

Local elementary students learn importance of Arbor Day

Students in third grade classes in Lovington and Sullivan recently learned about trees for Arbor Day. Sue Yarnell, from Ag in the Classroom, brought in samples of leaves and nuts as well as a video and informative video. Each child received information for parents on how to choose and plant a tree. They also got a coloring sheet which shows a variety of animals that live in and around trees. Arbor Day is celebrated all over the world but on different dates according to the best time to plant. In the United States, it originated in Nebraska in 1872 with Mr.

and Mrs. J. Sterling Morton. They saw the need for trees in the prairie at that time after moving from Detroit. Mr. Morton was a journalist and the editor of the first newspaper in Nebraska which helped him to promote agriculture to a wide audience. More than 1,000,000 trees were planted in Nebraska on that first Arbor Day! Yarnell worked with Sullivan Principal Rita Florey to choose a Royal Red Norway Maple which is a large shade tree similar to a Crimson King Maple for the northwest lawn of the elementary school. Okaw Valley and

Lovington have been given a tree the past two years. Eudora Drollinger's first grade class won the right to watch the planting of the tree. They each poured root stimulator onto the tree ball.

The maple was purchased with money from Moultrie County Soil and Water and Illinois Ag in the Classroom and is guaranteed for one year.

Illinois' state tree is the White Oak, voted on by elementary children in 1973.

The White Oak prefers a forest environment. The underside of the leaves are whitish, and it can grow from 60-100 feet tall and live more than 200 years. In the 1800's, our state was 42% forest; today it is less than 10%.

Trees have hundreds of uses including providing oxygen, absorbing chemical and noise pollution and producing salad dressing, chewing gum, diapers, soaps, perfumes, water treatment, and baby food.



Students from Eudora Drollinger's class pose next to a newly planted Royal Red Norway Maple on the lawn of SES.



Photo by Keith Stewart

Luncheon at the Courthouse

County Clerk Georgia England serves fruit salad to Chief Deputy Treasurer Marci Thompson Wednesday May 16 at the Moultrie County Courthouse. The luncheon raised over \$200, which will go towards the total amount raised at the Moultrie County Relay or Life June 15. Next to England are Recording Deputy Dee Elder and Chief Deputy Assessment Officer Marlene Selby.

Sullivan expecting planned power outage June 10

The city of Sullivan is going to have a "planned power outage" Sunday June 10, starting at approximately 11 p.m. and lasting until approximately 3 a.m. Monday morning June 11.

This outage will affect all customers served by the city's electrical system. This outage is to upgrade the electrical system at the

power plant.

As it is hard to predict the weather forecast a month in advance, this date could change. If this happens, the city of Sullivan will notify the public of the rescheduled date.

For questions or concerns, call the power plant at 728-4932.

Brown

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home rule powers over concealed carry.

"It is very frustrating that Chicago political bosses continue to dictate our state's gun laws," Brown said. "I will always support the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. Down-

state legislators should stand up to the anti-gun Chicago politicians and demand that our constitutional rights be upheld."

Representative Brown is urging concerned citizens to sign his concealed carry petition, which is available on his website at www.brown.ilhouse.gov.

Hardball with Bulldogs falls one run short of advancing to regional final for Redskins

by John Golden

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Sometimes it is hard to tell a student athlete that in the sport they play, it is not always about whether they win or lose. Sometimes, it is as equally important in how they play the game. It may be hard for them to hear those words, especially when the advice comes from their own coach. It almost sounds cliche, but after a 7 to 6 loss to St. Teresa in the regional baseball tournament, the Sullivan baseball team should end the season knowing exactly how their coach feels about them.

"We had a group of kids that buy into the team concept and work hard every night," explained Sullivan coach Troy Rogers. "They play the game with respect and class."

On Wednesday evening, St. Teresa started the scoring in the bottom of the first inning with two unearned runs. However, Sullivan answered right back with three runs in the top of the second inning. Josiah Davidson led the inning off with a base hit and he was replaced on the bases by pitch runner Bryce Miller. Bill Brown was then hit by a pinch in the batter's box and this mistake put two runners on base as Nick Frerichs stepped up to the plate with a bat in his hands. Frerichs promptly hit a hard single and the hit drove in Miller. Taylor Atchison then hit a single of his own to score Brown. Then in an exhilarating play that stunned the crowd, Patrick Miller dropped down a bunt for a suicide squeeze to bring home his teammate Frerichs. Miller would end up safe at first, turning the sacrifice bunt into an infield hit. The scoring unfortunately for Sullivan would end there for the time being.

St. Teresa then rallied and scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning to retake the lead. Not to go down without a fight, Sullivan then turned around and scored three more big runs to regain the lead in the baseball game. Micah Plank drove in two runs himself with a big single. "It was a great game to watch, and we definitely gave them everything they could handle," reflected Rogers. "The bottom of our lineup really stepped up and manufactured some runs. Bryce Miller had some huge plays on the base paths. Just like all year we got contributions from everyone"

After Andy Brown took over on the pitcher's mound for Sullivan, St. Teresa would end up scoring two more runs in the bottom of the third inning to take the lead for good, but no more runs would score

in the ballgame. Brown pitched three solid innings, and Lucas Mossman pitched a scoreless sixth inning. In that sixth inning, catcher Kent Hanson impressively threw out two Bulldog runners to keep the Redskins only a run behind in the contest. Unfortunately, one run behind is where the Redskins would stay for good.

After a tough season-ending loss like this one, the Redskin ball players

may choose not to listen to their coach's praise, but maybe they should listen to the other voices speaking who have authority on the subject.

"There have been numerous times this year where umpires or opposing coaches have gone out of their way to make sure I told the boys what a classy group of ball players they are," admitted Rogers.

The Sullivan Redskin high school baseball team

ended their season 22-12 overall and 6-5 in the Okaw Valley Conference.

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Monticello High School
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, rlic bread, milk
Friday, May 4 - Mini corn dogs, tater wedges with cheese, ut, milk
Monday, May 7 - Chicken r/z, potato cubes, fruit, roll, lk
Tuesday, May 8 - Horseshoe, nch fries and cheese, fruit, ore and milk
Wednesday, May 9 - Fiestada, rn, fruit, dessert, milk
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Breakfast ndwich, juice and milk
Friday, May 4 - Pancakes or nmanon roll, juice and milk
Monday, May 7 - Cheese eilet, bacon or sausage toast, ice and milk
Tuesday, May 8 - Biscuits id gravy, juice and milk
Wednesday, May 9 - reakfast or mini pigs in a anket, juice and milk

Monticello Middle School
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Lasagna/ eat sauce, lettuce salad/ essing, garlic bread, fruit, Chicken nuggets
Friday, May 4 - Cheesburger/ n, fries, fruit, *Twisted edge zza
Monday, May 7 - Chicken nders, baked potatoes, sour eam/cheese, peas, fruit, *Pizza osco stick
Tuesday, May 8 - Horseshoe/ n, fries/cheese sauce, fruit, adding, *Pretzel/cheese
Wednesday, May 9 - iestada, green beans, fruit, Pizza bosco stick
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Biscuits/

sausage gravy, milk/juice
Friday, May 4 - Donuts, milk/juice
Monday, May 7 - Scrambled eggs and bacon, milk/juice
Tuesday, May 8 - Pancake on a stick, milk/juice
Wednesday, May 9 - Bagels/ cream cheese, milk/juice

Washington Elementary School
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Spaghetti, green beans, fruit, garlic bread, milk
Friday, May 4 - Corn dog, corn, fruit, juice bar, milk
Monday, May 7 - Chicken tenders, peas, fruit, roll, milk
Tuesday, May 8 - Sub sandwich, cheese/bun, carrot sticks/ ranch, fruit, trail mix, milk
Wednesday, May 9 - Fiestada, sun chips, fruit, milk
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Cinnamon tasterie or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Friday, May 4 - Donut holes or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Monday, May 7 - Sausage pancake stick and syrup or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Tuesday, May 8 - Apple strudel or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 9 - Muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk

White Heath School
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk
Friday, May 4 - Mini corn dogs, french fries, cheese stick, fruit, milk
Monday, May 7 - Chicken tenders, green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 8 - Horseshoe

and bun, french fries, cheese sauce, fruit, cookie, milk
Wednesday, May 9 - Pizza stick, corn, fruit, pumpkin dessert, milk
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Mini chocolate donuts or mini powdered donuts, juice, milk
Friday, May 4 - Churros, juice, milk
Monday, May 7 - Pancakes, juice, milk
Tuesday, May 8 - Poptarts, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 9 - Mini cinnis, juice, milk

Lincoln Elementary School
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, April 26 - HALF DAY - No Lunch
Friday, April 27 - Hot dog/ bun, tater tots, mixed fruit
Monday, April 30 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, corn, pears
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, April 26 - Cereal and toast, bagel/cream cheese, juice and milk
Friday, April 27 - Cereal and toast, Long John, juice and milk
Monday, April 30 - Cereal and toast, cheese omelet, sausage, juice and milk

Blue Ridge/Manasfield
Daily alternative entree includes yogurt/cheese tick and crackers, chef salad/crackers, ham or turkey sandwich. White, chocolate or strawberry milk served with all meals.
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Chicken noodles or one alternative entree, whipped potatoes, fruit choice, bread basket
Friday, May 4 - Fish sticks

or one alternative entree, baked beans, fresh veggies/dip, fruit choice, bread basket
Monday, May 7 - Sloppy Joe/ bun or one alternative entree, hash browns, hot apple slices, bread basket
Tuesday, May 8 - McRib/bun or one alternative entree, green beans, jello/fruit, bread basket
Wednesday, May 9 - Max sticks/sauce or one alternative entree, pasta salad, fruit choice, bread basket
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Juice, biscuit, sausage gravy
Friday, May 4 - Juice, cereal, toast
Monday, May 7 - Fruit, breakfast pizza
Tuesday, May 8 - Juice, cereal, MVP bun
Wednesday, May 9 - Fresh apple slices, yogurt, toast

DeLand-Weldon
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Spaghetti w/ Italian meat sauce, hot dog on bun, tuna salad sandwich, chicken chef salad w/wheat breadstick, green beans
Friday, May 4 - Tony's cheese pizza, fish patty on bun, chicken buffalo wrap, ham pizza salad w/wheat breadstick, mashed potatoes w/gravy
Monday, May 7 - Pizza meathall sub, chicken nuggets w/wheat breadstick, ham and cheese sandwich, egg chef salad, broccoli, parsley noodles
Tuesday, May 8 - Pancakes w/scrambled eggs, cheeseburger on bun, bologna and cheese wrap, chicken caesar salad w/ wheat breadstick, hash brown patty
Wednesday, May 9 - Beef and bean tacos, chicken patty

on bun, chicken ranch wrap, baja salad, w/wheat breadstick, black beans, Mexican spiced rice
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or wheat cinnamon roll, applesauce, orange juice
Friday, May 4 - Cereal w/cinnamon toast or waffles w/syrup, sliced peaches, apple juice
Monday, May 7 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or sausage breakfast pizza, fresh orange, apple juice
Tuesday, May 8 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or french toast sticks w/syrup, fresh banana, orange juice
Wednesday, May 9 - Cereal w/cinnamon toast or wheat cinnamon roll, apricot halves, apple juice

Cerro Gordo
LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Aloha Day: HS: Pork BBQ, fresh fruits and vegetables. GS&MS: Hot dogs
Friday, May 4 - Fish patty on bun, chips, pears, *Burrito
Monday, May 7 - Cheeseburger casserole, corn, pineapple, pizza burger on bun
Tuesday, May 8 - Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, applesauce, *Stuffed peppers
Wednesday, May 9 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, *Country fried steak
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday's - Pancake wrap
Friday's - Assorted donuts
Monday's - Breakfast burrito
Tuesday's - French toast
Wednesday's - Breakfast pizza

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LUNCH MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Spaghetti w/ Italian meat sauce, hot dog on bun, tuna salad sandwich, chicken chef salad w/wheat breadstick, green beans
Friday, May 4 - Tony's cheese pizza, fish patty on bun, chicken buffalo wrap, ham pizza salad w/wheat breadstick, mashed potatoes w/gravy
Monday, May 7 - Pizza meatball sub, chicken nuggets w/wheat breadstick, ham and cheese sandwich, egg chef salad, broccoli, parsley noodles
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Wednesday, May 9 - Beef and bean tacos, chicken patty on bun, chicken ranch wrap, baja salad, w/wheat breadstick, black beans, Mexican spiced rice
BREAKFAST MENU
Thursday, May 3 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or french cinnamon roll, applesauce, orange juice
Friday, May 4 - Cereal w/cinnamon toast or waffles w/syrup, sliced peaches, apple juice
Monday, May 7 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or french toast sticks w/syrup, fresh banana, orange juice
Tuesday, May 8 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or french toast sticks w/syrup, fresh banana, orange juice
Wednesday, May 9 - Cereal w/ cinnamon toast or wheat cinnamon roll, apricot halves, apple juice

Protecting children from TV, furniture tip-overs

It doesn't take long for a curious toddler to climb onto a dresser drawer or a bookcase - sometimes with tragic consequences.
Forty children are taken to the emergency room daily in the U.S. with injuries due to a heavy piece of furniture falling on them. Nearly half of these incidents are caused by televisions. And one child is killed every two weeks from being rushed under a television set, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Many of these injuries and deaths occur when children fall against an unstable piece of furniture or try to climb or pull themselves up onto furniture or TVs.
"We see these injuries most often in children who are age 5 and younger. The most devastating injuries can be injuries to the brain or when a child becomes pinned beneath a heavy piece of furniture and suffocates," says Gary Smith, MD, DrPH, FAAP, a pediatrician and spokesperson for

the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "The most important thing for parents to know is that these injuries are totally preventable," says Dr. Smith, who is also President of the Child Injury Prevention Alliance.
Some parents simply don't realize these heavy objects can be major hazards in their homes. Parents can help prevent these injuries by anchoring televisions and heavy furniture like dressers and bookcases firmly to walls.

It's important to realize that even though they are heavy, televisions aren't stable, stress the experts at the AAP. Older, boxy TVs have most of their weight in front, which makes them easy to topple. New flat-screen TVs have their weight more evenly distributed but are often much larger, and can easily tip if not secured.
The AAP is offering these tips for parents to help keep kids safe from furniture and TV tip-overs:

- All dressers, bookcases, entertainment units, TV stands and TVs need to be securely anchored, usually into a wall stud. You can secure heavy furniture, TVs and appliances to a wall stud with braces, brackets, anchors or wall straps.
- Televisions should be placed on low, sturdy furniture appropriate for the size of the TV.
- Do not place televisions on top of furniture that is not designed for such use -- such as on dressers -- as they can tip over more easily.



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TVs and other furniture can easily tip over and injure children when not properly secured.

- Push the TV as far back as possible from the front of its stand. Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions to anchor it.
- Remove items such as toys and remote controls from the top of televisions and furniture. These items may tempt children to climb the furniture or TV, which may cause a tip-over.
- Place electrical cords out of a child's reach, and teach kids not to play with the cords.
For more information on keeping kids safe at home and at school visit www.healthychildren.org.
A few simple safety measures can go a long way in making sure your little explorer doesn't climb his or her way to an accident in your home.

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Odds and Ends

by Steve Hoffman

It did not take long into my married life to figure out the difference between a house and a home.

I was much more dense in figuring out the same difference in my vocational calling.

I'll finish the analogy later, but first you deserve to know a little about your new editor.

A native of Springfield, I was part of an artistic family. My older brother is a musician, and 'toured with Ray Charles for 13 years. My dad was a banker, but his heart was also with local music, playing trumpet with dance bands and the Springfield Symphony.

My sisters were both dancers growing up, and one of them is still a choreographer and takes part in dance competitions in the Chicago area.

Music is also a big part of my life, and I use it to this day to help lead music at my home church.

After my childhood, I obtained a communications degree from Illinois State University. Following a five-year stint in radio, I made the switch to newspaper, where I have remained for 23 years.

The first 21 years was for several area weeklies, most of it at a northerly neighbor, The Farmer City Journal.

I loved it. I just didn't realize how much until October of 2010, when several weeklies were closed. The parent newspaper

was kind enough to offer me a post, which I took.

I also enjoyed working at a daily publication. I learned plenty, and the people were wonderful.

But it wasn't the same. When the opportunity came to work for a weekly again, I jumped at it. There is a spring in my step and non-stop songs in my heart once again.

Don't get me wrong. Long days with night meetings, some weeks where you aren't sure if you will get it done, and the occasional angry reader are not exactly job perks. But they are more than offset by the people you work with and interview to generate stories that a majority of readers will appreciate.

You see, newspapers have served as my house - my dwelling, so to speak - for over two decades.

But weekly newspapers are my home.

I hope you will welcome me in.

Send me your 'stuff'!

Do you have story ideas? Feel free to email them to me at shoffman@news-gazette.com, or call me at 217-762-2511. I'm listening!

I would also like thank all the people I have met in my first few days at the Journal-Republican. From patient coworkers to gracious townspeople, I have been treated well. It is appreciated.

COLUMN - Out and About by B.J.G

A favorable review of the walking trails

Remember when I suggested to you that you try walking the trails on the east or west side of town. Well, I've taken my own advice and experienced the one going west over the Sangamon River. You won't be disappointed.

Several of my family and I chose the beautiful Easter afternoon, just past.

I was glad to have company but a solitary walk would also be a pleasure. To my surprise a few others had chosen the same day—even three or four

bicyclers.

This is the trail that has the rebuilt bridge. It is even better than I expected—a perfectly beautiful walking bridge—nice design and sturdy construction. For years, I've had a glimpse of that old railroad bridge and been intrigued.

On the trail you are walking through the woodlands—leafy green on each side. You climb up very slightly onto this nice long bridge and seem suspended between the leafy canopy above and the river bot-

tom beneath. You are between two worlds, the squirrel world above and the wet world below. Right at the river there is open blue sky. At flood stage it must be quite a different view.

I saw no fish, no crabs, no beavers or 'coons but a well-worn riverside. Seems people have been enjoying this spot for quite some time: fishing, camping, gaming.

We had started at County Farm Road walking east; never got so far as Railroad St., so I have some trail left to travel

between the trees listening for birdsong and wondering if an old lady should hike alone. Suppose I turn my ankle or my knee gives out.

Life is beset with "might have been" or "better not"—go ahead walk it anyway.

Betty Jean Gantz is a 22-year resident of Monticello. She is an ex-form wife and an ex-shorttime school teacher, the mother of three adult children and currently a community promoter.

AS TIME GOES BY

100 Years Ago - 1912

We still keep paying congressmen 20 cents a mile traveling expenses to and from Congress when an average of 2.5 cents would be nearer right. The use of crude oil on unpaved streets in order to keep down the dust seems to be a success. The main streets in Monticello that are unpaved could, at a slight expense, be oiled and the dust almost entirely eliminated. There was no school on Thursday and Friday at Lodge on account of the teacher, Miss McLaughlin, has the measles. Winter wheat crop will produce an estimated crop of about 60 million bushels less than last year according to the Department of Agriculture. The acreage of wheat land plowed up this spring is the largest ever known. A.T. England, who planted over 500 acres of wheat last fall says that hardly a third of it will be left, the other two-thirds being put into corn or oats. Mayor Tippet and Alderman Trimble, Jones

and Ridgely went to Fairview Park in Decatur yesterday afternoon for the purpose of "being shown" the various pleasure devices used there. It is the earnest purpose of our mayor and park committee to install in our park these various devices that shall tend to the pleasure and comfort of our citizens.

75 Years Ago - 1937

Ray Ahlrich set a new record for school attendance. He has been neither absent nor tardy in nine years of school. Twenty-three women members of the Art and Garden department of the Tuscola Women's Club motored to the Allerton estate on Wednesday, where they were shown the estate gardens. The Piatt County grade school Kittenball League is composed of seven teams, Monticello, Atwood, Cerro Gordo, LaPlace, Hammond, New Union and

Coffin. Games are played on Friday afternoon and are seven innings. A letter was received here from the farm advisor of Saline County, expressing his appreciation. Construction of the new water tank at Bement, north of the Wabash tracks and about 100 feet east of the old reservoir is nearing completion. The tank will hold 60,000 gallons of water. Ralph W. Bear, living south of Monticello bought a Guernsey cow, three years ago and she promptly increased his herd by bearing twins. Last spring it was the same story. Last week a third set of twins was born to the same cow.

50 Years Ago - 1962

Charles C. Trigg, 67, owner of the Trigg Funeral Home at DeLand, died on May 5 at Burnham Hospital. Services will be in DeLand Methodist Church with burial in DeLand

Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Lola Bickel; a daughter and a son. Manfred Lynn McKee Jr., of Monticello, and Beverly Kay Harrell, of Clinton, will be married on June 30. Food Bargains at Good Food Market; cake mix two for 29 cents; kool aid six packages for 25 cents; and coffee 89 cents for eight ounce jar.

25 Years Ago - 1987

A site has been selected for a 15-bed home for the retarded of the area at the south end of Monroe Street. Volunteers have been preparing the site for the Monticello Wabash Depot, which will be located just north of the Community Building. Justin Kirkland has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. His project was to organize the collection of used eye glasses. Almost 400 pairs were collected, sorted and then sent overseas.

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The Monticello boys ran away with the 2012 Okaw Valley conference boys meet held at Unity on Monday, May 7. They scored 139 points in the team standings.

South Piatt girls take runner up in LOVC meet; CG sixth

The South Piatt girls were the second best team in the Little Okaw Valley conference.

The girls proved that on Monday, May 7 by scoring 117 points during the LOVC conference meet in Arthur, where second only to Arcola.

Individual conference titles went to freshman Kaley Stanley (long jump), junior Anna Hendrix (high jump) and senior Elaine Davis (triple jump).

Stanley won the long jump at 15-feet-8-inches and Davis took the triple in 31-feet-2.5-inches.

Hendrix cleared 4-feet-10-inches to win the high jump. Sophomore Alex Miller also finishing fourth in the event at 4-feet-6-inches.

Junior Kendra Guffey placed in both throwing events, finishing third in the discus (84-feet-2-inches) and fourth in the shot put (30-feet-10.5-inches).

Senior Jordan Yeakley also finished fifth in the shot put (29-feet-3-inches).

Junior Alyssa Hendrix also finished fourth in the triple jump at 28-feet-1.25-inches.

In the racing events, South

Piatt won the 4x100 race with a time of 54.8. The team consisted of Stanley, Yeakley, freshman Alyssa McArthur and senior Hunter Hale.

The girls also picked up runner up finishes in the 4x200 (1:57.4), 4x400 (4:45.1) and 4x800 (11:32).

In the individual races, Stanley was the runner up in the 100-meter hurdles (17.3) and McArthur finished third in the 300-meter hurdles (55.2).

An. Hendrix finished fifth in the 300 meters (56.3).

Freshman Caressa Dillow scored team points in both distance races, finishing fourth in the two-mile (14:32.9) and fifth in the mile (6:49.6).

Freshman Kailan Morris finished fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:09.6).

Miller was fifth in the 200-meter dash (30.1) and Al. Hendrix was fifth in the 800 meters (2:44.7).

Cerro Gordo finished sixth with 23 team points.

Senior Rachel Lovekamp was the team's top finisher, taking second in the 300-meter hurdles

in 52.2. Senior Camille McRae placed third in the two sprints running a 13.8 in the 100 meters and a 28.7 in the 200 meters.

The girls also finished fifth in the 4x100 with a time of 57.1.

SHELBYVILLE SECTIONAL

Neither South Piatt nor Cerro Gordo advanced an individual onto the state finals meet during the Shelbyville sectional on Friday, May 11.

South Piatt finished 13th as a team with 8.5 points.

Their top individual performance came from Stanley, who finished fifth 100-meter hurdles (17.58) and long jump (15-feet-11.5-inches).

McArthur ran sixth in the 300-meter hurdles (52.65) and An. Hendrix tied for sixth in the high jump at 4-feet-10-inches.

South Piatt also had a fifth place finish in the 4x200 (1:56.65).

Lovekamp posted Cerro Gordo's only top-6 finish, running a 51.75 to place fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

State from 11

The majority of those advancing will be making their state debuts. Of the seven athletes involved in the state qualifications only one is a senior and only two have prior state meet experience.

One of those returning to the state meet is Houska, who ran the anchor leg on the team's 4x800 meter relay team as a freshman.

In addition to the 4x400, Houska will also return in the 4x800 and in the individual 800 meters. She ran a 2:23.46 in the 800 meters and finished second.

"Last Friday I ran in four events, so this wasn't as bad," said Houska. "I wanted to take out the 400 and see how it would go. It worked out. We went into the 4x800 feeling like we had that race down. We wanted to push through in that really bad. Then when the 800 came around, I was just wanting to see how it goes. By the time the 4x400 came around, we were just running on adrenaline."

The 4x800 qualifying also included Foley, senior Emily Smith and freshman Maddie Tutich. They finished second with a time of 10:06.89, the team's fastest time of the sea-

son. It was the sixth time the program has advanced a 4x800 team into state in the previous seven years.

"That's a great tradition of hard work," said coach Jeff Condis. "It starts with the cross country program. Coach Jeff Butler does such a great job with all those cross country girls. They work so hard and come in doing well in the mile, two mile, 4x800 and even 4x400. They come as very strong runners."

All four of the 4x800 runners ran cross country in the fall.

Like Houska, Foley will be busy in Charleston. In addition to the two relays, she'll also compete in the mile, where she qualified on time with a 5:28.49. She finished fourth in the race.

"I was anxious all day," said Foley. "I really wanted to see what we could do in the 4x800. I figured we could qualify, but I wanted to see what kind of time we could put up. Then we ran a 10:06, which was exciting. When the mile came around I was just thinking about what I needed to do. I just went out there and ran my race. Then to advance through, that was exciting. The 4x400 was just an awesome way to end."

A pair of freshmen rounded out the teams other two state qualifications.

Ness will also run in the 100-meter hurdles, which she won with a time of 16.18 on Friday. Anna Auten will also compete in the high jump after finishing second at 5-feet-2-inches.

The girls tallied 74 points in the team standings, placing them second to only St. Joseph-Ogden.

"I'm pleased with our work," said coach Jeff Condis. "Our girls have worked very hard all year. They worked especially hard tonight and earned that spot."

It was the team's top finish in the team standings during major meets this season.

"I wouldn't say I'm surprised by this," said Condis. "I knew they were capable of this. They've been pushing themselves all year and pushing each other. They've been fighting injuries all year, which is from pushing themselves so much. These are the ones who are healthy. If we could have kept everyone healthy, we would have done much better."

All of Monticello's state qualifiers will compete in the Class 1A state preliminaries, which will take place on Thursday morning.

SP boys place fourth in LOVC; CG places in 4x200 relay

The South Piatt boys track and field team finished fourth in the Little Okaw Valley conference meet held at Arthur on Monday, May 7.

The Wildcats scored 75 points and sophomore Steve Isbell won the conference crown in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.8. Junior C.J. Somers completed a South Piatt 1-2 finish in the event by running a 44.8.

Junior Austin Dean was the

runner up in the 100-meter dash after running an 11.2. Isbell finished fifth in 11.9. Dean also placed fourth in the long jump at 18-feet-10-inches.

In the field events, sophomore Jordan Feagin triple jumped 39-feet-6-inches to take second.

Freshman Steve Gibson scored top-4 finishes in both throwing events. He placed third in the discus (138-feet-4-inches) and fourth in the shot

put (39-feet-8.5-inches).

In the relays, the boys were runner ups in the 4x100 (46.5) and 4x200 (1:39.5). They were also fourth in the 4x400 (4:19.7) and 4x800 (9:52.8).

CERRO GORDO

The Broncos finished seventh in the boys meet with six points.

The team's only top-6 finish came in the 4x200, where they finished fourth in 1:43.7.

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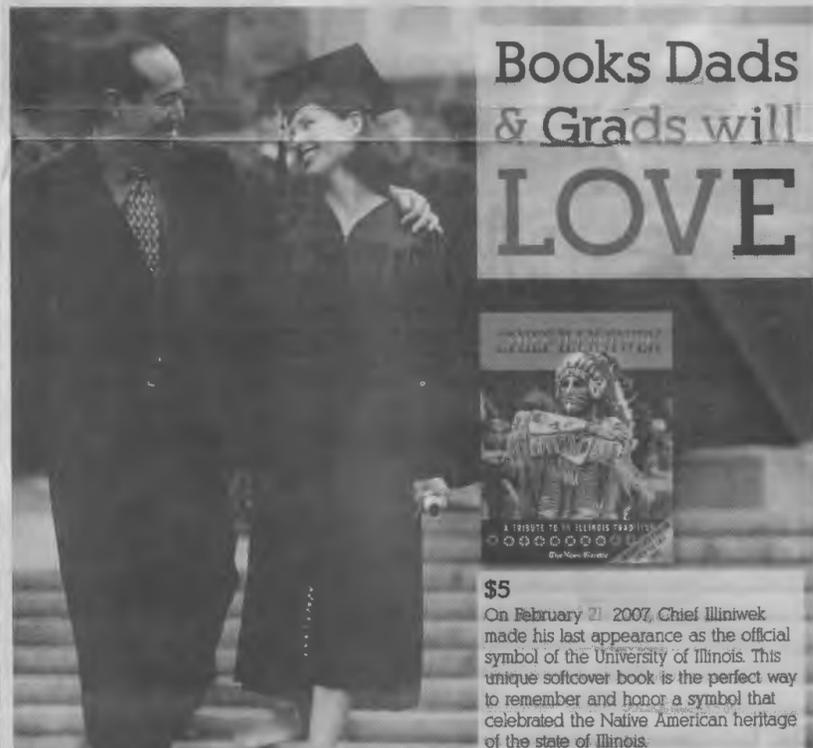
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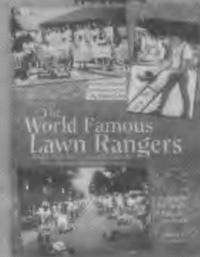
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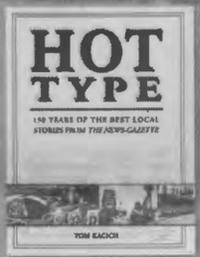
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