

## Neoga man opens auto care shop

A Neoga native returns to the area to open his own auto care business.

Josh Porter, a 2003 graduate of Neoga High School, has opened Porter Performance Auto Care, a full auto repair facility.

Porter worked for Brad Foor at Foor's Auto Repair in Neoga before moving to Indianapolis to attend Lincoln Technical Institute. He graduated from the Lincoln Technical Institute Top Gun Internship Program with high honors in December 2004 with

an associates degree in Automotive Service Management. In 2008 He was named Delphi Technical Professional of the Year. Porter returned to the area in June 2012 to be close to family and friends.

"I have always wanted to won my own business and strive to achieve quality work and customer satisfaction," Porter said. "Bring it on in!"

Porter Performance Auto Care is located 2 miles east of Stew-Stras High School.

## Shelby County Sheriff's Report

On September 3 at 3:26 p.m., after checking a vehicle in the ditch .25 mile north of 400N on Route 32 in Prairie Township, Jason M. Rogers, 26, of Lovington, was arrested for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol and DUI.

On September 3 at 8:22 p.m., after a traffic stop at 1950 E and 750N in Clarksburg Township, Brandon Lee Gunter, 23, of Effingham, was cited for transporting an uncased firearm and Buddy T. Draden, 22, of Strasburg, was cited for shooting along, upon, or across a highway.

On September 4 at 1:45 p.m., after a complaint from Union Pacific Railroad of a rider on a train, Christian A. Kauffmann, 24, of Brooklyn, NY, was arrested for trespassing on railroad property.

He was arrested near 1900E and 1950N in Okaw Township.

On September 5, at 10:58 p.m., after an incident at Casey's General Store in Moweaqua, Mose C. Joseph, 48, of

Moweaqua, was arrested for domestic battery.

On September 12 at 12:05 p.m. at 700E at 1000N in Tower Hill Township, after a complaint, Larry E. Doolin, 66, of Pana, was cited for improper operation of an ATV.

On September 12 at 8:36 p.m., after an investigation by Illinois State Police, James E. Dixon, 38, of Rosamond, was arrested on a warrant out of Shelby County for bribery.

On September 16 at 3:11 p.m., after a complaint from the staff at Rhodes Frances Scout Reservation, Gary M. Thompson Jr., 29, of Pana, was arrested for criminal trespass to land and criminal damage to property.

On September 19 at 4:36 p.m., after driving through fresh cement at a construction area east of Route 32 on 700N in Big Spring Township, Robert C. Morgan III, 39, of Springfield, was cited for damage to highways, appurtenances and structures and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

# Shelby tentative multiplier announced

Springfield IL — Shelby County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Brian Hamer, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be as-

essed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1).

And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

Assessments in Shelby County are at 33.32 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2012 taxes, payable in 2013.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the

tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

## Kensil honored for volunteerism by CEFS

(Effingham, IL) C.E.F.S., Economic Opportunity Corporation recently held their 2012 annual meeting and special people were recognized that volunteered this year to help the agency achieve its mission. According to C.E.F.S. Chief Executive Officer, Paul White, "the agency recognized outstanding acts of volunteerism and active civic involvement to help transform lives and to build stronger communities."

For giving the gift of valuable time to help others, C.E.F.S. recognized Susie Kensil as a 2012 Outstanding Volunteer. C.E.F.S. Chief Executive Officer, Paul White commented, "the agency and program accomplishments would not have been attained without the shared commitment, dedication, and involvement of our outstanding volunteers." White continued, "It was a privilege to honor Susie Kensil with the 2012 outstanding volunteer award recognition."

Susie Kensil of Shelbyville has served the Shelby County Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) since 1998 and has been Board Chairperson for over five years. Susie has been depended upon for years as a valuable board member. Susie understands the issues that social service agencies face and is a strong and determined advocate to those that C.E.F.S. serves. "Shelby County is lucky that Susie has not yet learned to say no," stated Beth Beck-Marts, Shelby County Outreach Coordinator.

Susie is someone who truly enjoys helping others. Susie's position as Shelby County Dove Coordinator requires high demands on her with court dates and advocacy to those in need. She still manages to find the energy and time to provide additional services to others through several venues. Susie has been on the Habitat for Humanity Board since 2000 and is the chairperson of their Family Selection Committee. Susie has also helped with Relay for Life and throughout the years has volunteered for numerous benefits.

Susie majored in political science and journalism at Eastern Illinois University. She has also studied accounting. In her spare time Susie enjoys watching the Cardinals, Fighting Illini and auto racing.

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation has an outreach office in each of the seven counties within their service delivery area. Staff members at the local offices are trained in basic information and referral to assist with problems relative to social services. The staff are trained and certified family and community development specialists who provide intensive case management services to individuals and families. The local C.E.F.S. Outreach Office personnel are usually the first contact made with the agency, for assistance. Some major programs offered directly by the offices are: weatherization, energy assistance, Head Start,



Susie Kensil

tax assistance, insurance problems, emergency food and shelter, budgeting, and housing counseling. If the Outreach staff cannot assist directly, a referral will be made to other local programs and providers. This program is funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through the Community Services Block Grant Program.

C.E.F.S.' mission is to provide opportunities for people through education and support to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. The programs and services offered through C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation make a real difference in the lives of residents of the community. C.E.F.S. Executive Officer, Paul White, stated that over 2,600 volunteers provided over 156,000 volun-

teer hours working very hard this year to help the agency achieve coordinated efforts to truly benefit low-income people."

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation has been providing effective social services for over 47 years for low-income persons within their service delivery area. C.E.F.S. is a comprehensive human service provider in the service delivery area providing direct services, referrals and linkages to address the issues facing low-income residents and providing local community solutions to meet those needs. For more information about the community action agency or program please contact the local C.E.F.S. Shelby County Outreach Office at 217/774-4541, the central office at 217/342-2193 or the agency web site at www.cefsoc.org.

## Historian discusses Nazi war criminal at UIC

CHICAGO (AP) — Emory University historian and professor Deborah Lipstadt will be in Chicago to discuss the trial of a Nazi war criminal and perceptions of the Holocaust.

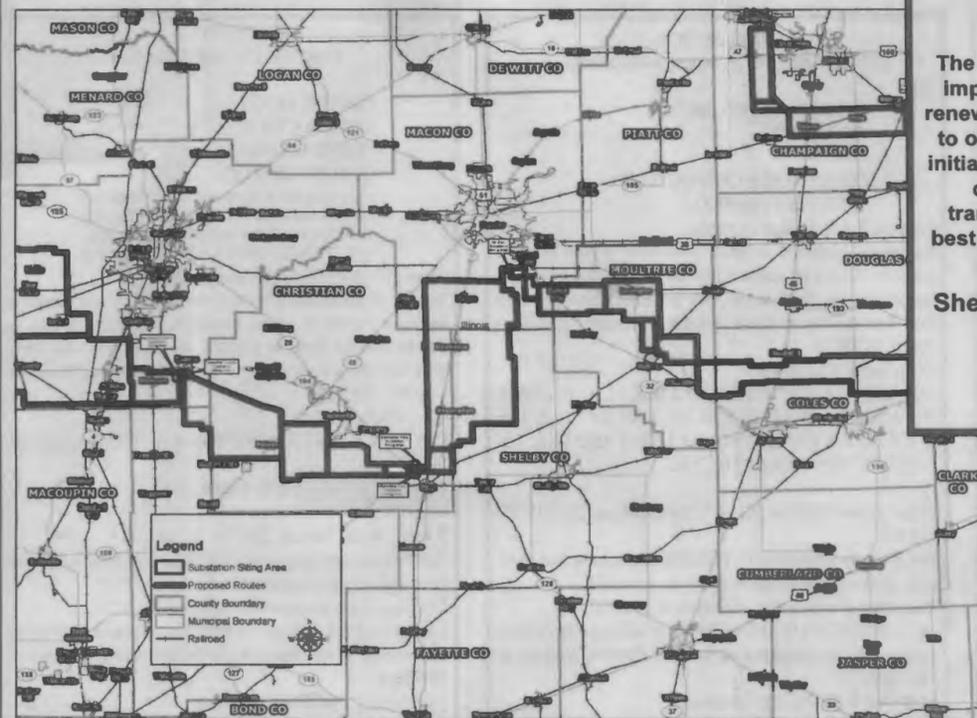
The lecture is scheduled for Monday at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The event is to honor retiring UIC professor Matthew Lippman.

University officials say

Lipstadt will discuss the post-World War II trial of Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi war criminal who facilitated the deportations of millions of Jews to Nazi extermination camps and brought the Holocaust to the center of global attention.

The lecture will also focus on her most recent book titled, "The Eichmann Trial: Looking Back After 50 Years." Admission is free.

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# Amtrak illustrates political differences

**Dems see as key U.S. infrastructure; GOP wants it privatized**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning to Amtrak from Mitt Romney and Republicans: You're on your own.

The platform Republicans adopted at their convention included a call for full privatization and an end to subsidies for the nation's passenger rail operator, which gobbled up almost \$1.5 billion in federal funds last year.

"It is long past time for the federal government to get out of the way and allow private ventures to provide passenger service," the platform said, arguing that taxpayers dole out almost \$50 for every Amtrak ticket.

Long a political cudgel in the halls of Congress, Amtrak is among a number of transportation functions Republicans say should be turned over to the private sector — including airport security, also

on the chopping block in the GOP platform. At its core, the debate juxtaposes differing visions about what role government should play in ensuring public access to services — even if they're losing money hand over fist.

For President Barack Obama, Amtrak symbolizes a communal investment in the American infrastructure that enables and catalyzes economic growth. For Romney, who built a career mending the balance sheets of unprofitable companies, dropping Amtrak fits neatly into his message of doing away with spending that government can't afford.

On Monday, Amtrak announced it had set monthly ridership records in each of the past 11 months, with expectations of a 12th in September. Even with a record 50 million passengers boarding its trains last year, Amtrak operated at a net loss of more than \$460 million. The govern-

ment pitched in \$562 million to keep Amtrak in the black. And that's just on the operations side, where Amtrak says it covers about 85 percent of its own costs through ticket fares and fees. When it comes to capital costs, like keeping train tracks up, the government foots almost the entire bill, costing taxpayers about \$650 million in 2011.

Leading the Republican charge the United States can't bear the continued hemorrhaging is Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., who chairs the House Transportation Committee. Mica says he'll hold a hearing a month on Amtrak. A session today is to focus on Amtrak's "monopoly mentality" on commuter rail.

While recognizing the need for a central entity to coordinate routes nationwide, Mica said the government has no place handling Amtrak's day-to-day operations. But he acknowledged that some less-profitable routes can't get by

without some subsidies. Democrats didn't mention Amtrak in their platform, but spoke generally about rail's importance and the need for increased investments in U.S. infrastructure. With more people than ever riding trains, government should be expanding intercity travel, not dismantling it, said Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., the top Democrat on Mica's committee.

"This short-sighted proposal that Republicans are again trotting out would mark the end of the line for Amtrak service across the country, while punching a ticket to the unemployment line for thousands of workers," Rahall said.



President Barack Obama is picked up and lifted off the ground by Scott Van Duzer, owner of Big Apple Pizza and Pasta Italian Restaurant during an unannounced stop in Fort Pierce, Fla.

## Obama brings in 317,000 new donors

**Tops Romney for first time in 3 months**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama dramatically increased his fundraising last month by finding 317,000 donors who hadn't previously given money to his re-election campaign, a surge that happened around the time of the Republican National Convention.

How will Obama spend it? Obama, who four years ago shattered fundraising records, had been out-fundraised by Republican nominee Mitt Romney for three consecutive months, until August. That's not counting tens of millions of dollars in spending by outside "super" political action committees supporting Romney.

Obama's campaign said Monday it pulled in \$14 million last month, slightly more than Romney's \$11.5 million. With the extra money, the president can be expected to purchase more television ads, hire more campaign staffers and dump any excess cash into coffers to use if Romney and his super PAC allies, as expected, saturate the airwaves as Election Day approaches.

The competition for money has been a key indicator of support for both candidates, as Romney and the Republicans have enjoyed three straight months of \$100 million-plus fundraising efforts. But the possible financial resurgence of pro-Obama super PAC's could help counterbalance the flow of GOP cash that's been outspending Obama on TV since mid-July.

## Battleground: Ohio

**Obama barely leads in state**

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — It's all about Ohio — again. The economy has improved here, and so has President Barack Obama's standing, putting pressure on Republican Mitt Romney in a state critical to his presidential hopes.

No Republican has won the White House without winning Ohio, and Romney hopes to catch Obama here by slashing at his jobs record. "America doesn't have to have the long face I've had under this president," the Republican shouted Monday to a cheering audience in hardscrabble Mansfield, just weeks after Obama visited. "We can get America rolling again, growing again." In a sign of the state's importance, hardly a week goes without the candidates appearing in Ohio. Same goes for their running mates; Republican Paul Ryan was campaigning in the Appalachian southeast Wednesday, following a similar weekend trip by Vice President Joe Biden, who is to return to the state Wednesday. Both parties say their internal campaign polling shows Obama with a narrow lead in Ohio, a Midwestern state that offers 18 Electoral College votes and has played an important role in determining every recent White House race. Numbers tell the story of the high stakes and, perhaps, show why Obama has been able to maintain an edge — and why Romney remains within striking distance. The candidates and supportive outside groups have spent a stunning \$12 million on TV advertising in the state — one-sixth the national total. And Obama and groups that support him have been outspending Romney and Republican-leaning independent groups here all summer, on track to outpace the GOP \$2 million to \$1 million this week alone.

## Officer's death shows dangers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The danger in seemingly banal police work of directing traffic and shutting down roadways gained new attention Monday as colleagues mourned an officer who died while working on President Barack Obama's motorcade.

Jupiter Police Officer Bruce St. Laurent, 55, was killed Sunday in West Palm Beach after his motorcycle was struck by a pickup truck while he prepared to shut down Interstate 95 ahead of the motorcade.

Outside Jupiter Town Hall, the flag was lowered to half-staff, the fallen officer's patrol car was draped in memorial bunting and makeshift memorials sprang up.

When the president visits, officers typically "leap-frog" closing down a section of roadway, then rushing past the president's car once he passes to establish new roadblocks further ahead.

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# Romney deals with 'shocking' video

*Candidate makes comments during fundraising meeting*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already scrambling to steady a struggling campaign, Republican Mitt Romney confronted a new headache Monday after a video surfaced showing him telling wealthy donors that almost half of all Americans "believe they are victims" entitled to extensive government support. He added that as a candidate for the White House, "my job is not to worry about those people."

President Barack Obama's campaign quickly seized on the video, obtained by the magazine Mother Jones and made public on a day that Romney's campaign conceded it needed a change in campaign strategy to gain momentum in the presidential race.

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what," Romney is shown saying in a video posted online by the

magazine. "There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it."

"Forty-seven percent of Americans pay no income tax," Romney said.

Romney said his role "is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

Romney's campaign did not dispute the authenticity of the video, instead releasing a statement seeking to clarify his remarks. "Mitt Romney wants to help all Americans struggling in the Obama economy," spokeswoman Gail Gitcho said. "He is concerned about the growing number of people who are dependent on the federal government."

About 46 percent of Americans owed no federal income tax in 2011, although many of

# Candidates spar over China

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an election that may be decided on the strength of the American economy, President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are looking to China to score political points as they compete for political support from working-class voters.

But both candidates also are taking some heat about their dealings with the communist superpower.

Republicans accuse Obama of failing to follow through on promises to crack down on China's trade policies. Democrats criticize Romney's business investments in China.

The White House on Monday

filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization over Chinese subsidies to its auto and auto parts industry, the latest in a series of actions dating back to 2009 to protest what U.S. manufacturers say are the unfair advantages China gives its own industries. The move came four days after Romney launched an advertising campaign accusing the president of allowing American manufacturing jobs to be lost to the Asian power.

"Campaign-season trade cases may sound good on the stump, but it is too little, too late for American businesses and middle-class families," Romney said.

them paid other forms of taxes. More than 16 million elderly Americans avoid federal income taxes solely because of tax breaks that apply only to seniors, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

Obama's campaign called the video "shocking."

"It's hard to serve as president for all Americans when you've disdainfully written off half the nation," Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said in a statement.

## CAMPUS EVACUATION



Students, faculty and staff evacuate Louisiana State University's main campus in Baton Rouge, La., after an emergency text message was sent out Monday following a bomb threat. Thousands were evacuated, but returned after a search of the campus.

# NATO cuts back missions with Afghans

*Move comes as attacks increase*

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO said Monday that it has scaled back operations with Afghan soldiers and policemen to lower the risk of insider attacks and reduce local tensions over an anti-Islam video that prompted protests in Afghanistan.

It's the second order that curbs contact between foreign troops and their Afghan partners, undermining the mantra that both sides are fighting the Taliban "shoulder to shoulder."

The directive could jeopardize the U.S.-led coalition's key goal to get Afghan forces ready to take over security from foreign forces by the end of 2014 — just 27 months from now.

Until now, coalition troops routinely conducted operations such as patrolling or manning outposts with their Afghan counterparts. Under the new rules issued Sunday by Lt. Gen. James Terry, such operations are no longer routine and require the approval of the regional commander.

Insider attacks have spiked in recent months.

So far this year, 51 international troops have been killed by Afghan forces or militants wearing their uniforms — a development that has fractured the trust between NATO troops and their Afghan allies. The disturbing trend comes as Afghans chanting "Death to America" have staged several recent protests against an anti-Islam film produced in the United States. The film also sparked demonstrations in other nations.

# Driving safety drops with age

*Illinois has some of strictest rules*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerry Wiseman notices it's harder to turn and check his car's blind spots at age 69 than it was at 50. So the Illinois man and his wife took a refresher driving course, hunting tips to stay safe behind the wheel for many more years — a good idea considering their state has arguably the nation's toughest older-driver laws.

More older drivers are on the road than ever before, and an Associated Press review found they face a hodgepodge of state licensing rules that reflect scientific uncertainty and public angst over a growing question: How can we tell if it's time to give up the keys?

Thirty states plus the District of Columbia have some sort of older-age requirement for driver's licenses, ranging from more vision testing to making seniors renew their licenses more frequently than younger people. But the age at which those rules kicks in varies from state to state.

Healthy older drivers aren't necessarily less safe than

younger ones, but some older people have health issues that impair driving, experts said.

Older drivers don't crash as often as younger ones. But they also drive less. About 60 percent of seniors voluntarily cut back, avoiding nighttime driving, interstates or bad weather, said David Eby of the University of Michigan's Center for Advancing Safe Transportation throughout the Lifespan.

Measure by miles driven, however, and the crash rate of older drivers begins to climb in the 70s, with a sharper jump at age 80, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Only teens and 20-somethings do worse.

The oldest drivers, those 85 and up, still have the highest rate of deadly crashes per mile, even more than teens. More often than not, they're the victims, largely because they're too frail to survive their injuries.

Illinois is among the most strict for senior drivers, requiring a road test to check driving skills with every license renewal starting at age 75 — and starting at age 81, those renewals are required every two years instead of every four. At 87, Illinois drivers must renew annually.

# Afghan ruling requires trials

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan judicial panel ruled Monday that administrative detention violates Afghan law, potentially thwarting a U.S. plan to hand over Afghan detainees that American officials believe should continue to be held without a trial.

President Hamid Karzai's office announced in a statement that a top-level judicial panel met earlier in the day and decided that the detention of Afghan citizens without a court trial "has not been foreseen in Afghan laws" and, therefore, could not be used.

The U.S. government has long held Afghans captured in operations inside the country without trial, arguing that they are enemy combatants and, therefore, can be detained for as long as their release might pose a danger to the international coalition.

Afghan laws have come into play only since the signing of a deal in March but has yet to turn over 600 Afghans in their district by the Sept. 10 deadline. U.S. officials argue it cannot risk the release of some high-value detainees to the notoriously corrupt Afghan court system.

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# Governments milking slim budgets

**MINDOLA, N.Y. (AP)** — In some places, it's as simple as pulling the plug on thousands of unused telephone lines or installing software that automatically shuts off idle school computers to save on electric bills. Other places are doing such things as merging town fire departments, combining all centers of outsourcing collection of parking fines.

Around the country, governments big and small are embracing cooperation, consolidation and efficiency to

bring a few more dollars out of the budget as the effects of the Great Recession linger. "What we're seeing is that many places are really taking a look at doing more with less," said Steve Hamill, a former administrator in Alameda County, Calif., and founder of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, which helps municipalities learn of money-saving opportunities.

During the worst of the downturn, many local govern-

ments resorted to layoffs and other blunt means of cutting spending. Now, with the economy still shaky, they are looking in less-obvious places for ways to save money.

Earlier this year, Long Island's two counties and several townships announced anticipated savings of more than \$1 million annually by forcing forces to buy such things as medical supplies for ambulances and chemicals for wastewater treatment and swimming pools.

"Joint purchasing is an example of where we can do more with less by finding efficiency," Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said.

In neighboring Nassau County, officials are in the midst of a review of unused telephones and telephone lines in the wake of large staff cutbacks. The county commissioner's office estimates as many as 3,000 phone lines could be disconnected by the end of the year, saving more than \$33,000.

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**Envoy: Syria war threatens the region**

**UNITED NATIONS** — Syria's civil war is worsening, and there is no prospect of a quick end to the violence, international envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said Monday in a gloomy assessment to the U.N. Security Council.

The new envoy heaved his message, however, saying he was crafting a new plan that he hoped could break the impasse, but refused to give details or say when it would be ready.

Despite President Bashar Assad's refusal to end his family's 40-year grip on power, some tentative hope of a solution remained, Brahimi said in his first briefing to the council since he took over from Kofi Annan on Sept. 1 as the U.N.-Arab League special representative for Syria.

ties because she had been on a break, with a different nurse in her place, when a surgeon made that announcement during the Aug. 10 transplant at the University of Toledo Medical Center, according to a review conducted by the state for the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and obtained by The Associated Press through a records request.

**CALIFORNIA**  
**One dead in wildfire; 20 homes destroyed**

**CAMPY** — Firefighters recovered a body from a burned house Monday as they raced the wild to contain Southern California wildfires that destroyed 20 homes and threatened several hundred more in rural areas.

Crews battled the blaze amid wind gusting up to 20 mph that were expected to

continue late Monday in southeastern San Diego County, where a three-square-mile fire churned slowly through hilly brushlands in a desert area near the U.S.-Mexico border.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Two Marines to be court-martialed**

**WASHINGTON** — Two Marine noncommissioned officers will be court-martialed for allegedly urinating on the bodies of Taliban fighters last year in Afghanistan, and posing for unofficial photos with casualties, the Marine Corps said Monday.

The charges against Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Chamblin and Staff Sgt. Edward W. Depola are in addition to administrative punishments announced last month for three other, more junior Marines for their role in the urination episode. The disclosure in January

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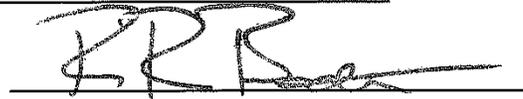
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## Monticello's midfield muscle takes 50/50 balls and win against Knights

by Keith Stewart  
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Sages' head coach Lois Cryder is still mindful of her team and its shortcomings since graduating 13 players last year. But youth aside, Monticello came into Lovington Thursday evening undeterred from showcasing, at times, well executed triangle passing and a knack for pulling down the majority of 50/50 balls in midfield.

"We didn't even challenge the 50/50s," said the Knight's head coach Jeff Trower. "Triangle passes, I mean, they (Sages) were calling out plays they had practiced, they knew where the ball should go."

"We're just very young, we lost a lot of kids to graduation last year," said a modest Cryder. "I think because we've had a lot of success, we think it will just come naturally, I think sometimes that can be a little bit of a false sense of security in a game when it gets a little bit quicker. We'll just keep working, and hopefully we can work hard and keep buying into what we're trying to do."

In fact, the Sages' youth could have fooled any bystander, as sophomore forward Luke Hanselman handled the scoring for Monticello by earning the hat trick in the 3-0 victory over the Knights.

"Obviously, we would like for him to have more at this point in the season; he had some shots, we just need him to find the net, and he found it three times tonight," said the Sages' head coach. "So that was a great start."

"Lois is very good the way she coaches," said Trower. "My hat is off to her. She always has a good team, and she says this is a very young team. Well, it didn't look like it to me."

The match first began with each team threatening the other's goal, but the Sages would soon then establish a midfield thirst for winning goal kicks and getting out wide, leading the Knights to chasing the ball more than cutting off the pass.

The Sages' ability to stretch the field and then quickly collapse into the middle for repeated shots on goal would eventually see success in the 32nd minute, when Hanselman, after sticking Arthur-Lovington sweeper David Emrick, finished by laying the ball just out of goal keeper Matthew Robinson's reach and into the goal.

The sophomore would almost come right back and score again just 34 seconds later, but Emrick's defender save would keep the forward's shot out of the net. Arthur-Lovington would

get a few shots on goal, but the Monticello defense made sure to keep those shots from outside the box and at angles with little in the way of possibility.

"Our defense is completely new," said Cryder. "We lost our entire defense plus our keeper. I think they're doing pretty well though. They seem to mesh really well. If we have any talkers on our team, it's the defense."

The Knights would get a breakthrough, though, with just under six minutes to go. Omer Martinez would land a shot, but the Sages' goal keeper would block it. Monticello would return with a quick counter attack that ultimately found Hanselman back in the Knight's box. The sophomore would take a quick turn and shoot to the far left corner, scoring his second goal with just 5:08 remaining in the half.

The second half would see an initial passion from the Knights in attempt to get back in the game, but the aggression soon dissipated.

The Sages (2-4) would only score once more, despite several other shots that were blocked by Robinson.

"We didn't have a very good practice yesterday," said the Arthur-Lovington coach. "That showed to-

day." Despite the less than appealing showing, Trower was pleased with goal keep-

er Robinson. "He's my hero of this game. He stopped a lot of stuff. This really is his first

full year of playing goalie full time. I'm proud of him. I thought he did a heck of a job."

With the loss, the Knights fell to 3-2. Perhaps the best timing for a loss, the Knights received a week off until their next game, which is Thursday at Decatur Christian.

"I don't know what happened. It's something we have to go back to the practice field and try to figure out," said Trower of his team's loss to Monticello. "I would have liked to have seen us execute better. We obviously didn't play our best game, but we're still trying to find where to put some people. We have almost a week before we play again so we have some time to try and correct some things."

Thursday's match is set to begin at 4:30 in Decatur.



Photo by Keith Stewart

Arthur-Lovington Atwood-Hammond's Natalie Bicknell challenges Monticello's Ryan Rodgers for the ball during the second half. The Sages' Luke Hanselman would earn a hat-trick, aiding his team and more in their 3-0 win over the Knights.

## Okaw Valley welcomes five new teachers to their district

by Derek Pope  
Bethany Reporter

This year Okaw Valley School District welcomed five new teachers to the halls of its schools. Though they are a diverse bunch, they share a passion for education that has been fostered by the small town communities in which they were raised and the Illinois institutions that they attended.

Aspen Pirtle, Okaw Valley High School's new agriculture teacher, originally hails from Oklahoma. She grew up in a small town much like Bethany, so the transition to Okaw Valley School District wasn't a difficult one to make for her. She said, "I always knew that the right place would come along for me, and I truly believe in my heart that I made one of the

best choices." Pirtle's parents were both involved in agriculture when she was growing up. Her father was an agriculture educator as well, and her mother was a volunteer at the local 4-H program in her hometown. Pirtle attended Oklahoma State University and later received a master's in agriculture from the University of Illinois.

Jesse Wignet is the new biological sciences teacher at Okaw Valley High school this year. He was originally from the western Illinois area around Macomb and attended nearby Western Illinois University. Here he received a degree in sociology and psychology, later mastering in sociology and anthropology as well. Recently he received an additional degree in secondary education with a major

in biology. Before coming to Okaw Valley, Wignet was a long-term substitute teacher in a northwestern Chicago suburb.

Kinda Helms is a new early childhood and resource teacher at Okaw Valley Elementary School. Originally from Mattoon, Helms made the move to Okaw Valley after substituting at Arcola schools last year. As a mother, Helms said she was drawn to special needs education after she saw the challenges facing one of her own children with learning disabilities. She recently graduated from Eastern Illinois University.

Teresa Colclasure is now the band instructor for Okaw Valley's middle school and high school. She grew up in the Bethany area and was a graduate of

Bethany High School. Colclasure said that she hopes to instill her own love of music in the children that she teaches. She also expressed her excitement to take the Okaw Valley Marching band to competition this year.

Brent Swansen, Okaw Valley's new high school physical education, health, and driver's education teacher, attended Millikin University and later the University of Illinois. Swansen currently holds degrees in physical education, health, and driver's education and a master's in recreation, sport, and tourism.

## Reminder of city and state political sign regulations

Election time is nearing and political signs will soon be going up. Moultrie County Clerk Georgia England would like to remind candidates and/or their representatives that there are regulations set by the Illinois Department of Transportation and Municipalities regarding placement/removal of political signs. Following are a few guidelines for those with regulations:

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**City of Sullivan**  
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# Big Rock sent back home empty-handed as Knights stack up a 48-0 homecoming win

by Keith Stewart  
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Three-and-a-half hours is a long bus ride. And that's just one way. But the ride back to Big Rock for the visiting Crusaders wasn't helped along by their 48-0 loss in Arthur Friday.

Unable to neither combat the Knights' robust offense, which included 207 rushing yards and 109 passing yards nor gather any momentum against an equally stellar defense, the Crusaders finished the game with a total offensive showing of negative nine yards.

"They are a very inexperienced team," said Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond football coach Dale Schuring. "Their numbers weren't great."

And though an already small squad, Big Rock was without a few of their better players.

"In a sense it was a mismatch," admitted Schuring. "But then we did take care of what we needed to do. We improved in several areas and in several phases of our game. Our defense played extremely well—better than I hoped."

As the game wore on, it developed more into an exercise for the Knights, who set out a limited number of offensive plays on which to focus, including two running plays, two quick passes, one play action, and two drop backs.

"I didn't call anything else," said Schuring, who was a little disappointed his team was unable to work more on the triple option.

"They never took away the first phase of it," said the coach. "That's why Aus-

tin had the yards that he had. They never defended that phase of it. I really wanted to work on all three phases." Austin Dean had 116 of the Knights' 207 rushing yards, including two touchdowns.

Quarterback Tyler Schuring went 6 of 8 and connected with Logan Dukeman,

id set of offensive numbers on the night, Schuring still saw miscues that will need to be worked out before the race for the conference championship narrows.

"Our line is still not performing the blocking scheme as they should, and our receivers still aren't sure what

will travel to Heritage to play East Central (0-4). And though prospects for another win are good, Schuring and his team will be cautious to assume anything, especially with Friday's matchup being a conference contest.

"It has more meaning to

us," said Schuring. "We'd like to think that we're still in the race for the conference championship, but it's not going to be a game where we're going to go into it and think that we're going to come out on top like we did this week."

"They are a better

team than last week's, and they've played some of the better teams in the conference, which is why they have the record they do. I know they're going to come out and compete and be physical. It's always been that way. It'll be a tougher game." Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond's defense tackles a Big Rock running back during Saturday afternoon's homecoming game in Arthur. The Knight's defense came out on top, holding the Crusaders to negative nine yards of total offense.

Jordan Feagin, Mitchell Helton, Curtis Plank, and Andy Webb.

Yet, with a reasonably sol-

routes to run on what plays. It's all over the board with things like that."

For week five, the Knights

## Noise.

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the board was able to move ahead on some other issues. Local resident and owner of Bethany Foods, Atta Abbed, was granted roughly \$49,000 in public funds for the renovation and upkeep of the town's grocery store. The business, which is a much enjoyed part of the lo-

cal community, needed the funds to renovate its heating, cooling, and electrical systems. The renovations will lower utility costs for the store, which has seen hard times in recent years, and help it stay in business. "I promise you will not regret any help you give, owner Atta Abbed told the community, reiterating, "We're

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