

**PERUVIAN PELICANS**



Associated Press

A chef tosses a fish to a pelican at a pier in Chorrillos, Peru, on Friday. A group of local chefs and restaurant owners gathered to feed pelicans to save them from starvation. Scientists studying a mass die-off of thousands of pelicans on northern Peruvian beaches said hotter-than-usual ocean temperatures have driven a type of anchovy deeper into the sea, beyond the reach of many young pelicans.

**BRIEFS**

H&R news service reports  
**CANADA**

**Student protests spur emergency legislation**

MONTREAL — Quebec's provincial government was expected to vote Friday on an emergency law that would shut some universities and impose harsh fines on protesters blocking students from attending classes as it looks to end months of demonstrations against tuition hikes.

Protesters gathered in downtown Montreal on Thursday as the government introduced the bill to quell the most sustained student protests in Canadian history. But there was none of the violence that erupted Wednesday when windows were smashed, more than 120 people were arrested and police and protesters were injured.

Quebec Premier Jean Charest said the proposed legislation would not roll back the tuition hikes of \$254 per year over seven years. It would temporarily halt the semester at schools paralyzed by walkouts and push up summer holidays.

Proposed fines range from \$7,000 to \$35,000 for a student leader and between \$25,000 and \$125,000 for student federations if someone is prevent-

ed from entering an educational institution.

The three-month conflict has caused considerable social upheaval in the province known for having more contentious protests than elsewhere in Canada, and the country's lowest tuition rates.

**ITALY**  
**Concordia wreckage gone by early '13**

ROME — Salvage experts plan to use water-filled cisterns to weigh down the above-sea side of the cruise liner capsized off the Italian coast — part of an effort to turn the massive vessel upright so that it can be towed for demolition early next year.

The Costa Concordia, which was carrying some 4,200 people, struck a jagged reef the night of Jan. 13 when it veered too close to the coast of tiny Giglio island. The accident killed 32 people.

Titan Salvage, a company based in Florida, will remove the Concordia's wreckage.

Capt. Richard Habib, Titan Salvage's managing director, said the biggest challenge in the operation is to "roll the vessel upright on a platform and to safely float" it to a port.

**ENGLAND**  
**Surveillance program could subvert privacy**

LONDON — British officials have given their word: "We won't read your emails."

But experts said the government's proposed new surveillance program will gather so much data that they won't have to read your messages to guess what you're up to.

The U.K. Home Office stresses it won't be reading the content of every Briton's communications, saying the data it seeks "is NOT the content of any communication." It is, however, looking for information about who's sending the message and to whom, where it's sent from and other details, including a message's length and its format.

The proposal, unveiled last week as part of the government's annual legislative program, is just a draft bill, so it could be modified or scrapped. But if passed in its current form, it would put a huge amount of personal data at the government's disposal, which it could use to deduce a startling amount about Britons' private lives, from sleep patterns to driving habits or even infidelity.

**Myanmar's ties with U.S. may come at cost**

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI — The Obama administration's decision this week to ease financial sanctions imposed on Myanmar, encourage American investment there and appoint a U.S. ambassador for the first time in 22 years should further the long-isolated nation's reform, analysts said Friday.

But it could also spark inflation and intensify other adjustment problems affecting millions of impoverished Burmese, they said, in a nation already struggling to cope with a recent torrent of foreign companies.

"This is a move that Myanmar has been waiting for a long time," Khin Zaw Win, director of Yangon's Tampadipa Institute, said in an email exchange. "Regrettably, it doesn't have the capacity to absorb the investment. Local costs and prices are already rising."

Decades of isolation and iron-fisted rule under a military government have left Myanmar, also known as Burma, with a distorted and inefficient economy, exten-

sive corruption, major industries controlled by a handful of cronies and an administration short on the technical skills needed to run a modern state.

Those deficiencies have only become more apparent as the country has opened up in recent months, holding elections, releasing political prisoners, forging peace deals with ethnic minorities, liberalizing exchange rates and writing an investment law,

sparking what some have described as a new "gold rush."

Thursday's U.S. announcement, the start of what President Barack Obama termed a "new chapter" in relations, follows pressure from American companies that have watched their less-encumbered Chinese, Southeast Asian and European competitors pile into Myanmar ahead of them.

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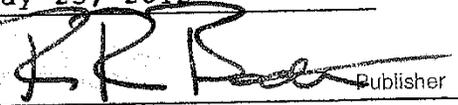
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## OV's Sroka plates 7th inning run to win 4-3 over Knights

by Keith Stewart  
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After being shut down in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Timberwolves presented their own defensive stronghold in the top of the seventh, laying the foundation for a bottom half breakaway that culminated into a win off the bat of sophomore Colton Sroka.

But despite the happy hollering when the final run was plated late in the game, the six-and-a-half innings prior were far from declaring a victor as each team took turns at scoring and stalling one another with stalemate pitching.

Colton Cloyd was the home team's starting pitcher but was quickly back in the dug-out after a three up three down first inning, thanks mostly to shortstop Peyton Hagerman who fielded two grounders and had sharp mid-air throws to first for two outs.

The Timberwolves capitalized immediately scoring two in the bottom.

Colton Sroka led off and after a full count, singled to right. He would get to third on Peyton Hagerman's double to deep center and then be sent home on Matt Keown's RBI to third.

With Hagerman on third, Cloyd lined out to center but would get the RBI after sending the runner home and going up 2-0. After Hunter Perrine reached base on an error following his bunt, he was thrown out at first after being caught off base to end the inning, much to the Knight's pitcher Jake Hatten's relief.

OV stayed strong in the second inning, ending it while preventing Knight runners on third and second from scoring. The ensuing half started off with a base hit to s.s. from Devon Sperry, and after stealing second and third was brought home on a squeeze play with Elijah Bear bunting. The Knights would stop the threat when Mike Sudarth grounded into fielder's choice.

The Knights would respond with a small effort, the likes of which had promised much more with bases loaded, but was compromised with a fly out.

The inning began with Cloyd recording two back-to-back strikeouts on Jake LaGrou and Jeremy Plank. The pitcher would fall behind, though thereafter, with Tyler Schuring starting the spark with a line drive to center for a base hit. Schuring stole second and third before being sent home on Evan Seegmiller's double to center. Cloyd's troubles deepened when he walked the next two batters. But with bases loaded, the senior caught a break when Avery Schrock fied out to left field and ended the Knights' promising inning.

OV would strangely produce little in the way of runs or spectacle in the bottom of the third, but in the top of the fourth, Cloyd would record three strikeouts across four batters.

Once again, though, OV's bats would do little to nothing as they went three up and three down.

The game turned stale until the top of the sixth when the Knights began their rally. Schrock led off with a base hit to s.s. that was aided by a throwing error to first.

Derek Helmuth would then be walked after a full count. On a wild pitch, Schrock came home, putting his team within one of the host.

With a runner on third, LaGrou hit a soft ball just past the pitcher that went unsought by the infield. Not only would it get LaGrou to first, but also Helmuth home, tying the game at 3-3.

"We really could have used that out!" said a disappointed OV head coach Andrew Hagerman. With the lead up for grabs, the OV coach changed out his pitcher for freshman Devon Still.

The new man at the mound recorded a strikeout on the ensuing at-bat. This would be followed up by Hagerman, now at catcher, throwing out LaGrou who was attempting to steal second to end the inning.

The host wouldn't respond well offensively, though, going three up three down in the bottom half.

Momentum now clearly with the Knights and poised with the top of their order to do damage, instead, Arthur-



Peyton Hagerman throws to first during the first inning.

Lovington followed suit. Looking anxious at the plate, they had all three batters out and left the Timberwolves with the opportunity to end the game.

It wouldn't take long. Hatten walked Bear to begin the inning. The junior would get to second on another effective sacrifice bunt by Sudarth. After Joe Jeffers was also walked, putting runners at second and third, Sroka smashed one deep to center to score Bear and win the game.

"We hadn't won a lot of games this year, and we come out this week and go 4-0, win all four games, and this one was a good one, because it was one of those where it felt early like we were going

to run away with it, and then they earned their way back in it," said OV coach Hagerman.

"It was a good ball game. Devon Still came in and pitched very well. It's his second win this week, and we kind of had an exciting week. All four of our wins were from four freshmen pitchers. Devon came in and definitely, I think on the mound, changed the game the way he was throwing the baseball."

"We had them in the right spot," said Arthur-Lovington head coach Jared Vanausdoll. "We had our top of the order up and in that seventh inning I really felt confident that they could come up and do it, but the Still kid just pitched well. I thought he threw a good breaking ball and kept

us off balance."

While losing in such fashion was less than ideal, Vanausdoll was still proud of the effort his team made, especially considering the same matchup a few weeks ago resulted in a 5-3 loss.

"I'm not disappointed in them, I'm disappointed that we didn't win," he said. "I'm proud of the boys. They played hard tonight and played good baseball. Our bottom of the order today did well. They scored the two runs to tie it up, so I was pleased with them. I've gotta say, Jake Hatten pitched well. He really battled."

The loss marks the Knights 16th, which until Sroka's plater had looked as though it would be their second win.

"This is, I think, our fifth or sixth one-run loss on the year," said Vanausdoll. "I've

got a talented group, albeit a young group. They're just lacking some at-bats and some games. They need to play a little longer and stay with it, and if this group stays with it, they're going to be really good coming into the future, and I look forward to that."

On the other hand, the Timberwolves (7-14, 5-6 LOVC) seem to be on a roll.

"We've kind of gone from dreading baseball games to looking forward to them," said Hagerman. "Right now the difference between the last couple weeks and the first part of the season is we're just playing good baseball. We're making plays, we're bunting well, we're throwing strikes, we're stealing bases, we're just doing the little things. That and our freshmen pitchers are just doing phenomenal right now."

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## Former local man's work to be featured in international art competition

The artwork of former Moultrie resident Patrick Blythe will be installed in the new El Paseo Invitational Sculpture Exhibition, a two-year international competition. An eight-foot tall version of the bronze sculpture "Harvest" will be lifted by crane into its new home in October. "Harvest" is an abstract

sculpture inspired by Blythe's years spent working in the fields of central Illinois as a child. According to Blythe, "Working in the fields and factories of central Illinois had a lasting impact on my life, and my art." To create his work he relies heavily on the welding and mechanical skills learned from area farmers and factory

workers. His unusual process begins with clay, and then a solid glass version is cast in his solar-powered kilns before recreating the work in bronze. Blythe teaches art for the Osher Institute at CSU San Bernardino and serves as a docent for the Palm Springs Art Museum. His work is held in collections around the world, and he has

worked on public art projects in the UK and New Zealand. A sampling of his work may be seen at <http://patrickblythe.com>. Blythe continues to be inspired by fond memories of growing up in the area and especially the people. Blythe's work draws from his recollections of the many people who provided jobs, guidance, and a steady

stream of funny stories. "Hardly a day passes that I don't recall one of the great tales told to me by one of our local characters," says Blythe. "I think some of the stories may even have been true." He is not the only artist in the family. His late grandfather, Art Walker, became a well-regarded artist after retirement,

using his extraordinary woodcarving and metalworking skills to create highly detailed recreations of circus rides, horses, buggies, and animals. Blythe's mother still resides in Sullivan. The artist will return to share memories with friends and family in June after a teaching a glass casting class in the St. Louis area.

## Lake Land College offers free Ag Institute I and II

Lake Land College will offer two sessions of the Ag Institute this summer. Ag institutes are designed for 12 educators to learn the amazing impact agriculture has on our daily lives. By touring Ag businesses and farms, by meeting with industry professionals, and engaging in hands-on

activities, participants will gain first-hand knowledge they can share with their students as well as lesson plans relating to state of Illinois teaching standards. Lake Land College agriculture instructors Jon Althaus, Ryan Orrick and Dyke Barkley will teach and organize the Ag Institute

tours and stops. Ag Institute I is a three-day adventure that will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 11-13. For this course, participants will learn about the impact agriculture has on daily lives. By touring area agricultural businesses and farms, meeting industry professionals and engaging

in hands-on activities, students will gain first-hand knowledge that may be shared with their students. Lunch is provided. Ag Institute II will go deeper into the agriculture experience, updating participants on the latest technologies used in the field. The processes of sustain-

ability, alternative agriculture, bio-technology and current research in agriculture will be discussed. This section meets 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 18-20. Both classes will be held on the Lake Land College campus in West Building, room 136. There is no cost to attend, however registra-

tion is required. To register, go to [www.lakeland.cc.il.us/as/ag/institute](http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/as/ag/institute). For a paper registration form, contact Community and Professional Programs at 217-234-5087 or email [vbales@lakeland.cc.il.us](mailto:vbales@lakeland.cc.il.us)

## Sullivan Civic Center triathlon winners

Jeff Paul of LeClaire, wa and Aimee Dziekan of Moomington were the overall men and women's winners Sunday during the Sullivan Civic Center triathlon. LeClaire finished in 50:48 and Dziekan 1:02:17. Winners and top place finishers from Sullivan include: Rick Steward-first place-

men's 55-59, Anna Stadler-first place-women's 20-24, Becky Clayton Anderson-first place-Athena 39 & under, Jennifer Mitchell-second place-Athena 39 & under, Bob Zollmann-third place-men's 40-44, Chris Salisbury-third place-Clydesdale 39 & under, John Repking-fourth place-men's 50-54 and Kathy Clayton Wheeling-fifth

place-Athena 40 & older. Other Sullivan area athletes who competed were Crystal Roberts, Jason Colwell, Mel Workman, Kurt VanDeursen, and Zakry Standerfer. The triathlon limited registrations to 300 people this year for safety reasons, time limitations, and space in the pool area among other reasons. Out of 254

registrants, 218 people completed and finished the 400 meter swim, 11.8 mile bike ride, and 3.1 mile run all comprising the triathlon. The race saw participants from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Florida, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

## Art club holding third workshop May 19

The Sullivan Art Club is offering its third painting workshop 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Factory Art Studios located 321 S. Hamilton in Sullivan. The featured artist and workshop leader will be Jan Von Bokel of Effingham. Some of her work may be seen at the Factory Art Studios and at her website [patpointings.com](http://patpointings.com). Von Bokel will be demonstrating and guiding participants in abstract

expressionism which will involve collage and acrylic painting. Each artist is responsible for bringing his/her own equipment and materials and for this workshop should bring an 18 x 24 inch or larger stretched canvas, acrylic paints of choice, and any acrylic brushes. Von Bokel will furnish the necessary collage materials. There will be a one hour break for lunch. Attendees may bring a sack lunch or

dine at one of the local restaurants. Parking is available on both the north and south sides of the studio. The workshop is open to any adult with the desire to paint regardless of experience. There will be a fee payable at the door for non-members which will allow the participant to attend the remaining two workshops at no additional cost. For additional information, contact Jan Von Bokel at 217-

821-3135, Ron Bartanen at 217-728-7280, or Sherry Harris at 217-797-6974.

## Lake Land College postsecondary Ag students place high at national conference

Members of the Lake and College Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization (PAS) recently attended the Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization National Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. This year more than 500 students of agriculture colleges and universities from 35 states were in attendance. Participants from Lake Land qualified to attend by placing first in their respective areas in state competitions earlier this year. Austin Gingerich of

Sullivan was a member of the crops specialist team which earned a second place. Gingerich also received second place as an individual. Additionally, Jennifer Honnold, of Oakland, was elected as a national vice president of the organization for the upcoming year. "Our team did an outstanding job," said Dyke Barkley, horticulture instructor and PAS advisor. "And we couldn't be more pleased to have one of our own Lake Land students representing the organization on a national level."

Membership to PAS is open to any agriculture student attending Lake Land College. To learn more about the programs in the Agriculture Division at Lake Land College, visit: [www.lakeland.cc.il.us/as/ag/index.cfm](http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/as/ag/index.cfm).

## 4-Hers are reaching out

4-H is more than developing mastery in project areas. It's about developing life skills, skills youth will use well into their adulthood. One of those skills is generosity, the value of giving back. The 4-H pledge says, "I pledge . . . for my club, my community, my county and my world." 4-Hers in Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties are reaching out to help citizens from Harrisburg affected by the February 29 tornado. Harrisburg, a small rural community in southern Illinois, received substantial damage from the violent storm.

Development, Unit 19 serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties, will deliver the donated items to Harrisburg June 1. For more information on this community service project or other University of Illinois 4-H Youth Development programs, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office or visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h>.

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While the tornado was two months ago, the community is a long way from being restored. Cleanup is underway and families are moving into new dwellings. As they rebuild their lives, they are doing so nearly from scratch. For many, most or all of their possessions were destroyed. The citizens of Harrisburg can still benefit from the generosity of others. As families start over they are in desperate need of household items such as sheets, blankets, toasters, crock pots, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, towels, etc...items one needs when moving out on his own for the first time. Donations will be accepted until May 30 and may be given to a 4-H'er or dropped off at the extension office in Arthur, Charleston, Shelbyville or Toledo. Dana Homann, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth

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# Bethany to fix sidewalk on Lincoln Street Outdoor youth festival returns to Wolf Creek

**By Sara Sims**  
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Carrol Iler and Mildred Newcomb, usuals at village board meetings in Bethany, had a specific reason for attending the Bethany Village Board meeting on May 10. They are concerned about the sidewalks in front of and beside the Bethany Cafe.

During the meeting, Mayor Barb Meador stated that she and some other members of the board have looked at the sidewalk on Lincoln. She recommended that the village hire an engineer to look at it and help them in making a decision.

"You can see the bricks of the building in the grate of the sidewalk, and the building goes all the way down. Pam said that she is getting ready to retuck the west side of the building and that there would be a lot of support problems if we go in and mess with it ourselves," stated Meador.

The village wants to fix the whole sidewalk, not just part of it. There has been concern over the height of the sidewalk, which the village will have fixed as well. Meador noted that "The

sidewalk is buckled up, and raised, and down by Loretta's, it has big holes in it, it's not just the lip. The whole sidewalk needs to be replaced." The issue is that some parts are higher than others, posing a risk for people tripping.

Jeanne Rupert said that when she looked at the sidewalk, she felt there could be a step halfway so that the lip wouldn't be so high. "We have talked about the lip being so high, and if we added a step, or lowered the sidewalk, because why does the sidewalk need to be that high? That will help with part of the issue."

The board thought it would be best to higher an engineer, possibly the city engineer, to inspect the sidewalk because he would know what they should do and suggest things that they wouldn't have thought of themselves.

Mike Collins stated that if the sidewalk is old, and someone falls, it is simply an accident. "If it is new and someone falls, and it isn't up to engineering grade, you might as well open your checkbook."

Iler told the board that

she thinks they should look further on Main Street. "We have two new businesses up there, and that sidewalk is bad." Meador countered Iler, stating that the sidewalk on the other side of the cafe is a lot worse. Greg McLain said that there have been a number of people fall on the Lincoln sidewalk.

Iler noted that there are people who fall on Main Street too. "There are places that are broken out in a couple of places along that sidewalk. And you better get to fixing it because you need to stop and think that a lot of older people go to the restaurant, and they park along there." In response to Iler's concern, the board stated that they have discussed patching those places. A vote was put in place to not only patch the sidewalk on Main Street but also get an engineer to look at the sidewalk on Lincoln.

Another issue on the agenda was the yearly donation to the Bethany Celebration. The Bethany Legion voted on lowering the amount of money that they

Links to the Future: Festival 2012 will take place May 19 at Wolf Creek State Park on Lake Shelbyville. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has joined forces with the Boy Scouts of America's Lincoln Trails Council's Spring Rendezvous and the NRA to produce the largest outdoor youth sportsman festival in Illinois.

This activity packed festival is open to the public and all events are free. Public registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Boy Scout Troops should be pre-registered.

The all day event will feature such activities as trap shooting, target shooting, archery shooting (targets and 3-D), fishing and wildlife displays. An encampment

of frontiersmen representing the lifestyle, clothing and trades of Rendezvous Era will be on hand as well as exhibits and activities including rope making, blacksmiths, a longbow maker, storytelling, fire building, woodworking and a recreation of a Civil War camp.

Now in its 10th year, Links to the Future has proven to be an overwhelming success with outdoor enthusiasts young and old. Combining the efforts of major Illinois conservation and wildlife organizations with those of seasoned outdoor people, Links to the Future organizers are committed to promoting, preserving and continuing Illinois' outdoor sporting traditions. "Inspiring our youth with hands-on participation is the most

important thing we can do to promote outdoor activity and conservation education," says Richard Glazebrook, Site Superintendent of Lake Shelbyville State Parks. "This is an event for all outdoor enthusiasts."

Major sponsors of Links to the Future: Festival 2012 include Shelby County Rifle Club, United Bowhunters of Illinois, Windsor Gun Club, NRA, The National at Eagle Creek, Wild Turkey Federation and the Shelby County Chapter of the Illinois Rifle Association. Grant funding for the event comes from the National Rifle Association.

For more information on the Links to the Future: Festival 2012 or to become a festival volunteer or sponsor, call Eagle Creek State Park Office at 217-756-8260.

## Fleming awarded Troy A. Kost Scholarship

Aaron Fleming of Lovington Township (Moultrie County) has been awarded the \$2,000 Troy A. Kost Scholarship from Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). The son of Steve and Jayme Fleming and a 2012 graduate of Lovington High School, he will attend Millikin University in Decatur, majoring in biology/pre-med with the goal to become a family practice physician. His high school memberships/activities include National Honor Society, Student Council, Scholastic Bowl captain, WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) Team, Spanish Club, ECO-Team (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), band, class plays, soccer and track/field. Fleming is a cadet/sr. master sergeant with the Civil Air Patrol and has volunteered for the Lovington Township Library and its Tech Team that assists patrons with computer skills, American Red Cross Bloodmobile and Lovington Christian Church Food

Pantry. He will play trumpet for the Little Theatre on the Square this summer and will be a member of the Millikin Band.

TOI is a state association that provides education and

legislative representation for more than 11,000 township officials throughout the state. Scholarship applicants must have maintained a B average or above, and have demonstrated an ac-

tive interest in extracurricular activities. All applicants were asked to write an essay on The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future and attend an Illinois university. This year 127 applications were submitted.



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## School Board

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paign, and they could control the school board," said Vice President Steve Poland. "We may not have any farmers on it. We may have a group of people that only care about sports and not academics... I don't know what's wrong with the system that we have now. I like diversity, and I think with this form, that we have, it gives us diversity."

The board agreed to put an item on either June or July's agenda to discuss whether or not the board would like to place the format issue on the ballot for voters in November. A decision would have to be made before the end of August in order for the measure to be placed on the November ballot.

In other business, the board approved the bid from DeMoulin Brothers and Company of Greenville, Ill. for 80 new band uniforms in the amount of \$31,482.40, approved conference, mileage, and room reimbursement rates (which went unchanged from last year's), and accepted the proposal from First National Bank of Sullivan for official depository/banking services for the one year period beginning July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013.

In light of Michala McWhirter's resignation earlier in the year, the board agreed to employ Ginger Voegel as SHS senior class sponsor and Tori Rehahn as

SHS business teacher, both for the 2012-2013 school year.

Several reports were also given, including those by School Psychologist Jessica Hettiger, Induction/Mentoring Coordinator Ben Guyot,

and Service Learning/Community Education Director Matt Kracht. Each report is available for the public to view, and may be obtained by visiting the News Progress.



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## Monday night scrambler winners

The team of Paul Wisely, Jack Wieland, Cole Russell, and Shane Russell won the May 7 Monday night scrambler at Timberlake Golf Course. "The golf course is in great shape this year, and a lot of players have been coming out for the scrambler," said the course's owner Jeff Boldig.

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