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The base is situated. Without providing details, it is the person is suspected having provided support to attackers. Officials had previously said that one of the attackers was captured alive; the rest were killed. Accusations over the anti-movie produced in the past that ridicules the prophet Mohammad also led to Kabul, where demonstrations turned violent Monday when protesters threw rocks at a U.S. military base. Early Tuesday, a suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into a minibus carrying foreign aviation workers at the airport in the Afghan capital, killing at least nine people in an attack a militant group said was revenge for the film. Those events help the Taliban's aim of driving a wedge between the Americans and their Afghan partners. They also show that the Taliban, while weakened, remains a force to be reckoned with, 11 years after the last U.S. troops arrived to fight the Taliban out. The extra troops began moving into Afghanistan in early 2010, pushing the total U.S. force to a peak of 101,000 by mid-2011. The U.S. troop surge was

supposed to put so much military pressure on the Taliban that its leaders — most of whom are in Pakistan — would feel compelled to come to the peace table. That hasn't happened. Preliminary contacts began, but have been stymied. When he announced his decision in December 2009 to send the 33,000 extra troops, Obama said it was aimed at seizing the initiative in a war that was "not lost, but for several years ... has moved backwards." Battlefield momentum was regained but doubts persist about how long-lasting the progress will prove to be. Stephen Biddle, a professor of international affairs at George Washington University and an occasional consultant to U.S. commanders in Afghanistan, said Monday he's grown more pessimistic about the handoff of security duties to the Afghans in 2014. "It looks like what we're going to be handing off is a stalemate war," he said in a telephone interview Monday, "which means the U.S. Congress will be asked to write these checks (to support Afghan forces) for years and years and years with no plausible argument that we're going to bring this to a successful conclusion, at least on the battlefield." Troubling is piling up so rapidly that some analysts wonder where it will lead.

"We've had this series of unfortunate events, the grand total of which it's really hard to read in any remotely positive manner," said Douglas Ollivant, a former Army officer who served in Iraq during the 2007-08 American troop surge and in 2010-11 was the senior counterinsurgency adviser to the U.S. commander of the eastern sector of Afghanistan. He is now a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, a think tank. Worries about Afghan soldiers and police turning their guns on their U.S. and allied partners have reached the point where Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander there, directed lower-level commanders on Sunday to review security protections and to limit some partnered operations with the Afghans temporarily. And it prompted Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to say Sunday that insider attacks have become a "very serious threat" to the war campaign. "Something has to change," he declared. He also suggested that the Afghan government needs to be more aggressive about making those changes. But Defense Secretary Leon Panetta struck a different tone, saying Tuesday the attacks do not mean the Taliban is succeeding. Instead, he said the Taliban is "resorting to efforts that try to strike at our force, try to cre-

ate chaos, but do not in any way result in their regaining territory that has been lost." Whatever the connection between these attacks, which so far this year have killed 51 allied troops, and the Taliban, they were not a problem when the surge began. In just the past three days there have been at least three insider attacks, killing two British and four American troops. The third attack, on Monday, wounded at least one civilian contractor but resulted in no fatalities. Obama also directed that the reinforcements start coming home by July 2011, and he ordered that all return by this month. U.S. and coalition officials say the overall war plan remains on track, with Afghan forces taking more of a lead role in fighting the Taliban insurgency over the next two years. The combat role for international forces is scheduled to end in December 2014, although some thousands of troops are to remain in various support roles. Often forgotten is that U.S. troop levels increased more in Obama's first year in office — from about 32,000 to about 68,000 — than during the surge. Portions of those early increases were leftover requests from U.S. commanders for reinforcements that President George W. Bush did not act on before leaving office.

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weeks. "It's kind of like with anything. You have to be an established theater and then distributors will consider you for first-run movies," said Wiseman. Prices for the theater will be \$6 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$5.50 for seniors. Movies in 3D will cost more, but a price has not been set.

Prices for concessions have not been set either, but Wiseman said they will be "fair." "It won't cost \$5 for a small bag of popcorn," he said, "I'm thinking like \$2 for a small." Couples seeing a movie can pay \$20 for a movie, two large drinks and a large popcorn. A family of four seeing a movie can pay \$40 for a movie, four large drinks and two large popcorns. "That movie theater on the square has been the

glue for the square area," said Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton. "It's one of the attractions that brought everyone down there from the ages of youth to old. It breathes hope for downtown and it's exciting it's opening up again," he added. Eventually, the three business partners have plans to expand the theater to provide plays and other activities for children. "That will really expand upon what the theater can be for this town. We're going to

make it a really nice, social place for kids," said Wiseman. AMC officially announced closure of the Taylorville Cinema I and II effective Thursday July 28, 2011. The building, which was formerly a dollar store, transformed into a theater complex in the late '70s. It later underwent construction to make it a duplex cinema. Laura Wolfe can be reached at lwolfe@breeze-courier.com or 824-2233.

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-approved reinstating the Safety Incentive Program as presented;
-approved to bid and/or advertise for the Heavy Equipment Operator position for the Water Department as presented;
-approved giving permission to Superintendent Dick Wiseman to advertise for the position of Recycling Attendant for the Street Department;
-approved raising the rate for the Langleyville Public Water District by 10 percent to establish the new rate at \$3.99 per 1,000 gallons for the next 12 months;
-adopted a resolution for consulting services at Illinois Airports for

Architectural/Engineering (A/E), Planning and Special Services for the Taxiway A Extension;
-adopted a resolution for a professional services contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. for the development of the Taylorville Municipal Airport;
-approved selecting Crawford, Murphy and Tilly to provide engineering services for any City Airport projects until the next consulting engineering selection process is either required by the governing authorities as deemed necessary by the City;
-approved directing Mayor Brotherton to sign the Professional Services Contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. to provide engineering services for Airport related projects;

-approved entering into an agreement with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. for Illinois Project #TAZ-4096 and Illinois Block Grant No. 3-17-0100-B13 - Construct Taxiway A Extension at the Taylorville Municipal Airport at an approximate total cost of \$800,000 and to direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same;
-approved blocking the 800 block of Taylorville Boulevard on Oct. 13, 2012, from 3 to 10 p.m. for a block party.
-approved an ordinance contract with SIMEC, LLC D/B/A Southern Illinois Municipal Aggregation Program and for engagement of the lowest cost electric wholesale supplier. The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held Oct. 1, at 7 p.m.

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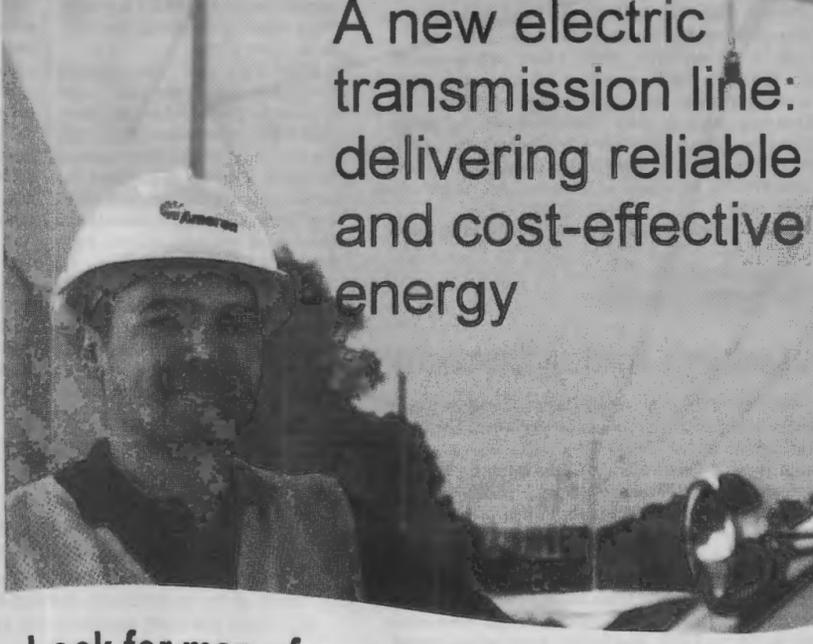
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opium prescribed for pain became known as the 'soldier's disease.' Today, the military's approach to treating substance abuse "tends to be old-fashioned," O'Brien said, noting the example of the military's reluctance to use medications that can combat cravings and in other ways help treat addiction, he said. "Modern treatment of substance abuse does involve medications. There are FDA-approved, effective medications that could be

used and should be used much more than they are," he said. Another problem is an overreliance on hospitalization and in-patient rehabilitation facilities, rather than the outpatient care that characterizes most civilian addiction treatment. "Addiction tends to be chronic," O'Brien explained. "The basic pathology of the addiction has a memory. It doesn't go away that quickly." Military counselors also need better training. "We reviewed the training materials the U.S. Navy uses for counselor training. Those materials are based on guidelines originally

written in 1984. They haven't updated them," said Dr. Dennis McCarty, a professor of public health and preventive medicine at the Oregon Health and Science University. "We think there's a substantial opportunity to enhance the training for the counselors" who work with active-duty military personnel. To reduce the stigma attached to getting help — and thus drawing more troops into its programs — the military should integrate prevention and treatment efforts more into primary health care and do more to preserve confidentiality for those seeking help, the report said.

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office" stated Burtle at a September 20th finance committee meeting. Officials had discussed that option after earning City Treasurer Terri France will not be seeking reelection. Mayor Greg Brotherton heeded caution against such action.

"We'd be sending the message that there could not be someone as qualified as Ms. France out there" said Brotherton.

The council was also reminded by Alderman Walters prior to approving the motion that Brotherton had previously advised the salary of mayor remain unchanged to provide

groundwork for future union negotiations.

In other matters the council passed a recommendation by the Plan Commission 7-1 for the resubmission of a site development plan for a two-unit duplex at 425 S. Cheyenne St. in Taylorville.

The Plan Commission met directly prior to the special council meeting to review the revised site development plan from Jim Hanely, President of Professional Video Systems. The commission passed a motion 5-0 accepting the revised plan with a variance for parking subject to the dissolution of a property boundary dispute that exists with a neighbor.

Hanely had previously submitted a plan for development of two 2-story quad-

plexes on the dead end drive. After receiving complaints from neighbors in the mostly single-family residential neighborhood the plan was amended to reduce the development to two one-story duplexes.

Residents of the neighborhood were also in attendance at last night's meeting voicing both concerns over the inclusion of a detention pond and the possible closure of Cheyenne St. that would prevent home owners and businesses from accessing their property.

The commission addressed several of the issues brought up by neighbors.

"There's no reason to close the road, we can do half at a time" stated City Engineer Joe Greene.

Health and safety concerns over the proposed detention pond were discussed and the commission assured neighbors that the pond would only fill at the time of a large storm event and then only for a 72 hour period while being drained.

Other neighbors in attendance gave thanks to Hanely for working to amend his site development plan in accordance with the wishes of the neighborhood.

The Taylorville City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 1st in the council chambers of the municipal building.

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will be filled at the April 9 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2017.

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To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates are not

required to indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in The School Code.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail, or by an agent. They consist of the following:

1) Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

2) Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 voters

residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

3) A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interest as noted above. (Incumbent candidates may use their receipt from the May 2012 filing since petitions will be filed in the same calendar year.)

4) A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may choose to file it or not.

Other important dates for candidates are:

Wednesday, January 2, 2013 - last day for filing objections to nomination papers or petitions in the office of the board secretary.

Thursday, January 31, 2013 - last day for candidates to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy forms.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 9 board election may be obtained by contacting the Administration Office, 512 W. Spesser Street, Taylorville or calling 824-4951.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for their free booklet, "Your School Board + You." Write: IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, IL 62703 or call 528-9688. The booklet and other helpful information are also available on the School Board Elections page at the IASB website - <http://www.iasb.com/elections/>

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University of Wisconsin at Madison. I have been a past director on the United Way of Christian County and have served two terms on the Taylorville Public Schools Foundation. I also served on the Lincoln Land Community College Foundation board. Currently, I am on the Improvements to Lake Shore Committee, a group designed to raise funds for our public golf course. I coached 7th

Grade Boys at the Taylorville Jr. High for 20 years. I am a member of the Moose Lodge and Knights of Columbus."

"My wife Karen and I are proud parents and grandparents. My son, Brent is the President and CEO of Christian County Mental Health. He and his wife, Stacey are the parents of Hudson, Hayden and Peyton. My daughter, Susie, is a stay at home mom and is married

to Scott McClure, of McClure Funeral Home and Cremation Services. They have a son, Brayden."

"I am currently CEO of Credit Collection Partners and President of The Loan Consultant and I also work at Tax Tech, all in the Marsango Plaza. I am excited for this opportunity and I look forward to meeting many people during the campaign."

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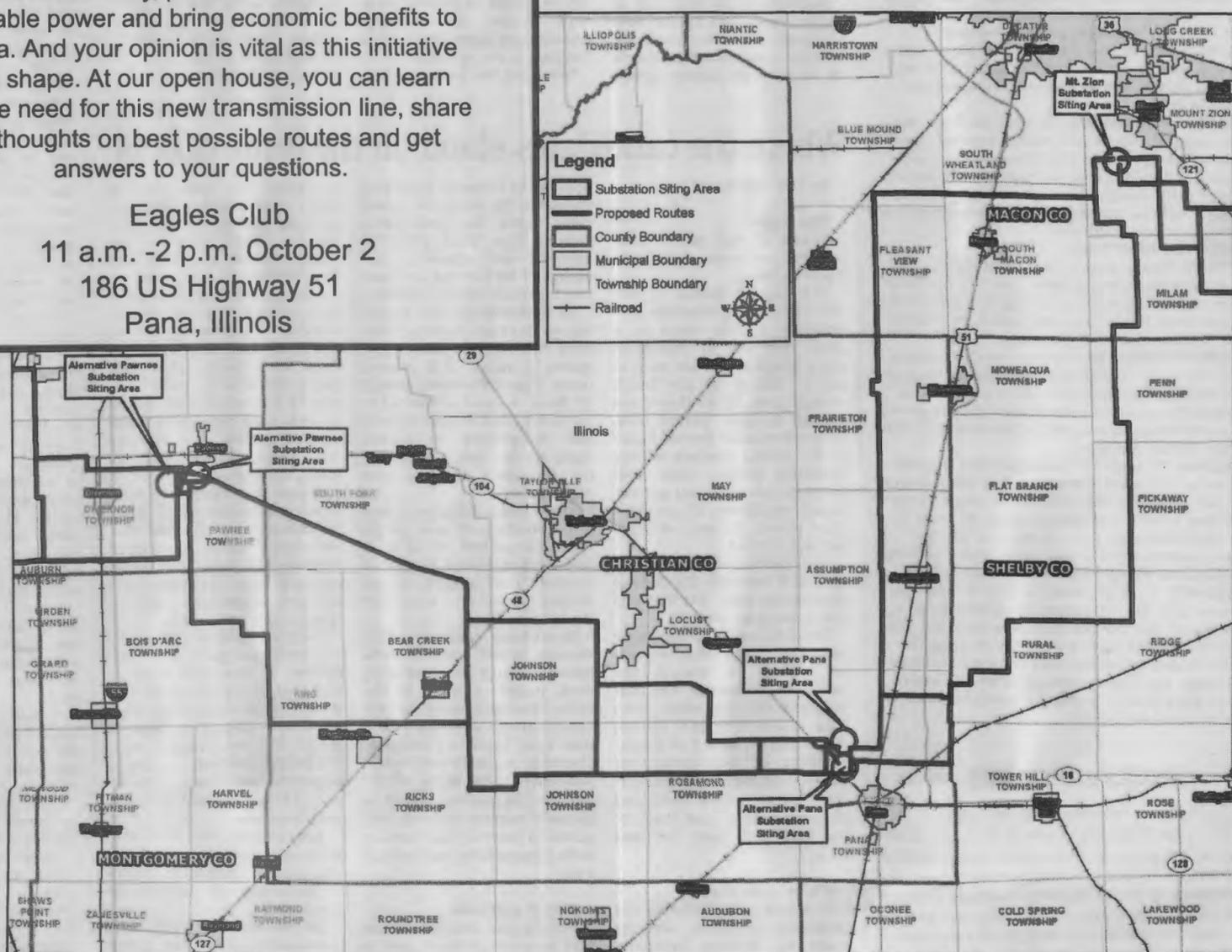
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FACT FUN & FILLIPS

By Tom Phillips

Still fighting the trouble with our legs, but at least on Wednesday, should know a little bit more about what's happening.

Supposed to find out at St. Mary's Hospital. But, it would seem they've been improving day to day - our walking with a cane or walker a bit more each day.

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Heading now to the "moment of truth" in November - Election Day.

The truth of it is for FFF is it would seem we need to move to the center, become activists in watching each and every opportunity to become "a watch dog" nation in terms of spending and adopt a definite "payback" schedule that is adhered to without fail.

And, last and most important - having moved little by little join each other in insisting that we keep close account of global military alliances that force us further and further under the heavy burden of military spending.

As close as the election, seems we feel more comfortable with staying in our home camp, and that is Barack Obama.

We totally agree that for all of us, this is undoubtedly one of the most important elections we have all experienced.

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So Long.

EIU Conference To Address Strategies For Eliminating Bullying

"It's become an issue more and more for schools to address," said Melanie Mills, assistant chair of the "Beyond Awareness: Strategies to Eliminate Bullying" conference, set to take place on the Charleston campus on Friday, Oct. 5. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"Our event is, by design, geared primarily toward supporting K through 12 educators from throughout the state and education students," Mills added. "We want to address bullying and work toward its elimination by connecting people in our communities on the topic."

The conference is a product of EIU's Bridging Voices in Our Community project, which serves as a catalyst to help educate and equip learning communities in the area of bullying prevention. Mills, along with BVC Chair Mildred Pearson, received a 2012 Faculty Development Partnership Grant and also Redden Grants to help support the event. Those grants, coupled with additional support from other sponsors, are enabling the university to offer the conference free of charge to participants.

The event has nationally recognized experts, along with several local speakers, scheduled to talk as part of the program. Jennifer Roscoe, WCIA-TV's "Beyond Bullying" spokesperson, will kick off the event, and will introduce the conference's keynote speaker Dorothy Espelage, professor of educational psy-

chology, University of Illinois. Other speakers will include Justin Patchin, associate professor and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, and a host of participants from EIU and the surrounding area.

The conference will conclude with a panel discussion, featuring Eastern students speaking out about their own bullying experiences, including tales of "being the bully to the pain of being the victim of bullying."

A complete list of speakers, short bios and subject topics, as well as an online registration form - can be found at the conference's website - <http://www.bvcbullyingproject.org/>.

"This conference will serve as a time for learning communities to unite and promote bullying intervention," Mills said. "We are asking administrators, teachers, coaches and other school personnel to join us from around the four corners of the state in becoming a 'human bridge' as we come together and serve as voices against bullying."

Phone 217-581-5728 or email info@BVCBullyingProject.org for information.

SPORTS

Sports Boosters Award Prize



THE PANA SPORTS Boosters (PSB) organization presented Maggie Zahradka, center, with a free family sports pass as the grand prize from a contest held throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Melissa Rybolt, left, PSB President, and Robyn Foster, PSB Treasurer, right, made the presentation.

The Pana Sports Boosters rely on parent volunteers for a variety of projects throughout the school year including taking tickets at sports events, working the concession stand, and helping with various fundraising activities. The organization used the contest as a way to say "thanks" to parent volunteers and encourage other parents to become involved.

Maggie and her entire family will get into all home sporting events at no charge excluding conference, sectional or state tournaments.

The Pana Sports Boosters will offer this contest again for the 2012-2013 school year.

To learn how you can volunteer for the organization, contact Rybolt, 827-7261.

Fresh-Soph Panthers Beat Rams

The Pana High School freshman-sophomore volleyball teams had matches in Shelbyville on Thursday, Sept. 6, and won both matches.

The sophomores were 25-23, 22-25, 15-8 winners while the freshmen won in two games, 25-19, 25-14.

Sophomores-
Tessa Rodman and Lexie Siegert led the sophomores in kills with 5 each. Rodman had 5 blocks. Erin Holthaus got 3 kills and 3 blocks with Reaghan Vaughn and Gloria Duduit each with 2 kills. Duduit made 3 blocks.

At the service line, Taylor Rochkes had 15 with 4 of them aces. Phoebe Hrabak served 9 points and Vaughn had 7. Apryle Johnson had 5 service points with an ace.

Vaughn made a dozen digs and Johnson had 10. Hrabak and Rochkes each had 5 digs. Hrabak made 15 assists with Vaughn having 3 and Laurel Funneman and Duduit each having 2.

Freshmen-
For the freshmen, Lexie Siegert made 9 kills with 7 blocks. Reaghan Vaughn got 4 kills and Anna Osborn got 1. Myah Herbord got 3 blocks and Abby Holthaus, 2.

Renee Waddington had 14 service points with an ace. Adrianna Suter served 8 points and had 4 aces with Funneman finishing with 6 service points. She had 3 aces.

Funneman dished out a dozen assists and Suter had 2. In digs, Katie Beck made 4 with Waddington, Funneman and Vaughn all getting 3 a piece.

Compassionate Friends Group Organizing

Compassionate Friends is an organization that helps families deal with the loss of a child (of any age). It is for parents, grandparents, and adult siblings (16 and older).

A Compassionate Friends group is being organized in Pana with the first meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at Pana High School library. Meetings will be held once a month.

Chapter leader is Rosita Downing, who can be reached at 217-883-1657, email Rosita_downing@yahoo.com or facebook.

Attendees do not have to "share," as it is important just to attend the meetings.

"It is important that people see the need for support in these times," said Rosita. "As a mom who's lost a child, we need this group in the Pana and surrounding area."

Ms. Downing lost her daughter, Elizabeth, three years ago. "And it seems like only yesterday," she says.

Compassionate Friends was founded over 40 years ago in England. It was established in the United States and incorporated in 1978 in Illinois. Today more than 640 chapters serving all 50 states, plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico offer friendship, understanding and hope during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

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The final grandstand main event of the Pana Tri County Fair, the demolition derby, was held Monday evening, Sept. 3, with a near-capacity crowd attending. There were 22 vehicles competing in three heats, with one special event, a compact car "free for all."

There was no final feature.

Each heat ended with "the last two standing," battling each other until only one car was running or moving.

Frank Farley of Springfield won the first heat among compacts, and received \$500.

David Jackson of Greenville won both the Modified Class, \$1,500 and also Stock

Class, netting \$500. The modified contest had eight entries, but one car left the field before start-up. Drivers battled it out for the length of an hour, until Jackson's auto was the only one that held up.

Winner of the free for all was Andrew Edwards of Taylorville, who received \$50.

Announcer was Kerry Campbell of All Kinds of Sounds, Shelbyville.

Numbered coupons were handed to grandstand attendees, with a \$100 giveaway during intermission. The winner was not announced.

SCHD Adult Clinic

The Shelby County Health Department will sponsor an adult immunization clinic from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Pneumonia, MMR and TD will be offered at this clinic.

Cost of the MMR is \$65, TD, \$30 and Tdap, \$45. Hepatitis B is a series of three injections over a six month period. Cost is \$30 per injection or \$90 for the series for clients age 20 years of age and older. For clients 19 years of age the cost is \$20 per injection or \$60 for the series.

Hepatitis A vaccine is offered to persons 19 years and

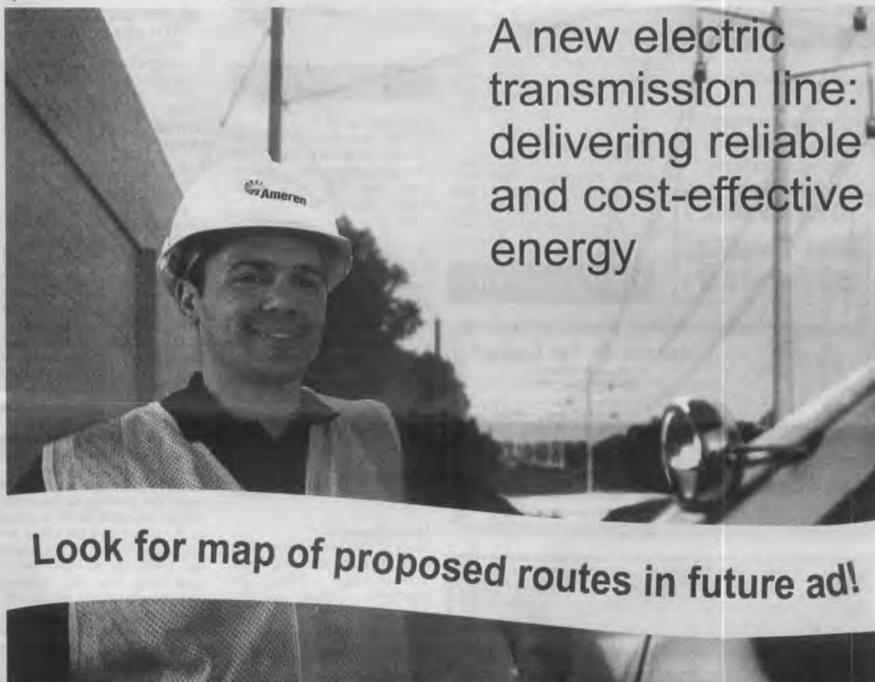
older; a series of two injections over a 6 to 12 month period. Cost is \$35 per injection or \$70 for the series.

Pneumonia is offered to persons 13 years and older. Cost is \$65.

Medicare is accepted as payment for the pneumonia vaccine. Bring Medicare card. Call one week prior to the clinic to assure vaccine availability.

Questions should be directed to the health department at 1700 W. S. Third, Shelbyville, or phone 774-9555, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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