as a jockey. The first place he rode race horses was at Ellis Park, Evansville, Indiana.

He began another 20-year career as a trainer of race horses, earning a leading trainer title at Beulah Park.

Louie gave his life to the Lord in 1975 and became a deacon at Winstanley Baptist Church in 1986.



LOUIE PECK

ethic and a love of horses.

He took great pride in being a parent and was proud to see his children grow up to be people of integrity and responsibility.

Survivors

Louie is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Rodney (Terri) Peck, of Muscatine, Iowa, and Pamela (Roger) Neff, of Spencer, Okla.; sisters, Billie Larvie, Cathy Peck and Elsie Meeks; a grandson, Erie Ostendorf; along with numerous nieces and nephews; and a step-grandchild; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Neil, Clinton, Darrel and Bobby; and sisters; Bonnie Portwood and Ethel Whitcher.

Memorials may be given in memory of Louie to the Keenes Baptist Church. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be left for the family at www.nalesfuneralhome.com.

Ida Berniece Stennett, 95, Dies; Beautician

Ida Berniece (Ile) Stennett, died and went to her Heavenly home on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Skilled Care Unit at Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

Berniece graduated from Edwards County High School in 1946. In later years, she attended the Colburn Beauty Academy.

After she received her license, she opened a beauty shop in her home, and worked until ill-health finalized that chapter of her life. She treasured friendships with the ladies she served.

chilly waters of Chalcraft Ford on the Little Wabash.

She was a faithful member of Samaria Baptist Church until later years, she transferred to the First Baptist Church of Albion. She loved her church family, especially the Senior Adult Class.

Berniece will be sadly missed by all, who are comforted that she will be rewarded in Heaven. She once said, "I believe Heaven is more wonderful than we can even imagine."

Survivors

Berniece and Duane had seven grandsons, Anthony (Erin) Mason, Rhett (Jessica) Mason, Sean (Ashley) Brewer, Brent (Jennifer) King, Brand (Carmen) King, Nathan King, and Christopher (Emily) Stennett. They have 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Duane; brothers Robert (Rosie) Ile, Eldon (Nettie Lou) Ile, Don (Ruth) Ile, Kenny (Rose Ann) Ile; sister, Helen Logsdien; and Helen's son, Dennis.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Edwards Co. senior Citizens Center of "Acts of Kindness" to those in need.

Roger W. Obenchain, 86, Dies; U.S. Air Force Veteran

Roger Wayne Obenchain, 86, formerly of Sims, died on Sunday February 9, 2025, in Golden, Colorado.

A Wayne City H.S. graduate, Roger joined the United States Air Force in 1962, and became an officer with top secret security clearance.

He remained active in the Air Force Reserve from 1966-1974, and ended his career as a Captain.

research.

Roger was born on January 2, 1939, in Indianapolis. He married Janice Boyd on April 2, 1961.

Survivors

Roger is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janice Obenchain; son, Michael Obenchain, of Laramie, Wyoming; daughter Tina (Jay) Brunkow, of Arvada, Colorado; and two granddaughters.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Wilma Obenchain, and a sister, Loretta Jean Obenchain.

Frank Frazier, 67,Dies; Oil Field Worker

Frank J. Frazier, 67, of Dix, formerly of Fairfield, died 1:39 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, at his home.

Frank had worked in the oil field most of his life.



FRANK FRAZIER

Funeral Service

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, at the Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home in Fairfield, with burial to follow in Thomason Cemetery in Wayne City.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 2, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Frank was born on December 22, 1957, in Mt. Vernon, to Clifford and Beverly (Porter) Frazier.

Survivors

Survivors include a daughter, Stephanie (Robert) Coleman, of Mt. Vernon; a son, Michael (Annik) Frazier, of Ohio; grandchildren, Madeline Keele, Jacob Smith, Katelyn Smith, Asher Frazier, and Javin Frazier; a brother, Dale (Cathy) Frazier, of Fairfield; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Rita Kent.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.facebook.com/johnson-vaughnfuneralhome.

Patsy Joan (Meritt) Hocking, 87, Dies; Wayne County Native

Patsy Joan (Meritt) Hocking, 87, of Mount Carmel, died Thursday, March 27, 2025.

She was born in Wayne County, the daughter of Dorothy and Carson Meritt. She had been a Pampered Chef consultant.



PATSY HOCKING

Funeral Services

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, at the Short Cunningham Funeral Home in Mt. Carmel, with burial at Highland Memorial Cemetery in Mt. Carmel.

Patsy married Andy Hocking on August 11, 1956. They were married 68 years.

Survivors

Survivors include her husband, Andy Hocking; daughters, Shelley (Kim) Richardson, of Mt. Carmel; Gayla (Alan) Rooney, of Mt. Carmel; Jana (Justin) Clements, of Evansville, Indiana.; and a son, Patrick (Cindy) Hocking, of Evansville, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Keensburg Christian Church.

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Community Calendar

Friday, April 4

The Nostalgia Theater, located at 120 E. North Avenue, Flora, IL, will be holding their spring play called "Cactus Pass" starting at 7PM. Tickets can be purchased the night of the show at the door. Entry is \$10 per person. Children 3 and under get in free.

Saturday, April 5

The Mt. Erie Ruritan Club will serve breakfast from 6 - 9AM. Club members will be doing the serving but the all-you-can-eat format will still be used. Carry-outs will be available and in-house seating will follow social distancing guidelines. Face masks will be optional. The menu is biscuits, sausage gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and orange juice and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Saturday, April 5

The Geff Ruritan will be sponsoring a Toy Tractor Show. Vendors will be on hand to show their tractors, farm machinery, & other inventory. Items will be for sale. Admission is free to the public. There will be sandwiches, chips, cookies, & drinks.

Saturday, April 5

The City of Carmi will be having an E-Waste event from 9AM - 12PM. They will be recycling anything with a cord & anything metal including items like TVs, monitors, dehumidifiers, servers, switches, PC towers, printers, landline phones, cable boxes, cellphones, holiday lights, etc... If you have any questions about what will be accepted, check the list of accepted items at <http://www.cjdecycling.com>.

Sunday, April 6

The St. Edward Men's Club, located at 300 NW 5th Street, Fairfield, IL, will be hosting a sausage dinner from 11AM - 1:30PM. The carry-out dinners will be \$15 and will consist of whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, sauerkraut, & dessert.

Saturday, April 12

Geff Ruritan will be hosting their monthly breakfast from 7 - 9AM. Menu is sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, scrambled eggs, pancakes, white milk, chocolate milk, juice, & coffee. This is a serve yourself, all you can eat. Cost is by donation and everyone is welcome. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go toward the Geff School Cheerleaders for new uniforms.

Saturday, April 12

The Johnsonville Community Ruritans, located at 405 2nd Street, Johnsonville, IL, will be holding a Fish Fry starting at 5PM. The meal will consist of fish or chicken, fries, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert.

Saturday, April 12

The Bluford Ruritan club, located at 814 6th Street, Bluford, IL, will be holding a pulled pork dinner from 4:30 - 6:30PM. The meal will consist of potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, drinks, and pulled pork.

Weekly Events

SUNDAYS - Wayne City AA meets at 7PM at the Wayne City Community Building.

MONDAYS - Life Recovery, a faith-based recovery meeting, meets every week at New Beginnings Church east of Fairfield. Food served at 6PM; meeting starts at 6:30PM. Childcare is available. Meetings are dismissed on major holidays.

TUESDAYS - Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday including holidays at 7PM at the Cornerstone Community Church at the corner of First and Delaware streets in Fairfield. Health & Hope Weight Loss Group meets every Tuesday at 811 West Main Street, Fairfield, IL at 6PM with weigh in at 5:30 - 5:50PM.

THURSDAYS - Narcotics Anonymous is now meeting at 7PM at Cornerstone Community Church in Fairfield.

FRIDAYS - Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday including holidays at 7PM at the Cornerstone Community Church at the corner of First and Delaware streets in Fairfield.

SATURDAYS - The Mt. Erie Ruritan Club community breakfast is served on the first Saturday of each month (except January) from 6 - 9PM Menu is biscuits, sausage gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and orange juice. Cost for adults is \$7 and children 10 and under is \$3. Profits are used for community service projects.

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Tax & Consulting Services

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Daylight Saving Begins

St. Patrick's Day

Spring Begins

If you have an event you'd like to see on the Calendar please email Lambri Morse! adddesign@waycopress.com

March 31st, National Crayon Day

Blood Drives

Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, April 15 from 12 - 6PM at the Link, located at 1141 County Road 1975 N. Cisne, IL. To schedule an appointment called 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter BLUEPOINT.

Town-Wide Rummage Sales

The Village of Wayne City has scheduled the Spring Town Wide Rummage Sale for Friday & Saturday, May 2nd & 3rd. Call the Village Hall by Tuesday, April 29th at (618)895-2241 to be put on the sales list. Lists can be picked up at the Village Hall.

Town wide Clean-up day will be Wednesday, May 7. A list of items that can and cannot be picked up are available at the Wayne City Village Hall. All items must be curbside. If you have any questions call the Village Hall.

Monthly Meetings

WAYNE CITY VILLAGE BOARD meets the first Monday of each month at Village Hall.

EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS meet the first Monday of each month at 9AM unless otherwise noted.

ALBION CITY HALL meets the first Monday of each month at 7PM at City Hall.

VILLAGE OF CISNE meets the second Monday of each month at Village Hall. The meetings begin at 6PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 176 & the American Legion Auxiliary meet the second Monday of each month at the Legion Hall. Meal is provided.

WAYNE CITY RURITANS meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM at The Wayne City Community Building.

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6PM in City Hall.

NORTH WAYNE BOARD OF EDUCATION meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6PM at Cisne Middle School, unless otherwise noted.

FCHS BOARD OF EDUCATION meets the third Thursday of each month at 6PM in the Library.

FMH COFFEE CLUB meets the third Thursday of each month at the FMH Cafe from 9:30 to 10:30AM

WAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT #112 meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

WAYNE COUNTY BOARD meets the second Thursday of each month in the Wayne County Courthouse Court Room at 7PM

FAIRFIELD PARK BOARD meets the second Thursday of each month at 6PM

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REPORT

Duckworth Gets Eight Years For Meth Dealing Conviction

Gregory L. Duckworth, 68, of Fairfield has drawn an eight-year prison sentence after pleading guilty last week to a Class-X felony charge of unlawful delivery of more than five, but less than 100 grams of methamphetamine.

Resident Judge Matt Vaughan imposed the sentence.

In return for the guilty plea, a number of other pending charges, including armed violence and a string of charges from a pending 2023 case were dismissed.

Still pending is a petition filed by the Wayne County State's Attorney to forfeit Duckworth's West Delaware Street home, as it was used in the commission of a string of drug offenses.

Convicted of a Class-X felony, Duckworth will have to serve at least 85% of his time behind bars before he is eligible for parole.



GREGORY L. DUCKWORTH

Criminal Damage

A 52-year-old, Jennifer L. Hanley of Fairfield, entered a guilty plea to damage to property of less than \$500, last Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court, and received a court supervision term of one year.

Hanley was charged last May on the count, and was ordered to pay \$150 in restitution to a Fairfield resident.

The Judge ordered Hanley to pay \$910 in fines, restitution, and court fees.

Trespass Plea

Jerry E. Richardson, 51, of Fairfield, pled guilty to a misdemeanor count last Thursday, of criminal trespass to a residence.

Richardson was originally charged with the count last September and received a year of conditional discharge from Circuit Judge Mathew Vaughn.

The judge then ordered Richardson to pay \$805 in fines and court fees, and dismissed a second case that charged Richardson with domestic battery and for violating an order of protection this past December.

DUI

Jazmyn L. Smith, 21, of Chicago entered a plea of guilty to misdemeanor DUI in Wayne County Court last Thursday.

Circuit Court Judge Matthew Vaughn gave the Chicagoan probation for one year, and ordered her to pay \$2,841 in fines and court fees.

Smith was charged with DUI back in November 2023.

Damage To Property

Larry D. Haygood, 56, of Mount Vernon pled guilty to misdemeanor criminal damage to property and received a year of conditional discharge from Circuit Judge Matthew Vaughn last Thursday in Wayne County Court.

The Haygood case began in August 2018 when he was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was arrested on a Wayne County warrant in September 2024 and released on pretrial services. The assault charge was dismissed for Haygood's plea.

Haygood was ordered to pay \$624 in fines and court fees.

Deer Struck In Geff

Christian L. Pyle, 39, a Granite City resident, struck a deer in Geff at 9:50 p.m. Thursday night.

Pyle was driving south on Washington in a 2002 Mercury Sable that sustained frontal damages after striking a deer that crossed at Meadow Lawn Street.

No injury was reported.

Fire Heavily Damages Grayville Home

Fire heavily damaged the Tony Nold residence in Grayville Saturday morning. Little Wabash Fire Department personnel responded to the 940 North Court Street fire at about 10:15 a.m.

Chief Travis Thompson said Nold and his girlfriend were able to escape the burning structure safely.

Chief Thompson said it appeared the fire started in the basement. When firefighters made entry into the basement, they were met with heavy, thick, black smoke and saw no flames.

After ventilating the single story frame home, flames eventually appeared and firemen were able to battle the blaze more effectively. The home sustained major fire, smoke and water damage. No one was injured.

Little Wabash firemen received mutual aid from the Albion and Crossville Fire Departments. The blaze was tapped out and firemen returned to their station around 1 pm.

An investigator with the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the blaze.

Scorned Wife Arrested; Damage

Kerri L. Austin, 47, of Norris City was arrested by Carmi police Saturday after she repeatedly rammed her vehicle into her husband's truck.

The incident happened around 2:15 Saturday afternoon at Vibracoustic, a Carmi manufacturing plant. Police responded to a 911 call that Austin had fled the scene after repeatedly ramming her husband's truck.

After taking witness statements and reviewing surveillance video, police began their search for Austin, locating her a short time later at the Carmi Casey's convenience store.

Kerri Austin was arrested and booked at the White County jail on charges of drunk driving, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and disorderly conduct. She has been released from custody pending a first appearance in court.

Wanted On Three Warrants

Sarah A. Ray, 44, of New Haven was arrested by Carmi City Police Friday after police were called to the local Dollar Store about a possible trespasser. Ray had previously been banned from the Dollar Store.

When police made contact with Ray, they discovered she was wanted on Posey and Vanderburgh County, Indiana warrants for theft and criminal mischief. She was wanted in White County on similar charges.

In addition to the warrants, Ray was cited for criminal trespass to real property. She was booked into the White County jail on \$750 cash bond from the Indiana warrants.

Arrested On Warrant

Angela L. Wagner, 38, of McLeansboro was arrested by the White County Sheriff's Department last week on a Williamson County warrant charging her with failure to appear in court on a charge of being in possession of less than five grams of methamphetamine.

Wagner was booked at the White County jail shortly after 7:30 a.m. and released after appearing before a judge.

Arrested After Stop

Wayne County deputies conducted a traffic stop and arrested Fred A. Smith, a 64-year-old Fairfield resident, on a charge of possessing both drug paraphernalia and methamphetamines at 11 p.m. Sunday night.

During the stop, a deputy search uncovered the evidence.

Deputies took Smith into custody and removed him to the Wayne County jail.

He was lodged at the jail pending his pretrial services, and an appearance date in County Court.

Fairfield Man Charged With Battery

A 35-year-old Fairfield man, Justin K. Lock, was charged with domestic battery at 12:11 a.m. Saturday morning by Wayne County deputies.

Deputies investigated the incident reported and found a probable cause to arrest the man, after tracking Lock down as he attempted to walk away.

As he was detained, deputies found evidence of alleged meth belonging to Lock and was additionally charged.

The man was booked at the Wayne County jail and was held on his pretrial services.

\$500 Theft, Active Warrant

Steven A. Snyder, a 24-year-old of Dix, was arrested by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department on a Wayne warrant charge of theft over \$500, at 10 p.m. Saturday night.

Patrolling Wayne County deputies identified Snyder as he was driving and stopped his vehicle knowing prior the man from Dix had an active warrant.

Snyder resisted his arrest and search by deputies found he was in alleged possession of methamphetamines, and landed a new charge against him.

He was lodged at the Wayne County jail and held there pending pretrial services and new court appearance date in Wayne County Court.

Fentanyl Possession

Sims resident, Lake A. Bittles, 25, was arrested on a Wayne County contempt warrant charge of meth possession at 9 p.m. last Friday night.

While Bittles was detained by Wayne County deputies, officers found Bittles was in possession of fentanyl and was additionally charged.

The alleged possession charges are a violation of a stayed sentence.

The Sims man was removed by deputies to the Wayne County jail where he was held pending a pretrial detention hearing, with a Thursday, April 10, court appearance set for Bittles.

Deputy Arrest, Warrant For Meth

Wayne County deputies arrested Alyssa M. Collins, 25, of Fairfield, on a Wayne County warrant charging her for possession of methamphetamines at 8 p.m. last Friday evening.

Deputies transported Collins to the Wayne County jail to be booked on a charge that violates a stayed sentence for the Fairfield woman.

She is held pending pretrial services and a future court appearance date.

Etta Lorene (Russell) Lumb, 92, Dies; Baptist Organist

Etta Lorene (Russell) Lumb, 92, of Enfield, died Monday, March 24, 2025, at her home.

A member of the Cherry Street Baptist Church in Carmi, she had been the organist for over 30 years.



ETTA LORENE LUMB

Funeral Services

Services were held Monday (today), March 31, at the Cherry Street Baptist Church, with burial at Enfield Cemetery.

Etta was born November 5, 1932 in Enfield. She was married to Gilbert Lumb on March 15, 1952, who preceded her in death on January 21, 2014.

Survivors

Survivors include her children, Sandra (Keith) Johnson, Karen (Scott) Weiss; a daughter-in-law, Lisa (Terry) Lumb and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Etta is preceded in death by her son, Terry; sisters, Ellen Newman, Christina Newman, Ruby Barger, Betty Martin, Dorothy Jumper, Millie Gwaltney,

and Mary Fern Russell; and a brother, Lester Barton.

Donations may be made to Southern Illinois Hospice or the Cherry Street Baptist Church Food Pantry and will be accepted at the Campbell Funeral Home in Carmi.

Domestic Charge

Shauna M. Mark, 46, of Fairfield, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery at 4 p.m. last Friday afternoon.

Officers arrived at the 300 block of Broadway Avenue and determined Mark as the aggressor after an investigation of the call.

Mark was arrested on the charge and was subsequently taken to the Wayne County jail.

Shauna Mark is held pending pretrial services with a future date scheduled in Wayne County Court to appear.

Meth Warrant

Seth M. Bradford, 27, of Fairfield, was arrested on a Wayne County warrant charging him with unlawful meth possession at 10:45 p.m. last Saturday night.

Fairfield Police identified Bradford at the 500 Block of Southeast 2nd Street and was taken into custody.

He was later removed to the Wayne County jail and held there, pending his pretrial services.

Deer Strike In Arrington

Tommy A. Windland, a 58-year-old Fairfield resident reported that he struck a deer at 3 a.m., early Friday morning in Arrington Township.

Windland was driving a 2023 Ford ambulance vehicle east on Route 15 when a deer jumped into the roadway the could not be avoided near County

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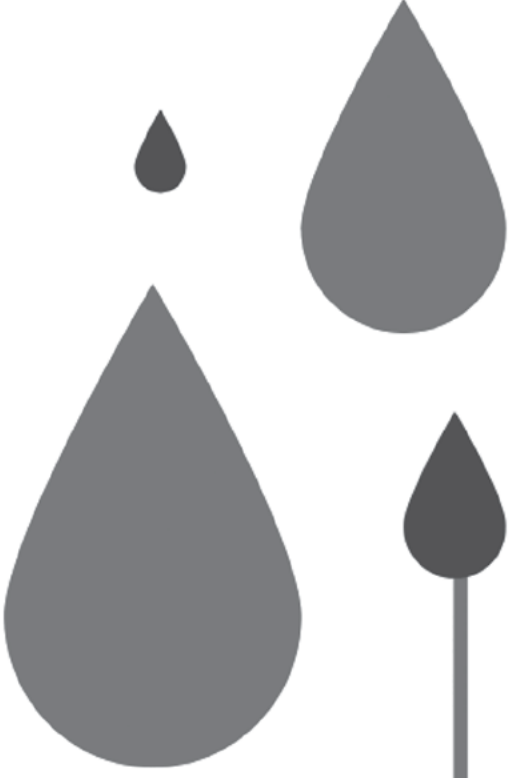
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Girl Scouts Celebrate End Of Cookie Season

Girl Scout Troop #8779 celebrated the end of their cookie season at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant on Friday. The girls in this Fairfield troop sold a total of 1,658 boxes of cookies. The troop exceeded their sales goal by 230 boxes. Front row (l to r) Dehlylah Daugherty, Evelyn Weir, Lilly Smith, Kylee Haygood, Willow Tomlinson, and Kenzley White. Back row Kaelyne Harrison, Sarah Swan, Jaycee Hough, Mariella Harris, Sara Wardwell, Anistyn Lamp, and Ashlynn Blevins.



Members of the Vermillion Frisky Fillies met this past Wednesday at Cracker Barrel in Mt. Vernon for their March meeting. Seated (l to r) are Norma Grimes, Grayville; Susie Marsh, Golden Gate; and Carolyn Bland, Fairfield. Standing are Karla Morse, Mt. Erie; Marilyn Hodgson, Albion; Nicole Severs, Fairfield; Carletta Rinard, Fairfield; Bev Rister, Fairfield; and Pat Frankland, Fairfield. Those not present for the picture were Abbi Mosson, Fairfield; Betty Harrelson, Fairfield; and Wendi Burgess, Lebanon.

Frisky Fillies Hold March Meeting In Mt. Vernon

The ladies of The Vermillion Frisky Fillies held their March luncheon/meeting on March 26, 2025 at the Cracker Barrel in Mt. Vernon. There were 11 members and one guest in attendance. There was only one birthday this month, Betty Harrelson from Fairfield. Betty brought a guest, Wendi Burgess from Lebanon. These two ladies work together. Both of the Pink Ladies were present, Nicole Severs from Fairfield, and Abbi Mosson from Grayville. Nicole also brought

her baby boy Noah to the meeting. The door prize this month was won by Karla Morse, Activity Director. There were some changes for the monthly meetings and outings voted on this month as well. After the meeting and discussions were over, Vice-Queen Carletta Rinard gave the blessing over the meal. After everyone was done socializing, eating and playing with Baby Noah, they enjoyed checking out all the goodies in the Cracker Barrel's gift shop. When everyone was ready

they gathered out front on The Cracker Barrel's front porch for their group photo. A patron of the restaurant and his daughter came out and was chatting with the ladies...he introduced himself just as "David"...who agreed to take the group picture for them. Two of the members, as well as the guest had to leave early to return to their jobs. So, they are not present in the group photo. The April 23, 2025 meeting will be held at K&M Diner in Fairfield.

Geff Ruritan Breakfast

The Geff Ruritan Club will host their monthly all-you-can-eat, self-serve buffet breakfast Saturday, April 12, from 7-9 a.m. Cost is by donation. The menu will consist of sausage patties, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, white and chocolate milk, orange juice, and coffee. In addition to the breakfast, there will be a 50/50 drawing with all proceeds to go toward new uniforms for the Geff School cheerleaders.

Johnsonville Ruritan Fish Fry

The Johnsonville Community Ruritan fish fry will be held Saturday, April 12, at the Johnsonville Ruritan Building in Johnsonville. Serving starts at 5 p.m. Menu will consist of fish or chicken, fries, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert.

Ruritans To Sponsor Toy Tractor Show

The Geff Ruritan Club is sponsoring a Toy Tractor Show April 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ruritan Building in Geff. Vendors will be on hand to show their tractors, farm machinery and other inventory. Items will be for sale. Vendor tables are available at a cost of \$20 each. Free admission. For more information or questions contact Mark Hosselton at 618-919-2205 or Britt McNeely at 713-203-3875.

Spent Four Days In Florida

Tom Mathews Jr. of the Press spent four days last week in Vero Beach, Fla. with his son-in-law, Roman Fidrocki of Elmhurst, Ill. Roman is a pilot for United Airlines. They did some minor maintenance to Tom's apartment. Tom flew out of St. Louis to Orlando.

St. Edward Men's Club Sausage Dinner

The St. Edward Men's Club will host a sausage dinner Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church, located at 300 N.W. 5th Street in Fairfield. The carryout dinner includes whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, sauerkraut, and dessert. Cost is \$15 per dinner. Cooked sausage will also be available.

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Pictured is Shana Downen, FMH February 2025 Employee of the Month, with Stephanie Martin, Med/Surg Nurse Manager.

FMH Employee Of Month

Fairfield Memorial Hospital honors an employee each month who has been nominated by their peers for providing extraordinary patient care and customer services within and outside of the Hospital. Shana Downen, who works as a CNA in the Med/Surg Department, was selected as the February 2025 Employee of the Month. Shana has been with Fairfield Memorial Hospital since June of 2023.

"Shana has consistently shown kindness, professionalism, and dedication in everything she does. She goes above and beyond to make sure our patients feel cared for, respected, and comfortable. Whether it's through day-to-day tasks or offering a kind word or a listening ear, she has shown us what it means to truly make a difference. We are so lucky to have Shana as part of our team," commented Stephanie Martin, Med/Surg Nurse Manager.

WCRTA To Award Scholarship

The Wayne County Retired Teachers Association will award a \$500 scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. This award is available to a graduate of a Wayne County high school that has declared a major in education and accumulated at least 80 semester hours toward that degree at an accredited college or university. Recipients will be invited to attend the August meeting of the organization at which time the scholarship will be awarded. Qualifications for the scholarship

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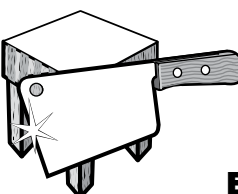


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Jaiden Brown, a senior, went 1-for-3 with an RBI in Wayne City's 7-4 win over Crab Orchard in high school baseball action last week. (Photo courtesy of Active Life Photography).

Tribe Takes 7-4 Win Over Crab Orchard On Diamond

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Hitting: Wood 3-4, Mays 2-5, Schuster 1-4, Scarbrough 1-4, Beehn 3-4.

LP: Scarbrough (11h, 10er, 2w, 1so), Musgrave (2h, 1r, 1er), Caudle (2h, 0r, 0er, 4so).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Crab Or.	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	13	?
WCHS	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	7	6	5

Hitting: (WC) Mays 1-3 (rbi), Wood (rbi), Peyton 1-3 (rbi), Brown 1-3 (rbi), Scarbrough 1-2, Schuster 2-2 (rbi), Musgrave (rbi), (CO) C. Watts 1-5 (rbi), Dawes 3-4, F. Watts 1-3, Anderson 3-4, Tutthill 1-4 (rbi), Hilliard 3-4, Shaw 1-4.

2B: Schuster (WC); C. Watts, Dawes, Hilliard (CO).

WP: Wood (6.1 inn., 13h, 4r, 4er, 2w, 8so), Gregory (0.2 inn., 0h, 0r, 0er, 1w, 1so).

LP: Tutthill (6.0 inn., 9h, 7r, 7er, 5w, 3so).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
WCHS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	
HamCo	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	7	0

Hitting: (WC) Mays 1-2, Caudle 2-3, Wood 1-3, Brown 1-3, Scarbrough 1-2, (HC) Kessler 2-3, Ping 1-3, Webb 2-2 (2rbi), Karcher 1-3, Dial 1-3 (rbi).

WP: White (3.2 inn., 3h, 0r, 0er, 0w, 6so), Karcher (3.1 inn., 3h, 1r, 1er, 4w, 7so).

LP: Mays (6 inn., 7h, 4r, 4er, 3w, 6so).

Dawson Wood tossed eight strikeouts and Logan Schuster went 2-for-2 with a double to pace host Wayne City High School to a 7-4 baseball victory over Crab Orchard last week, notching the team's first win of the season.

The Indians are now 1-5 after some tight losses: 6-5 to Oblong, 9-8 to Galatia, 13-0 to Edwards County and 4-1 to Hamilton County. They also dropped a 12-9 decision at home to Johnston City this past Friday.

Wayne City hasn't faced a Midland Trail Conference (MTC) opponent yet.

"We've played some tough schools and have more ahead of us (this Wednesday at Murphysboro and Thursday at Fairfield). We've lost a couple of close games and have stayed competitive for seven innings," said Coach Jaxon King. "We still need to clean things up, defensively, but I'm pleased with how we've competed, thus far."

Against Crab Orchard, the Indians blew the lid off in the third inning, bringing home six runs. On the other side, Wood gave up just two walks through a little over six innings on the hill.

"Dawson threw a nice game. He limited walks and battled through some



Wayne City sophomore Marschell Mays dealt six strikeouts in a hard-fought 4-1 loss at Hamilton County last week. He also smacked four hits over a three-game stretch for the Tribe. (Photo courtesy of Active Life Photography).

tough hitters, but we have to make more defensive plays moving forward to support our pitching," noted King, whose team made five errors in that game.

Other highlights for Wayne City in recent games included smacking a half-dozen hits against HamCo, with sophomore Marschell Mays striking out six in six innings. In the loss to Johnston City, Wood and Joel Beehn both went 3-for-4 with the stick; noted

King: "It was nice seeing them be patient and selective. They've been working hard and it's nice seeing it pay off."

King knows his team will face some stiff competition this week against the 2A schools, but he is undaunted.

"We like the challenge! We know they'll be tough teams, but if we limit free bases then we can compete," he said. "I'm excited for the next couple of weeks."

Runnin' Lions Beat Bison 13-2, Improve To 2-0 In Conference

Freshman Tucker Bowen issued six strikeouts across five innings while Hagen Howard and Gavin Harrell combined for seven RBIs Friday in leading Cisne to a 13-2 win at Grayville in high school baseball action.

The victory improved the Runnin' Lions' record to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the Midland Trail Conference (MTC). Coach Justin Carson was pleased with the overall performance of his team, which churned out nine runs in the fifth frame.

"It was nice going into the weekend with a good, solid win. We got some good pitching out of Tucker, who went the distance. As a freshman, you never know what you're gonna get, but he stepped up to the challenge," said Carson. "And (especially in the fifth inning) we were able to put together some timely hitting."

"That's what we've been looking for

all year—the big hit in the right situation, and we were finally able to put a few of those together."

Cisne was up 4-0 after three frames, but the Bison brought in a pair of runs in the fourth to tighten things up.

"It was a pretty good game for the first four innings, and I will say that this Grayville team has definitely improved. They are better than they have been in recent years, for sure," Carson said. "But our guys are doing a lot better job at seeing more pitches and not chasing balls."

"Even on our strikeouts, we were seeing five or six pitches at a time."

Cisne is scheduled to visit NCOE Monday (today); Carson was glad for the break this past weekend to help his pitchers get refreshed.

"We've got some soreness like everybody does this time of year, but the guys got some rest, so we should

be close to one hundred percent going in (to NCOE)," he said. "Then we play at Dieterich Friday (followed by the Brownstown Round Robin on Saturday), and that's always good competition."

"It should be another good week."

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Cisne	2	0	2	0	9	13	6	3
G'ville	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	3

Hitting: (C) Biggs 1-2 (rbi), Harrell 2-2 (3rbi), Howard 2-4 (4rbi), K. Dagg (rbi), Z. Dagg 1-3 (rbi), Locoy (rbi), T. Bowen (rbi), (G) Neeley 1-2, Smith 1-2 (rbi), Colyer (rbi), Hosman 1-2.

2B: Harrell (C); Neeley (G).

3B: Harrell (C).

WP: T. Bowen (5 inn., 3h, 2r, 2er, 1w, 6so).

LP: Roosevelt (3.2 inn., 3h, 4r, 4er, 0w, 5so), Colyer (0.1 inn., 0h, 3r, 2er, 2w, 0so), Cheadle (0.1 inn., 1h, 4r, 4er, 3w, 0so), Hosman (0.2 inn., 2h, 2r, 2er, 1w, 1so).



Serenity Dagg slides into home plate safely in a 10-0 win over NCOE Saturday. Dagg scored after reaching on a triple. (Photo by Brian Turner)

Lady Mules Get Saturday Win Over NCOE Lady Cardinals

by Brian Turner

With rain in the forecast, the Fairfield Spring Swing Tournament turned into a single game clash between the host Lady Mules and the NCOE Lady Cardinals Saturday. Tonya Conrad's Mules got a one-hit shutout from freshman Kenry Hutchcraft in a 10-0, five-inning win.

Hutchcraft mowed down the Lady Cardinal offense, nearly in order. She allowed one hit and one walk, while striking out eight, facing just one over the minimum across five innings.

Fairfield did not get on the board until the third inning, where they plated three runs, getting a two-run single by Riley Isaacs and an RBI triple by Hunter Kirk.

The Lady Mules broke free in the bottom of the fourth inning, where they secured seven runs. Taking advantage of inexperienced outfielders for the Lady Cardinals, Fairfield had four extra base hits in the inning. Macie Edwards and Isaacs had doubles, while Serenity Dagg had a triple. Hutchcraft hit a two-run inside-the-park home run.

Fairfield improved to 4-2 with the win. They are at Mt. Carmel tonight (Monday).

Fairfield 10, NCOE 0

N—0-0-0-0-0—0

F—0-0-3-7-x—10

	AB	R	H	BI
Smith	2	2	2	1
Hutchcraft	3	1	2	2
Wells	2	0	0	0
Isaacs	3	2	2	1
Kirk	3	0	2	1
Ellis	3	1	0	1
Dagg	3	1	1	0
Edwards	1	1	0	1
Staton	2	1	0	0
Lee	0	1	0	0

BB—Smith, Wells, Edwards, Staton.
2B—Isaacs, Smith. 3B—Kirk, Dagg.
HR—Hutchcraft.

Pitching

IP	ER	H	K	W
Hutchcraft 5	0	1	8	1



Freshman Kenry Hutchcraft had an inside-the-park home run and pitched a one-hit shutout in a Saturday win over NCOE. Through six games, Hutchcraft is batting .625 with an OPS of 1.772. Both are team highs. (Photo by Brian Turner)

Ella Sager Runs In Top Times Championships

by Brian Turner

Lady Mule senior Ella Sager was the one Fairfield representative in the Illinois Top Times Championships Friday, held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Shirk Center.

The ITT meet is an invite of the top returning runners across all classes, featuring the best early season competition in the state to wrap up the indoor season.

Sager competed in the 1A 3,200-meter run. She finished 11th with a time of

12 minutes, 28.75 seconds. Marshall's Molly Farrell won the race in 10:53.55. Sager was one of just two girls from south of Effingham in the 14-girl race. She placed 11th with a 12:27.33 in the same meet last year.

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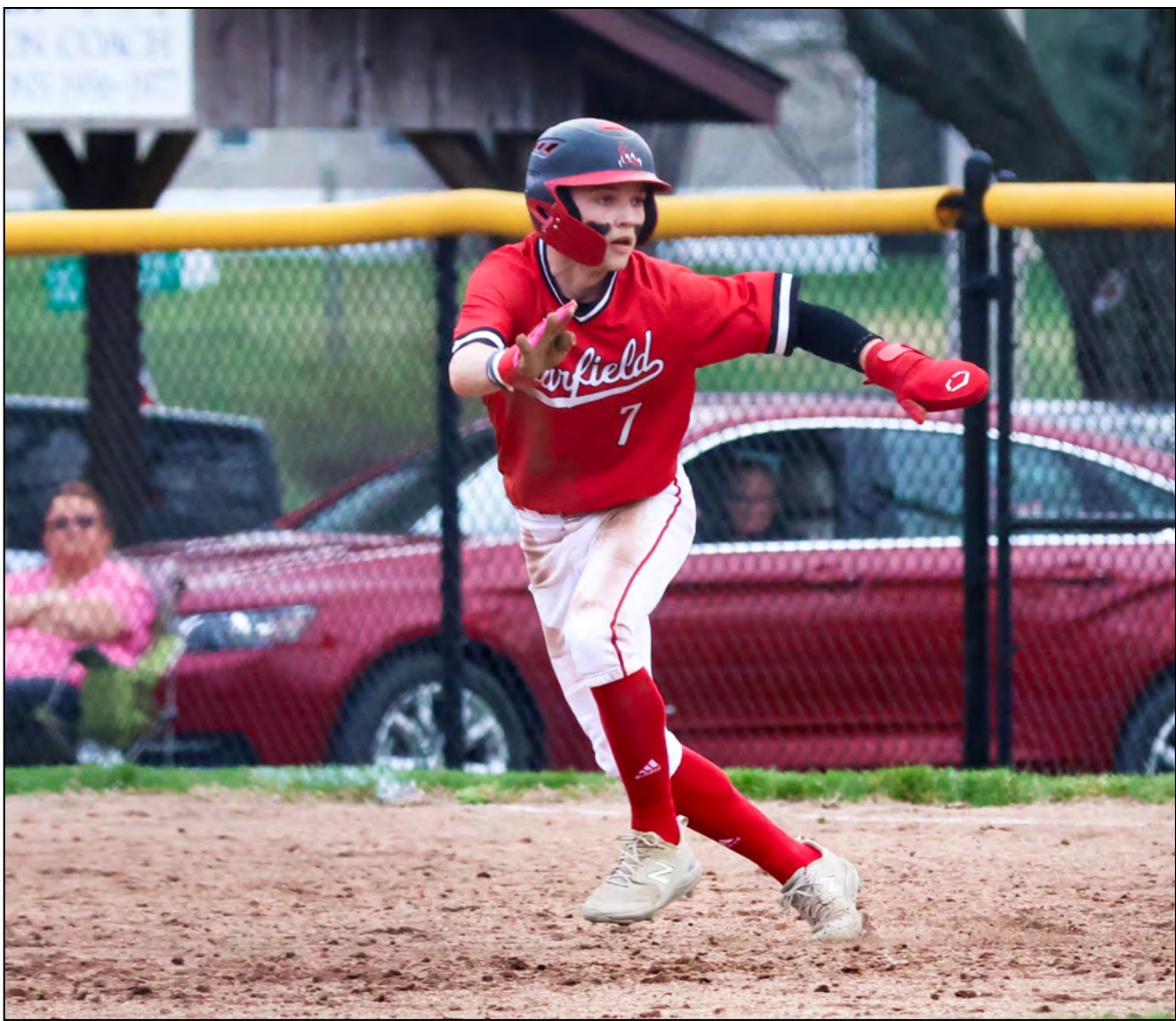
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Sophomore Austin Grieve had a stolen base and scored the lone run for Fairfield Friday as they faced the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes. (Photo by Brian Turner)

Shoes Win Fleener Bowl, 6-1, In Friday Baseball Bash

by Brian Turner

In a matchup to decide Pop's favorite at Easter dinner, Justin Fleener's Teutopolis Wooden Shoes knocked off Chris Fleener's Fairfield Mules Friday at Veterans Field.

The Shoes scored two runs in each of the first two innings and scored the first six runs of the game to get a road win relatively unchallenged.

Teutopolis had just one more hit than the Mules, 8-7, but drew three more walks, while also getting four unearned runs thanks to two Fairfield errors.

Both of the Shoes' earned runs came in the top of the first inning, with a walk, a double and two singles giving them a 2-0 lead. A one-out error led to two unearned runs in the top of the second.

The 4-0 lead would hold until the top of the fifth, when another Fairfield error led to two more runs and a 6-0 lead.

The Mules' lone run came in the bottom of the fifth inning. Austin Grieve led off with a single, stole second and moved up to third on a wild pitch. He scored on a ground out by Jesse King.

Tallen Hixenbaugh went 2-for-3 at the plate, while taking the loss on the mound. He pitched the first 4 2/3 innings, allowing two earned runs.

Fairfield dropped to 4-2 with the loss. They will host Richland County Tuesday.

Teutopolis 6, Fairfield 1					
T	2	2	0	0	2
F	0	0	0	1	0
	AB	R	H	BI	
JKing	4	0	1	1	
Puckett	3	0	0	0	
Marshel	1	0	0	0	
Kovacich	4	0	1	0	



Tallen Hixenbaugh had a single and a double for two of Fairfield's seven hits Friday in a 6-1 loss to Teutopolis. (Photo by Brian Turner)

CKing	3	0	0	0
Easton	2	0	1	0
Hixenbaugh	3	0	2	0
White	3	0	1	0
Gardner	2	0	0	0
Isaacs	1	0	0	0
Grieve	3	1	1	0

BB—Easton. 2B—Hixenbaugh.
SB—Grieve. E—C. King, Easton 1.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 4, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Edwards County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as COFFEE WITH JESUS

(truck/trailer) located at Mobile coffee truck/trailer.
Dated March 4, 2025
/s/ Mary Beth Smith
County Clerk
48-50-52

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Grover Township in the County of Wayne and State of Illinois that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of six o'clock P.M. at the Grover Township Hall for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said town. After a moderator has been elected, will

proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may in pursuance of the law, come before the meeting.
Immediately following the Annual Town Meeting the regular April monthly meeting will be held.
Dated this day of March 26, 2025.
Gail E Brown, Grover Township Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Lamard in the County of Wayne and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o'clock PM at the Lamard Township Building in Geff, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear

and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:
General Town Business

Dated March 27, 2025.
Carson Collins, Supervisor
Sharon Gualdoni, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRICT BUDGETS

The annual meeting for Mt. Erie Township will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Erie Town Hall, Mt. Erie, Illinois on April 8, 2025 for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said town, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, and decide the following:
• Township Business and
• Annual Budgets for Township and Road District

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and residents of the Town of Mt. Erie in the County of Wayne and State of Illinois that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation

Ordinance for Township Purposes and for Road District Purposes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Mt. Erie Town Hall, Mt. Erie, Illinois, from and after 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of March, 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2025, at the Mt. Erie Town Hall, Mt. Erie, Illinois, in Mt. Erie Township, and that a final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2025.
Dated this 26th day of March, 2025.

/s/ LISA SMITH, Clerk

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