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Ellie Wynn gets a high five as she comes in from the outfield during the Dream Catchers game. Herald & Review photos, Lisa Morrison

OLYMPICS

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"They are so good to us," he said.

Other golfers also were taking part in competitions on courses consisting of three, six and nine holes. There is also a nine-hole contest, in which Special athletes are paired with golfers without disabilities.

Michele Evans, director of communications for Special Olympics Illinois, said people at Hickory Point have been "super with us."

"Decatur has a great volunteer base that comes out every year," Evans said. "It's like a family reunion of sorts. The athletes and volunteers like to see each other."

She said the Knights of Columbus provide many volunteers every year. "The Knights of Columbus are strong supporters of Special Olympics," Evans said. Ashley Luecke, a junior who is majoring in public relations at Illinois State University, is a brand-new Special Olympics supporter. This semester she is working as an intern alongside Evans.

"I think it's really cool, just everyone getting a chance to come out here and be active," she said of the athletic program for athletes with developmental



Dream Catchers player Kevin Garner gets some last-minute advice from coach Jim Garner during their game against the Misfits at Rotary Park.

disabilities. Luecke said she especially enjoyed the unified golf event, which this year included a set of male twins.

"It's cool to see the bond between both of them," she said.

As a student who is hoping to have a career working for a nonprofit group, Luecke believes she hit the jackpot

when she signed on with Special Olympics Illinois. She has only been around the unique group for the past couple of weeks but has reached the conclusion that it is outstanding.

"This is my goal: to work for an organization like this," she said.

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had on the stones as well as on four others of Civil War soldiers buried at the cemetery.

"It was really interesting to see how all of the students worked together to try and identify these soldiers," Mack said. "Some were kneeling, some were standing and some were just kind of bent over at the grave sites, but they were examining the stones from all different angles and each one lending a different perspective or thought. But they worked together, learned some new things and accomplished something really cool."

"I have a couple of history buffs in my class as well, and they really thought researching people from the Civil War was a great project."

With the help of the Pontiac Granite Monument Co., the soldiers will be getting new headstones. Riffer said a special ceremony is being planned for the spring; a date has not yet been set.

"We have a couple of kids in the band, and so the band is getting involved, and now



Pontiac Township High School senior Kelly Fraher takes measurements of a headstone at St. Paul Cemetery in Odell. Lee News Service, Steve Smedley

and energized about this and really had a strong desire to see this project through to the end."

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Man who shot officers still at large

Police narrow search in woods

CANADENSIS, Pa. (AP) — The suspect in the deadly ambush at a state police barracks in a remote part of northeastern Pennsylvania remained at large for an eighth day Saturday as police appeared to have narrowed their search, largely shutting down the area where he lived with his parents but leaving neighbors with few answers about what's going on just outside their front doors.

With a helicopter flying overhead, law enforcement officers wearing bulletproof vests and armed with rifles continued their hunt for Eric Frein, 31, now on the FBI's Most Wanted list. "Our troopers are determined to find him and bring him to justice," state police spokeswoman Maria Finn said. Police released few details about their search of the heavily wooded community in the Pocono Mountains, saying only that they were exercising extreme caution.

Late Saturday, authorities lifted a shelter in place order but urged residents returning home to use caution and to stay out of the woodlands where the search was under way.

Authorities said Frein used a high-powered rifle to open fire from the woods near a state police barracks Sept. 12, killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson, a married ex-Marine with two sons, and wounding trooper Alex Douglass.

Frein, described by authorities as a self-taught survivalist with a grudge against police, has been on the run ever since, authorities said. But some who know him said he has not always played the loner, and the reason for his hatred of police remained a mystery.

Frein belonged to the rifle team at Pocono Mountain High School, and as an adult joined a group that performed military re-enactments based on Cold War battles in Eastern Europe. He even played a small role in a 2007 movie about a concentration camp survivor, earning him a mention in the movie database IMDb, and helped with props and historical references on a documentary about World War I.

"He was a very friendly guy to me," said Jeremy Hornbaker, who hired him for the documentary. "We left on very good terms."

Frein's father, retired Army Maj. E. Michael Frein, told police that he had taught his son to shoot. He "doesn't miss," the father told state police during a search of the family home, when he also disclosed that an AK-47 and a .308 rifle with a scope were missing. A copy of the book, "Sniper Training and Employment," was found in his bedroom.

It was Frein's abandoned vehicle that led police to their door. The green Jeep, registered to his parents, was found partly submerged in a local pond days after the shooting.



People enjoy the opening day of the 181st Oktoberfest beer festival Saturday in Munich, Germany. The world's largest beer festival will be held until Oct. 5.

Tourist ship runs aground

NEW YORK (AP) — A 120-foot-tall schooner ran aground and got stuck in shallow waters near the Statue of Liberty on Saturday afternoon, officials said. No injuries were reported, and the 121 tourists on board were ferried in small boats to a lower Manhattan marina.

The Clipper City, a 158-foot-long steel-hulled boat that has six sails, two topsails and two steel masts, "hit something soft, like mud or a shoal" and ran aground off Liberty Island just after 1 p.m., said Thomas Berton, owner of Manhattan by Sail, which operates the tall tourist ship.

The ship was anchored in

the harbor near the Statue of Liberty and was to be brought back to port by a tugboat after high tide, Berton said.

He said the vessel was not damaged.

The Clipper City didn't take on any water, and there were no reports of pollution, said U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Frank Iannazzo-Simmons.

The passengers were brought to the North Cove Marina via nine small rescue boats from the Coast Guard, fire and police departments.

The original Clipper City was built in 1854 and was designed to carry lumber, according to Manhattan by Sail's website.

Peanut company head convicted

Could face prison for salmonella outbreak

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Food safety advocates say a guilty verdict in a rare federal food-poisoning trial should send a stern warning to anyone who may be tempted to place profits over people's welfare.

More than five years after hundreds of Americans got sick from eating salmonella-tainted peanut butter, the top executive in the company that owned the Georgia plant where it was made was convicted Friday of conspiracy, obstruction of justice, wire fraud and other crimes related to the nationwide outbreak in 2008 and 2009.

Former Peanut Corporation of America owner Stewart Parnell, 60, could face more than three decades in prison for the outbreak that was linked to nine deaths and prompted one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history. His brother, Michael Parnell, and another

co-defendant could face 20 years in prison or more.

Experts said it was the first time American food processors have gone to trial on federal charges in a food-poisoning case. Food safety advocates applauded the jury verdict reached after a seven-week trial.

"The message it sends is actually a pretty simple one. If you deliberately ship and sell contaminated food, there's now a good chance you might go to jail," said Jaycee Hanson of the Center For Food Safety. "That's good news. The bad news is deliberately shipping adulterated product is not what causes most of the salmonella outbreaks we've seen."

The brothers will be allowed to remain free pending sentencing if they can post bond.

Stewart Parnell was convicted of knowingly shipping bad peanut butter to customers who used it in products from packaged crackers to pet food. The jury also found him and his food broker brother guilty of faking results of lab tests intended to

screen for salmonella.

Prosecutors said the brothers used the fake results so wait times for real tests wouldn't slow down their hectic shipping schedule to customers, including Kellogg's.

Mary Wilkerson, the peanut plant's quality control manager, was convicted of obstruction of justice for withholding information from investigators, as was Stewart Parnell.

The outbreak sickened at least 714 people in 43 states by the time federal investigators traced it to Peanut Corporation's plant in Blakeley, in January 2009. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that nine people who ate the tainted peanut butter died, though it couldn't say for sure salmonella caused each death.

Federal investigators found a plant with a leaky roof, roaches and evidence of rodents, all ingredients for cultivating salmonella. Even worse, they uncovered emails and records showing food confirmed by lab tests to contain salmonella was shipped to customers anyway.

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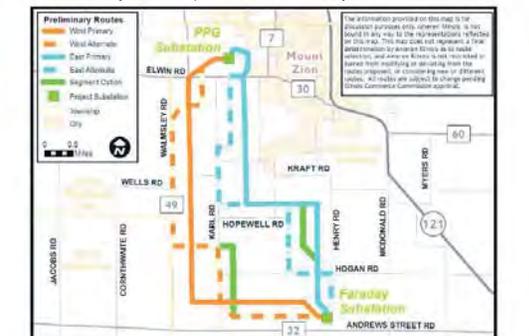
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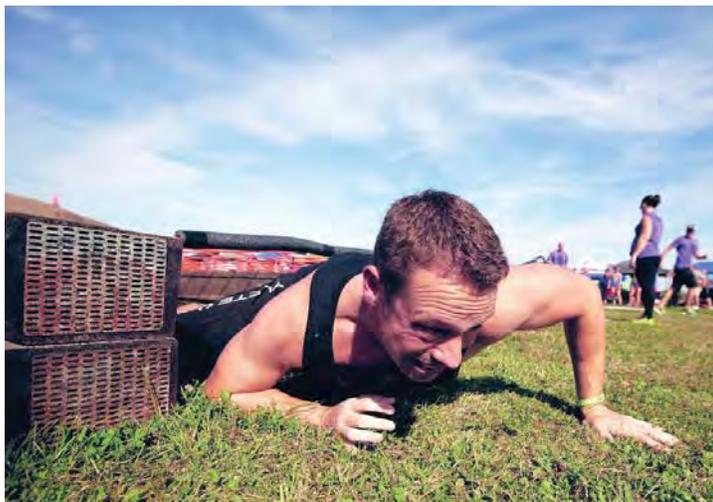
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Anthony Filipiak with Capital City CrossFit pulls his way out of the army crawl obstacle during The D-Town Throwdown hosted by DMH CrossFit Enhance.

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day) that, in theory, they will be ready for any physical challenge that comes along.

"They do it because it's fun, it's challenging, it's community," said DMH CrossFit Enhance manager Josh Newton. "People really enjoy the community aspect of it." The Throwdown is in its second year and drew 350 athletes and hundreds of spectators to watch teams of three men and three women each compete in five workouts over two days. Competition continues today at the facility, 2122 N. 27th St.

But though it's a competition, that community spirit prevails. Those at the elite level, known as RX, are the "fire-breathers," Ridley said, but they encourage and help the beginners. The "masters" level is for those 50 and older,

and teams are made up of two men and two women.

"It's still very competitive, but it's doable," Ridley said of the masters division, which is the one he competes in.

Pete and Natalie Lira discovered CrossFit when they realized that old injuries from their college days prevented them from participating in activities they used to do. Natalie Lira was a gymnast in college and Pete Lira has had a knee replacement. They own Carriage House CrossFit in Jacksonville and brought a team to the D-Town Throwdown. Neither Lira planned to compete, until one of their team injured his

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Josh Newton, DMH CrossFit Enhance manager

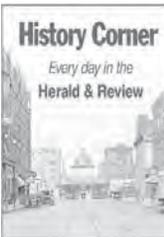
wrist right before the trip. Pete Lira took his place.

"I started power lifting to build mass on my legs because I had none," she said. "I really liked it, because I've always been a competitor."

One of the things that drew Mindy Whisnant to CrossFit is the accountability. In previous fitness programs, she had her own individual program, and nobody knew if she was keeping up or if she'd skipped a workout she didn't like or that

intimidated her. In CrossFit, somebody's always handy to cheer her on and encourage her to push through and do it all. "I didn't have to come up with my own plan, and there was no way for me to back out of the things I didn't really care for," she said.

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Sarah Martin, with CrossFit Edwardsville, pushes herself over the wall climb during The D-Town Throwdown hosted by DMH CrossFit Enhance.

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SCHOOLS

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DuPage County?"

The proposal, sponsored by state Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, would chop the amount of state aid given to wealthier districts to ensure students in poorer areas of the state don't receive unequal levels of education.

The measure was approved in the Senate in late May and has been the subject of talks among top Democrats in the House this summer. Those discussions have Durkin and Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont, concerned that Democrats could use their majorities to send the plan to Gov. Pat Quinn in January.

"We're closing in on a lame duck session," Durkin said.

Republicans point to the raucous 2011 lame duck session, when Democrats approved an income tax increase by relying largely on votes from lawmakers who were retiring or who had lost their seats and would no longer have to answer to voters.

One of the Democrats involved in the meetings, however, scoffed at the idea of a

vote on the issue in January. "It is nowhere near ready for prime time," state Rep. Frank Mautino, D-Spring Valley, said Friday "I do not expect it to be ready."

Manar also said he is not pushing for the issue to be resolved by January. Rather, in an interview Friday, he said he just wants to get a new funding framework in place before the start of the 2015-16 school year.

He said it took members of the Senate a year to meet, discuss, draft and approve the legislation.

"I think we should expect it will take the House some time," Manar said. "It continues to be a work in progress."

He said Republicans who are grousing about the effects of the plan should step forward with their own ideas about how to fix the disparities between downstate schools and their suburban counterparts.

"They don't need to wait for my permission to inform the state of what their solutions are," Manar said.

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