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Alumni Speakers Two FCHS Graduates Keynote Saturday Night Elks Dinner

Two Fairfield High School graduates, Brian Foster and Sue Ann (Reeves) Aman, will be the keynote speakers during the FCHS Alumni Association dinner Saturday night at the Fairfield Elks.

Brian will speak about the career of his father, Jed Foster, a standout FCHS athlete.

Sue Ann is retired as an academic CPA.

Doors open at 5:30 for cocktail time. Contact Kristi Hornung or Jill Andrews for registration forms and more information.

Professional Experience

Brian will celebrate his 30th anniversary with KPMG in January 2025, a global Audit, Tax, and Advisory firm. KPMG is the 4th largest public accounting firm in the world. He is the Chief Operating Officer of the Audit Technology Organization within KPMG. Brian is also a regular speaker at internal and external conferences and symposiums regarding the use of technology in Audit.

Brian graduated with the Class of 1990 as their Co-Valedictorian. He earned nine varsity letters, earning a letter all four years in basketball. He was named to the First Team All NEC basketball and football teams for two years. Brian holds the unbroken record for receiving yardage in a single season at 657 yards. His all-time career scoring record for basketball, 2,012 points,

has not been broken. In 2020, Brian was inducted into the IBCA High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Brian resides in Cincinnati with his wife of 22 years, Anna (Hawkins) Foster - Class of 1996, and their two dogs, Lucy, a Labrador Retriever, and Birdie, a Golden Retriever.

Sue Ann's Active Career

Sue Ann represents the FCHS Class of 1974. Her professional experience lies in the distant past as she retired from her career as an academic CPA in 2010. She first worked as the Controller at Bank of Illinois in Mt Vernon, Illinois, before accepting a position as a Professor of Accounting at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Sue Ann left SIU-C to become the Director of the Accounting Program at Kaskaskia College. There, she developed online curricula for the State of Illinois for an educational exchange with Asia, developed and taught the first completely online courses for students deployed in Iraq during the war, and was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Sue Ann was an active member of the Mt Vernon community. She graduated from the Class of 1974 before Title 9 came to FCHS.

Sue Ann lives in Oklahoma City with her husband, Brad Aman (Class of 1975). Despite time and distance, their ties to Fairfield and pride in being FCHS graduates remain strong.



Excitement Night

Miss Bean Queen candidates applaud in excitement during the Bean Queen Pageant held Saturday, September 21. From left are contestants #14, Josie Lynn Greenwalt, #13 Abbie Young, Second Runner-up, #12 Jacey Nicole Smith, and contestant #11, Allison Ellis. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

FCHS Homecoming Festivities This Week; To Select Queen

Homecoming Week has arrived and with it will come FCHS student activities, the annual parade this Friday, football on Saturday with the crowning of new royalty and the Homecoming Dance that night.

As in the past, each school day during the Homecoming week is a chance for school spirit, and Monday, teachers will dress as students and students as teachers. Twin Day will be tomorrow.

Wednesday students will choose a side, dressing out in versus themed costume.

The freshmen will be Country vs. Country Club, Mathletes vs. Athletes

for sophomores, DJ vs. PJ for juniors, and for the seniors, Runway v. Chill Day.

Thursday is "Future You," with students from the future visiting their classmates in the past. Friday will be "Crazy Red and Black Day."

Parents remain encouraged to reach out to the main office at high school with any questions or concerns regarding the events of Homecoming Week by calling 618-842-2649 for more information.

Battle

The Annual Battle of the Classes will take place on the Mules Football Field at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Classes, for nothing less than bragging rights, will battle for points to determine which class is best in cooperative games and in some physical feats, like spaghetti eating, relays, or both at the same time.

The Homecoming parade will be on Friday, October 4, and will start at 2 p.m. in downtown Fairfield.

Organizers said line-up for the parade will be on North First Street and anyone wanting to participate in the parade should contact Donna Reever at 618-847-4902.

The Homecoming football game will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen taking place on the field at halftime.

Dance

"Happily, Ever After" is the 2024 theme selected by students. The dance will be held from 8 - 11 p.m. this Saturday night, with doors opening for attendees at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dance will not be sold after this Wednesday, but sales will resume at the front door at \$15 for last-minute attendees.

The dance is a semi-formal. No jeans, but tuxedos and formal dresses are not necessary said organizers. Students are allowed to leave at any time from the dance but will not be allowed to return.

Guest dates are allowed to attend the dance with their dates, but must complete a Guest Dance Form to bring their dates along. "Guests" are considered anyone not currently attending

FCHS, are under 21, and are at least a freshman in high school.

Forms for guests must be turned into the main office at the school by students by Wednesday, October 2, that week.

Freshman Attendants

Paisley Barbre, daughter of Chad and Jessica Barbre; and Nora Oliver, daughter of Anthony and Jessica Oliver.

Soph. Attendants

Wren Braddock, daughter of Jason Braddock, and Mindy and Dustin Brokaw; and Remington Taylor, the daughter of Ryan and Stephanie Taylor.

Jr. Attendants

Lela Duckworth, daughter of Jess and Morgan Duckworth; and Olivia Ward, the daughter of Kendall and Michelle Ward.

Sr. Queen Candidates

Molly Medler, daughter of Stacey Morris; Olivia Smith, daughter of Emily and Timothy Smith; and Ciara Turner, the daughter of Jessica and Jonathan Vaughan, and Chris and Toni Turner.

Sr. King Candidates

Jayze Bube, son of Meredith Flanagan, and stepson of Dakota Cook; Justice Dagg, son of DeAirdra and Ryland Dagg; and Giuseppe DiMaggio, the son of Jennifer and Joe DiMaggio.

Sr. Escorts

Jacob Ahlfield, son of Luke and Bridget Ahlfield; Jacob Combs, son of Jeff and Yvette Combs; Eric Locke, son of Chris and Rebecca Locke; Maveryck Lyons, son of Heath and Katelyn Lyons, and Ashton and Wayne Shreve; Israel Sargent, son of Jessi Wright, and Jon and Heather Sargent; and Miller Simpson, the son of Cameron and Melissa Simpson.

Flower/Crown

Flower girl this year will be Rosemary McDuffee, the daughter of Hayden and Samantha McDuffee. Holsten Kiefer, son of Melissa and Josh Kiefer, will be crown bearer.

No Comments On Chief's Resignation

After the surprise resignation last Tuesday of the Wayne City Chief of Police, Anson Fenton, formal comments sought from the village on Friday have gone without a reply.

Monday morning, Wayne County Sheriff Chris Otey was contacted and said he was unable to make any remarks regarding the former chief's resignation.

Sheriff Otey did say in the absence of Chief Fenton, law enforcement needs for the village would continue to be met by his department's deputies and will not go away.

As well, the sheriff's office stationed a new School Resource Officer, Jeff Taylor, who was added in mid-August to patrol Wayne City School.

As for prospects to replace the village's local authority, Sheriff Otey said he was unaware of any selections to fill Fenton's shoes.

Fatal Crash Near Xenia

An Arkansas woman was killed Friday afternoon in a head-on crash on U.S. Route 50, just west of the Xenia - Iola Road in Clay County. Illinois State police identified the victim as Mia S. Daniels, 59 of Monticello, Arkansas.

Investigators report a Tesla driven by William K. Shufeldt, 44, of Iuka was westbound on Route 50 passing other vehicles when he collided head-on with Daniels' eastbound Toyota Camry.

Following the crash, Shufeldt's vehicle was then struck by a semi. Shufeldt received major injuries in the crash and was taken to an area hospital. The semi driver was not hurt.

Illinois State Police cited Shufeldt with improper passing following the 12:07 p.m. crash.

Lisa Wins Football Contest

Lisa Smith of Cisne won the \$40 from this week's Wayne County Press football contest.

She missed two games and was not tied by any of the other entrants.

For the end-of-season \$300 cash prize, Steve McCormick holds a one game lead over Christina Greene and two games over Joe Rockett and Harold Witter.

A list of the standings is available at the Press.

Among the advertising sponsors, DiMaggio's Pizza won the free ad, missing three games and winning on the Tie Breaker.

From the advertising sponsors, LaFuenta is offering a pitcher of Margaritas for \$10.95; Car Corral has a 2025 Polaris Ranger for \$17,999.

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Weather Forecast

Day	High	Low	Cond.
Tuesday	80	56	Sunny
Wednesday	72	49	Sunny
Thursday	77	50	Sunny
Friday	78	53	Sunny
Saturday	74	52	Sunny

Sample Ballot Appears Today

If you want to see what the ballot will look like for the Nov. 5 general election, you can see it on Page One in Section Two.

FCHS Homecoming Poster Appears

A poster dealing with the upcoming FCHS Homecoming appears as a special pullout today.

Infrastructure Improvements In Grayville Now Underway

by Len Wells

Work has begun on a major infrastructure project in Grayville. Kieffer Brothers Construction of Mt. Carmel has started the process of replacing water mains in town to be followed by sidewalk replacement work in the downtown district. The total cost of the projects amounts to \$1,198,705.

Mayor Travis Thompson announced that a grant application for the construction of a water treatment plant has been completed and is now in the hands of the Illinois EPA. Once constructed, the facility will provide clean drinking water to both Grayville and Albion.

Sewer Plant Repairs

The mayor also noted that the city has received an EPA permit to make major improvements to the town's wastewater treatment plant. With the permit in hand, the city is seeking grants to fund the project.

The Illinois Department of Public

Health has given the City of Grayville 30 days to correct a sewer problem in the city. One area contractor gave the city a price to make the repairs, which might not comply with municipal bidding rules. City Attorney Jay Walden said he would contact the Illinois Department of Public Health to see if the issue amounts to an "emergency," so the work could be done with just one bid. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners approved a \$22,000 TIF grant to Newark Investments to help pay for a new roof on the Smokin' Bong Head Shop at 102 East North Street. The project will cost the owners \$88,000.

Botsch and Associates of Carmi presented the city's annual audit. Botsch told commissioners that it was a "clean audit," meaning there were no financial issues noted and no adjustments to be made.

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2024 Bean Queens

The 2024 Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Bean Queens enjoy the spotlight at the Bean Queen Pageant night, held in Wayne City last weekend on Saturday. From left, are Little Miss Bean Queen, Scarlette Atkinson; Miss Bean Queen, Katelyn Shae Catron; and Junior Miss Bean Queen, Paisley Rae Simpson. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

David Taylor, 60, Of Cisne, Dies; Fairfield Mail Carrier

David Lee Taylor, age 60, of Cisne, died on Tuesday night, September 24, 2024.

David worked as a city mail carrier for the Fairfield Post Office.

In his free time, David loved hunting for arrowheads and Indian artifacts, and you could always see his soft side when he'd stop to scratch a cat's ears or give them a little tap of affection.

He was a NASCAR fan through-and-through, with a real admiration for Jeff Gordon.

More than anything, David enjoyed sitting down and catching up with his family.

Funeral Service

A funeral ceremony was held at 1 p.m. on Monday (today), September 30, at Frank & Bright Funeral Home in Flora with Pastor Ernie Lewis officiating.

Burial followed in Bunker Cemetery in Rinard. Visitation was held today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

David was born October 19, 1963, in Flora, the son of James "Jim" B. Taylor and Rita A. (Yates) Taylor.

On March 26, 1993, he married Kara Lea Greenwood in Owensboro, Kentucky, and together they celebrated 31 anniversaries.

Survivors

David is survived by his wife, Kara Taylor, of Cisne; mother Rita Taylor, of Rinard; daughters-in-law Britany (Landon) Fewkes, of Albion, and Alex (Tony) Milheiser, of Bandana, Kentucky; grandchildren Jameson



DAVID TAYLOR

Weedon, Zoey Weedon, Taylor Fewkes, and Brinely Fewkes, all of Albion, and Kori Milheiser, Cody Weedon, and Dillon Weedon, all of Bandana, Ky.; sister Barbara (Bruce) Brown, of Flora; and brother Mike (Nancy) Taylor, of Grayville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Taylor; paternal grandparents Donald and Mary (Bowles) Taylor; and maternal grandparents, Fred and Irene Yates.

Memorial donations may be made to assist with final expenses, and will be accepted at the funeral home. To share a condolence or memory visit: www.frankandbright.com.

Patsy J. Cooper, 87, Dies; City Worker, Banker, Chamber

Patsy J. Cooper, 87, of Fairfield, died at 7:53 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, at her home.

Patsy had worked for the City of Fairfield, Wayne County Bank, and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. She was also a member of the Fairfield Kiwanis Club.

Funeral Service

Patsy will be cremated, and no formal services will be held. The Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home is handling cremation.

She was born on November 19, 1936, in Mosquero, N.Mex, to Dallas and Kathryn (McGuire) Keller.

Survivors

Patsy is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



PATSY COOPER

William A. Lydick, 87, Dies; Veteran, Lineman

William A. Lydick, 87, of Fairfield, died on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

William was a retired electrical lineman and a United States Navy Veteran.

Funeral Service

William's wishes were to be cremated with a graveside service with military honors at a later date. The Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is assisting the family.

He was born March 1, 1937, in Okla-

homa, the son of Everett and Helen Lydick.

He was married to Lena Marie (Shain) Lydick, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors

Survivors include daughters Nickole (Tim) Orr, of Albion, and Tina Smith and DeAnn Seifried, both of Grayville; brother Joe Lydick, of Florida; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a companion.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and wife, Lena.

Jody Walsh, 98, Dies; Homemaker

Joclyn "Jody" A. Walsh, 98, of Grayville, died Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Meadowbrook Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Grayville.

Joclyn was a homemaker and loved her cats.

Funeral Service

Jody's wishes were to be cremated with no services. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is assisting the family.

Joclyn Walsh was born on April 23, 1926, in Grayville, the daughter of Dale and Laura (Xanders) Ridens.

She was married to Joseph Wayne Walsh, who preceded her in death.



JOCLYN WALSH

Survivors

Survivors include her daughter Coletta Bisch, of Grayville; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother Charles Leet; and a grandson.

Charlie Gentz, 70, Dies; Operated Trucking Company

Charles "Charlie" Dean Gentz, 70, of West Salem, died on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at his home.

Born in Fairfield, he was a lifelong farmer and truck driver, owning and operating Gentz Trucking and the family farm, Gentz Farms.

Funeral Service

Services were held at noon Monday (today), September 30, at the West Salem Fire Station.

Charlie was a member of the Wayne County Shrine Club, the West Salem Masonic Lodge 866, Ainad Motor Patrol, York Rite Bodies, Hillbilly Shriners, and was a member of the West Salem Rural Fire Board.

Survivors

Survivors include his mother, Floydene; wife, Pam; four children, Nathan (Kayla) Gentz, Libby (Jason) Bunting, John McDowell and Calvin Gentz; seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Shri-



CHARLES D. GENTZ

ners Children's Hospital and will be accepted at the Ingram-Meridith Funeral Home in West Salem.

Rose Templeton, 96, Dies; Carmi Resident

Rose Templeton, 96, of Carmi, died Friday, September 27, 2024, at Wabash Senior Living and Rehab in Carmi.

She was a 1946 graduate of Carmi Township High School, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Carmi.

Funeral Service

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, at the Campbell Funeral Home in Carmi, with burial in White County Memorial Garden in Carmi.

Survivors

Survivors include her husband of 74 years, Roscoe; children, Dannie (Kim) Templeton, of Carmi, David (Martha) Templeton, of Carmi, and Donna Templeton-Howell of Westfield, Indiana; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Carmi or to the Carmi Lions Club, and may be accepted at the funeral home.

Funeral Service

Services will be 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, at the Campbell Funeral Home in Norris City.

Visitation will be 10:30 am until the time of service at Campbell's in Norris City.



Cruisin' Bean Queen

The 2024 Miss Bean Queen, Katelyn Shae Catron, cruises down Main Street for the first time as Bean Queen during Saturday's rainy parade. Ms. Catron is a junior at Wayne City High School. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

Wanda Laverne (Simms) Roosevelt, 95, Dies; Formerly Of Albion

Wanda Laverne (Simms) Roosevelt, 95, of Mt. Carmel, died on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel.

Over the years, she worked at a local drug store, the Pillsbury elevator in Browns, in the Edwards County courthouse and Copeland's Ready to Wear in Albion.

Funeral Service

Services will be at noon on Tuesday, October 1, at the Ingram-Meridith Funeral Home in Albion, with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery south of Albion.

Visitation will be 10 am until the time of service at the Ingram-Meridith Funeral Home in Albion.

Wanda was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels with the Edwards County Senior Citizens.

Survivors

Survivors include a brother, Larry Simms, of Olney; son, Jerry (Patty) Roosevelt, of Columbia, Illinois; a daughter, Renee (Ken) Wood, of Mount Carmel; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dee Drilling Permitted To Drill White Co. Well

Dee Drilling Company of Mount Carmel has been issued a permit to drill an oil well in White County. The Land #5 well will be drilled west of Maunie. George Mitchell Drilling of Carmi

will be the contractor on the well. Dee Drilling will be targeting the Aux Vases formation at an estimated depth of 3,100 feet.

Herman Loeb To Drill Two Wells Near Calvin

Herman L. Loeb of Lawrenceville has been issued permits to drill two oil wells in White County. The Sun-dog #1-1 and the Eclipse #1-2 will be drilled west of Calvin in northern White County.

Five P Drilling of Bridgeport will be the drilling contractor on each well with the operator targeting the Fort Payne formation at an estimated depth of 4,700 feet.

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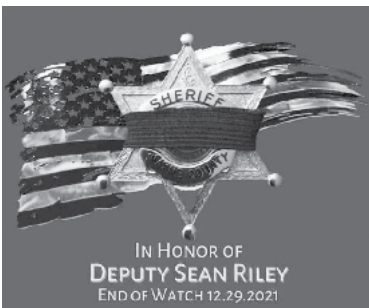
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REPORT



JOSHUA A. ZOPH



ANTHONY M. GARRISON

Two Men Wanted In Wayne County Caught Burglarizing Carmi Coal Mine

Two Fairfield men awaiting sentencing on felony Wayne County convictions were caught red handed Friday morning burglarizing the coal mine south of Carmi. The suspects have been identified as Anthony M. Garrison, 35, and Joshua A. Zoph, 44, both of Fairfield.

At 1:45 Friday morning, White County deputies were dispatched to a report of a burglary in progress at the White County Coal Mine near Epworth. As officers arrived, they spotted a red Chevrolet traveling towards the front gate of the property. Police blocked the entrance and confronted both men.

Stole Copper Wire

Sheriff Jordan Weiss said both men admitted to stealing copper wire from the shuttered mine. A further investigation revealed the men allegedly stole about nine sections of heavy duty copper wire weighing approximately 100 pounds. Police also found a battery charger, meth, drug paraphernalia and a box containing hydraulic fittings.

Garrison was jailed on charges of burglary, possession of burglary tools,

unlawful use of property, possession of meth, criminal damage to government supported property over \$10,000, theft over \$500 and possession of drug paraphernalia. The government supported property charge stems from the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals overseeing the mine since its closure in 2016.

Zoph faces the same charges, plus two Wayne County warrants; one for possession of meth with the intent to deliver and aggravated domestic battery/strangulation.

Both Wanted In Wayne County

At the time of the burglary Garrison was awaiting sentencing on a Wayne County conviction of theft over \$10,000, but less than \$100,000. He had been set for sentencing November 7 in Wayne County Circuit Court. September 9, 2024, Garrison pleaded guilty to the charge, with an agreement that two pending domestic violence charges would be dismissed if he hadn't had any new criminal or traffic charges in any county.

Zoph had an active warrant for escape in Wayne County for failure to appear in court for sentencing in the meth delivery and domestic battery cases. Sheriff Jordan Weiss said both men were wearing electronic ankle monitors when taken into custody Friday morning.



BRYTON JD WITHROW

Mt. Erie Man Jailed In Child Porn Case

Bryton JD Withrow, 30, of Mount Erie has been jailed on multiple felony charges related to child pornography. Withrow's arrest came last Thursday following a lengthy investigation carried out by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

A Wayne County Grand Jury indicted Withrow September 24 on 22 separate Class-1 felony child porn charges. The charges include multiple counts of a parent permitting a child porn photo and solicitation of a child for a child porn photo.

Court records show Withrow was taken into custody on warrant last Thursday and was brought before Circuit Judge Michael Valentine Monday morning for a detention hearing. A first appearance has been set for October 10.

If convicted, Withrow faces up to 15 years in prison on each count.

Enfield Man Nabbed In Fort Branch, Ind.

Ray D. Reynolds, 41, of Enfield was arrested Friday morning by Gibson County, Indiana authorities on charges of public intoxication and possession of hypodermic needles.

A Gibson County deputy responded to a car wash on U.S. Highway 41 in Fort Branch at 7:42 a.m. to investigate a suspicious person and located Reynolds. At the conclusion of the deputy's investigation, Reynolds was booked into the Gibson County jail at Princeton, Indiana pending a court appearance.

Two Caught Casing Bank

Two Michigan men were arrested Wednesday after employees at a Mt. Carmel bank called police to report a possible robbery attempt. The suspects have been identified as Steve R. Jones, 49, of Lansing, Michigan and Matthew T. Wrosch, 51, of Owosso, Michigan.

Mt. Carmel Police Chief Michael McWilliams said police first received numerous reports of the men using their cellphones to take videos of various businesses on Market Street. One business reported the men entered their business and asked for \$100, but were turned away.

Later, the men entered First-Mid Bank and started videotaping employees while making derogatory and verbally abusive statements. During the same time, one of the men stated they "wanted to get a good view" of the bank vault.

Alarmed employees called police, believing the men were casing the bank for a possible robbery. Confronted by local police, the men spewed profanity at the officers and claimed their First Amendment rights were being abused. Both men were eventually arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, booked at the county jail and released pending a court appearance.

Battered Three-Year-Old

Daniel L. Newman, 37, of Carmi has been jailed after he allegedly struck a three-year-old boy during an argument. Shortly before 1:30 Sunday morning, Carmi police responded to 608 Sixth Street on a report of a disturbance.

Following an investigation, police learned that while Newman was arguing with 30-year-old India M. Batty, he struck the three-year-old boy in the head with a door. Newman was jailed on a preliminary charge of aggravated battery of a child, a Class-2 felony. He remains in the White County jail pending a detention hearing before a judge.

FCHS Bus Accident

A Fairfield High School bus ran off the roadway and into a field on Route 15 East, near Golden Gate, at 7:15 a.m. Friday morning. Some students were reportedly removed to Fairfield Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Fairfield school administrators said the driver was able to safely keep the bus upright as it went off road, and all students were examined by medical and emergency medical services that arrived on scene.

After the accident, FCHS staff released information regarding the accident, stating that some students were later transported to the school or were released to parents.

Conditional Discharge

Melony J. Taylor, 59, of Mount Vernon, was given two years of conditional discharge last Thursday in Wayne County Court after she pled guilty to felony possession of methamphetamines.

Taylor was granted credit for the three days she had spent at the Wayne County Jail and was ordered to pay \$4,190 in court fines and fees, by Judge Michael J. Valentine.

On a motion of the state, count two was dismissed for Taylor that charged her with having an inoperable muffler April of 2023.

Sentenced Three Years, IDOC

Clay City resident, Sara E. Slover, 37, entered a guilty plea from Decatur Correctional Center in Wayne County Court last Thursday to felony burglary and was sentenced to serve three years and six months with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Judge Michael J. Valentine allowed the sentence to run concurrently with another three-year term she is already serving from a Clay County charge of felony burglary from August of 2022. The judge gave Slover a heavy financial sentence, ordering her to pay \$17,919 in court fines and fees.

In the plea agreement for her burglary charge from July 2022, four cases were dismissed for Slover in Wayne County, charging her with burglary, speeding with an expired driver's license and registration, and aggravated fleeing of a police officer.

Olney Man Cited

Wayne County deputies cited Dylan M. Pickering, 23, of Olney, for driving with a suspended license for having no insurance at 2:35 a.m. last Friday morning.

Deputies performed a traffic stop on Pickering's 2024 Chevy pickup on Enterprise Road near the County Highway 2 intersection.

Pickering was cited and released without a mandatory court appearance.



Jr. Miss Bean

Junior Miss Bean Queen, Paisley Rae Simpson, gives candy a toss to children lining Main Street during Saturday's Bean Days Parade. Ms. Simpson is a seventh grader at Wayne City middle school. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)



FFA Wave

Students of Wayne City FFA Chapter, Section #23, spot friends and family in the Bean Day Parade crowd over the weekend, Saturday. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

Collision On South 45 Hits Fallen Tree

A truck and a car collided south of Fairfield on Route 45 at 8:02 Thursday night, with Wayne County EMS, the Sheriff's Department, and Fairfield Rural Fire arriving on scene.

Driving a 2018 Chevy pickup truck, Thomas W. Hutcheson, 67, of Mount Vernon, was driving north on 45 and struck the front driver's side of a 2017 Chevy Malibu driven by Rita A. Brockma, 60, of Olney.

Hutcheson stated to county deputies he lost sight of the roadway due to the rain and crossed into the southbound lane near Baldwin Vision Systems, formerly known as Web Printing.

No injury was reported by Hutcheson. Brockma and her passenger, Robin Correll, sustained minor injuries and were removed to Fairfield

Memorial Hospital by ambulance. Frontal damages were sustained to both vehicles that exceeded \$1,500, and Hutcheson was cited for improper lane usage by deputies.

Trespass Plea

Sadie L. Preston, 28, of Mill Shoals, received a year of court supervision, with reporting, after she pled guilty to criminal trespass to a vehicle last Thursday in Wayne County Court.


Judge Michael J. Valentine granted credit to Preston for a day she spent with the Wayne County Jail, and ordered the Mill Shoals resident to pay \$1,859 in fines and court fees for the misdemeanor offense.

Randy H. Morris, 65, of Cisne, sustained frontal damage to his 2010 Chrysler van after his vehicle struck a fallen tree on Rt. 45 in Bedford Township, at 4 a.m. Friday morning.

Morris, who reported no personal injuries to Wayne County deputies, was driving southwest of Mount Erie when he collided with a tree that was laying across the roadway near County Road 1500 North.

Damages were estimated over \$1,500 for his Chrysler Town & Country.

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Members of the FCHS class of 1966, along with their spouses, attended the annual class get together during this year's Fall Fun Fest at the home of Donnie and Sandy Beeson. Front row (l to r) Judy Patridge, Jay Fyie, Pam Woods, Sandy Beeson, Julie Brame, Sharon Gualdoni, Terri Jo Robson, and Nancy Hawkins. Back row Donnie Beeson, Judy Koehler, Fred Koehler, Sharon Bryan, Berta Onstott, Vicki Lee, Lisa Fyie, Janny Hill, Joni Ragle, Beth Tickner, Betty Simpson, Susie Sessions, Mike Jurgens, Connie Jurgens, Ed Stine, Mary Stine, and Darrell Bryan. Ralph Woods took the picture.

Class Of 1966 Holds Annual Get Together

On Friday, September 20, Donnie and Sandy (Kearnes) Beeson hosted their annual party for the FCHS Class of 1966 at their home in Fairfield. A catered dinner of salad, smoked chicken, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, iced tea and water was served. Desserts were furnished by Jo Anne Greathouse and Janet Billington.

This is a party that the Beeson's have held for over 20 years. Attending

this year were Julie (Zierjack) Brame, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; Darrell and Sharon (McDannel) Bryan, Chapman; Mike and Connie (Griffith) Jurgens, Springfield; Fred and Dr. Judith (Nation) Koehler, Madison, Indiana; Vicki (Gray) Lee, Burton, Texas; Joni (Feiger) Ragle, Georgetown, Texas; Ed and Mary Stine, Prairie Village, Kansas; Nancy (Meeks) Hawkins, Winchester, Tennessee; Judy Patridge,

Strasburg, Ralph and Pam (Dalton) Woods, Hempstead, Texas.

Attending from Fairfield were Jay and Lisa Fyie, Sharon (Humphrey) Gualdoni, Janet (Mauck) Hill, Berta (George) Onstott, Terri Jo Robson, Susie (Stallings) Sessions, Betty (Slankard) Simpson, Beth Tickner, and the hosts, Donnie and Sandy Beeson.



Classmates Meet For Lunch

Patsy (Rockett) Shelby from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was home for several weeks seeing all her family. As usual when a classmate from the FCHS class of 1966 is in town, local classmates try to gather for a luncheon. This one was held at Classic Pizza. Those attending were (from left) Sharon (Humphrey) Gualdoni, Terri Jo Robson, Betty (Slankard) Simpson, Sandy (Kearnes) Beeson, Susie (Stallings) Sessions, Carolyn (Newton) Bland, and Patsy (Rockett) Shelby.



Johnsonville PTO Receives Grant

The Johnsonville Elementary School PTO was awarded a Wayne County Farm Bureau 2024 Community Impact Grant. The PTO volunteers used the grant funds to add several new features to their school's playground for this school year. Front row (l to r) Mrs. Riley, Corbin Hutchcraft, Graham Robson, Camden Hyder and Adley Hyder. Second row Mrs. Tannahill, Ronen Tannahill, Curtis Fry, Macallie Robson, and Wayne County Farm Bureau President David White.

Blood Drive Results

The Red Cross blood drive held September 18 at the Community of Christ Church in Fairfield, sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary, collected 45 units. There were two new donors, Gary Bryant and Brad Adcock of Fairfield.

Door prize winners were Barbara Bozarth and Margot Young, both of Fairfield. They each received a \$25 gift card to Save A Lot. Every registered donor was awarded a \$15 gift card to an online merchant of their choice. Donors should check their email for a notification regarding their gift card.

The next drive will be held on November 13 at the Community of Christ Church in Fairfield.

IECC Board Updated On Capital Projects

IECEA Representative Rob Mason presented the IECC Board with results of a faculty survey Tuesday night.

Chancellor Gower updated the Board on capital projects and solicited Board direction on Procedure 300.17 pertaining to usage of IECC facilities.

The 2024 Annual Security Report, 2024 Emergency Response Plans, and an updated Violence Prevention Plan were accepted by the Board.

The Board approved the SAFE (Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies) Memoranda of Understanding, PRE-VAIL (Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act) Memoranda of Understanding, and a Memorandum of Understanding with Wabash General Hospital for a Paramedic Education Program.

Affiliation agreements were approved with Deaconess Gibson Hospital; DeveloPeds Therapy (PTA); Edwards County Ambulance Service; Hella Healthcare of Olney; Oakview Nursing and Rehab; ProRehab (PTA); Providence Medical Group; Richland County TB and Health Office; Richland Nursing & Rehab; Wayne County Ambulance; Healthcare Therapy Services, Inc. (PTA); Lawrence County Memorial Hospital; The Carle Foundation; Hospital Sisters Health System; Indiana University Health, Inc. (PTA); and Select Rehab (PTA).

Board Election

The Board received official notice of the dates concerning the elections to the Board of Trustees that will occur on April 1, 2025. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the District office and the filing period is from November 12 to November 18, 2024.

The IECC Board has three Trustees who have terms that are expiring. Trustees will be running for two 6-year terms and one 3-year term. The Board approved the appointment of Sonja

Wease as the Election official and the appointment of Sheryl Childers to be the Assistant Election Official.

The board waived a second reading and approved revisions to the following policies:

- State Gift Ban Act Policy 100.20.
- Background Check Determination Policy 500.22 to improve clarity, and the authority references were updated.
- New Prohibiting Sex Discrimination Policy 100.42 to align with the implementation date of the new regulations and deletion of Preventing Sexual Misconduct Policy 100.31. The Board approved support for the amendment to the Robinson Crawford Enterprise Zone.

Personnel Report

The following was approved as part of the personnel report: Approval of employment for Mandy Greppas as Coordinator of Academic Affairs effective September 23, 2024 and position title change for Jamie Carman from Director of Academic Advising and Records to Director of Academic Advising effective September 23, 2024.

Proposed non-college employment was approved for Joseph Brown at JB Express Transportation LLC in Cisne, IL and KTDA Trucking in Mt. Erie, IL.

Resignations were approved for Phil Britton as Head Baseball Coach at Olney Central College effective September 13, 2024; Amanda Kotch as Distance Learning Specialist, Title III effective September 20, 2024; Trevin Milner as Coordinator of Public Information and Marketing at Frontier Community College effective September 27, 2024.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, IL.

Annual Cannon – Mann Reunion

The annual reunion of the family and friends of Thomas Sr. and Lula (Mann) Cannon will be held at the Geff Ruritan Building Sunday, October 6. A catered lunch will be served at noon. All family and friends are encouraged to attend.

FCHS Class Of 1964 To Hold Reunion Dinner

The FCHS class of 1964 will hold a reunion dinner on Friday, October 4, at The Judge, located at 404 East Center Street in Fairfield, beginning at 5 p.m. Casual attire.

To Conduct Open House

Health and Hope, a new weight loss group in Fairfield, will conduct an open house on Tuesday, October 8, at 6 p.m. at 811 West Main Street in Fairfield.

This group will meet every Tuesday. Weigh in will be from 5:30-5:50 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m. There will be exercise and other activities. There are no yearly membership fees. Everyone is free to choose their own diet plan.

For more information call 618-919-2841 or 618-895-4353.

Wayne County Democrats Participate In Fall Fun Fest

Wayne County Democrat Party participated in the Fairfield Fall Fun Fest held September 18th to the 21st. The 12th District Democrat Committeewoman, Vivian Robinson, joined ten members the prior Sunday for a "prep" talk.

The party booth registered voters, collected dozens of books for the County's five Free Little Libraries, and held a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Feeding Kids of Wayne County program. Rhonda Austin was the 50/50 winner. A \$90 donation will be made to the summer lunch program.

The next party meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Elks Club.

This meeting is open to the public and all interested individuals are invited to attend.



W.C. Ruritans; 55 Years

Jim Zere, the President of Lincolnland District Ruritans Club, recognizes 55 years of Wayne City Ruritans during the annual Bean Days Parade, over the weekend Saturday. The recognition was received by Ruritan, Sue Meyers. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)



Members of the Wayne City High School varsity volleyball team posed with fans after beating Grayville in an important Midland Trail Conference match on Thursday. The Lady Indians are 5-0 in the league.

Cisne Evens Up League Mark At 2-0 With Red Hill Victory

After implementing a new rotation at practice the night before, the Cisne High School volleyball team picked up an important Midland Trail Conference (MTC) win at Red Hill on Thursday, 25-22, 25-12, snapping a ten-match losing streak.

The Runnin' Lions improved to 3-17 (2-2) and hope to stay in the win column as they have three straight conference matches coming up: at home vs. Webber Township on Tuesday, October 1, at Patoka Monday, October 7, and at home vs. Grayville on Thursday, October 10.

"Everyone stayed together and our camaraderie was really good at Red Hill," said Cisne Coach Kera Vinson. "The game before (a 23-25, 17-25 loss to Lawrenceville) was a setback because we had a good game and thought we could have won. But we used that and decided to make that setback our comeback."

"We got on board with it and headed in the right direction."

Last Wednesday's practice, sandwiched between the Lawrenceville and Red Hill matches, became a turnaround for the Runnin' Lions.

"We went into practice and worked through a new rotation, and we talked about what it means to encourage each other—then spent time doing that. Encouraging others helps us to stay positive about ourselves," Vinson said. "We decided to consistently talk to each other about never giving up. When you say things like 'good try' and 'don't quit' to others, you start telling that to yourself, too."

"We talked about filling each other's

cup, staying positive, staying united," she added. "Then on Thursday, relationships on the floor were really good. The kids had a lot of fun, their energy was good, and the celebration from the bench was really good, too."

Vinson would love to see her team capitalize in these next few matches and challenge for upper-tier spacing in the loop. Right now, Wayne City is dominating the MTC with a 5-0 mark, but everyone else has lost at least one match.

"We're gonna go into the Webber match with eyes wide open 'cause we know they are improving. They're really good about tipping and pushing the ball, they see the floor well, and they're very scrappy. We've gotta play with intensity," Vinson said. "I'm glad it's a home match and I hope our fans will turn out and cheer the girls on."

Cisne d. Red Hill 25-22, 25-12
Hitting: Cisne 67-78 w/13k (Greifzu 16-22 w/4k, Hyder 16-16 w/3k, Cook 14-14 w/2k), Red Hill 44-61 w/13k (Eagleson 10-10 w/4k, Griesemer 10-13 w/4k).

Serving: Cisne 44-49 w/10a (Fetherling 7-7 w/4a, Greifzu 8-10 w/3a), Red Hill 31-35 w/4a (Eagleson 11-11 w/3a).
Serve-Receive: Cisne 27-31 (Cook 12-13, Loker 10-12), Red Hill 34-44 (McCaslin 9-10).

Assists: Greifzu 7 (C); McDaniel 6 (RH).

Digs: Fetherling 9, Loker 6 (C); McDaniel 10, Eagleson 9 (RH).

Jayvee: Cisne d. Red Hill 25-14, 21-25, 15-6

Lady Indians Roll To 5-0 In Conference By Beating Bison

Host Wayne City, picked as the pre-season favorite to win the Midland Trail Conference (MTC) in high school volleyball this season, improved to 5-0 in the league on Thursday with a come-from-behind win over Grayville (8-4, 2-1), and has a legitimate chance to run the table with two conference matches remaining.

Coach Lamar Choate's team improved to 11-5 (5-0) with a 23-25, 25-19, 25-11 win over the Bison and will face two more MTC foes: at Red Hill (2-10, 1-4) this Thursday, October 3, and at home vs. Woodlawn on Thursday, October 10. The Cardinals (8-13) are 3-1 in the MTC but have yet to face Grayville and Patoka.

"Thursday night was a key game, because if we've got a shot at winning the MTC, Grayville was one of the big obstacles we had to overcome. They played a pretty complete game; they just don't let balls drop," Choate said. "Grayville is very tough-minded and that forced us to be tougher than we have been recently; I was glad to see

that." That was most definitely the case, because the Lady Indians faced a problem that they have encountered too often for Choate's liking: they started out well then hit a lull.

"Same problem: we started out in all three games with a 7-1 lead, but in game one the wheels came off for us at about the 11 or 12-point mark. Grayville went on a really nice run and we seemed absolutely powerless to stop it," he said. "They went from 12 points to 18 in game one."

"Honestly, most of it was our mistakes and we just kept compounding them. Most of it was just mental," he added. "We did right the ship, but by then it was too late. They had built a lead and held onto it."

But the Lady Indians didn't tear down the teepee.

"We did a good job in games two and three and didn't have a problem with (hitting a lull)," Choate said. "It was a really good match."

He added, it's vital that the Lady In-

dians put stifling stretches in the rear view mirror down the stretch "because it's not a habit you want going into the conference tourney (October 17-18), for sure", let alone the post-season. He thinks his team can do that because the kids are growing more mentally tough by the day.

"I think the girls felt like they let an opportunity get by them in set one (vs. Grayville), so they showed some resiliency. Grayville was playing great again in set two, and we again jumped on them early. I felt like we were very resilient," Choate said. "We were in a flow, transitioning well off the net and getting our swings, and that carried over into set three."

"And we missed like seven serves in the first game, and you can't do that. But we cleaned up our serving and that helped."

While Choate isn't looking ahead in terms of strategy, he did point out that the October 10 Woodlawn match at home will be the Pink-Out Game. Besides the showdown, there will be food

and a silent auction, with all funds going to help Keegan Smith and Carrie Jo Dagg in their battles vs. cancer.

"We hope people will plan to come out and take part in that fund-raising," he said.

Grayville won the jayvee game in a barnburner: 25-21, 23-25, 15-13. Varsity stats were unavailable by the Press' deadline.

Easton Earns All-Conference Honors, Mules Fifth At BDC Golf

by Brian Turner

Despite being the newest program in the Black Diamond Conference, the Edwards County Lions won the boys golf championship Thursday, besting 10 other teams in West Frankfort.

Led by Mason Smiley, who tied Hamilton County's Mason Hart with a 73 for the top score, the Lions shot a 310 as a team, nine strokes better than Hart's Foxes.

Fairfield junior Jake Easton earned all-conference honors by placing eighth overall, shooting an 81 on the par-71 course. Senior Avery Gardner just missed the top 10 by shooting an 82 to finish 11th overall. Ethan McElravy shot a 90 and Cruz Wells shot a 96 to round out the team score.

BDC Golf

Team—Edwards County 310, Hamilton County 319, Carmi 324, Trico 342, Fairfield 349, Zeigler-Royalton 352, Eldorado 363, Flora 365, Vienna 372, Johnston City 389, Goreville 393.

Individual—1, Mason Hart, HC, 73. 1, Mason Smiley, EC, 73. 3, Maxon O'Daniel, CWC, 74. 4, Bronson Tippett, E, 75. 4, Walker Sledge, EC, 75. 6, Drew Roosevelt, EC, 78. 7, Michael Brees, T, 79. 8, Ethan Kessler, HC, 81. 8, Jake Easton, F, 81. 11, Avery Gardner, F, 82. 26, Ethan McElravy, F, 90. 42, Cruz Wells, F, 96. 53, Zury Taylor, F, 81. 59, Brock Johnson, F, 110.



Fairfield senior Avery Gardner shot an 82 in the BDC championship Thursday in West Frankfort, placing 11th overall on the par-71 course. (Photo by Brian Turner)

Lady Mules Roll To 21st Straight BDC Win In Road Clash Thursday

by Brian Turner

For Chet Snyder's Fairfield Lady Mules on Thursday, the formula was simple. Get a serve in. When they did, good things happened. They struggled with that early, but got locked in during the second set and rolled to a 25-13, 25-1 win over the host Eldorado Lady Eagles.

Fairfield improved to 3-0 in BDC play and 14-7 overall, while Eldorado dropped to 1-11 with their 11th straight loss.

Fairfield missed seven serves in the first set, accounting for more than half of the Eagles' points there. In the second set, they missed one. That one wound up being Eldorado's only point of the set as Fairfield dominated the hapless hosts to finish the night early.

In the second set, Myra Copeland served the first six points, includ-

ing three aces, before a missed serve. Fairfield got the serve back on the next point and Maci McConnaughay never left the service line, serving 17 straight, including four aces. As a team, Fairfield was 42-of-50 serving with 11 aces.

At the net, junior middle hitter Kenzie Turner led the way with nine kills in just 12 swings, while freshman Jensyn Robbins had seven in 11 attacks. Fairfield finished with 22 kills in 39 attacks, against just three attack errors.

The win was the 21st straight for Fairfield in conference play. That streak will be severely tested this week. They start the week with a non-conference clash with Mt. Carmel (10-8) Monday in the Mule Barn. They then host Carmi (20-1) Tuesday and Edwards County (20-3) Thursday. Those two were picked by many to fin-

ish atop the BDC-East this year.

Fairfield def. Eldorado 25-13, 25-1

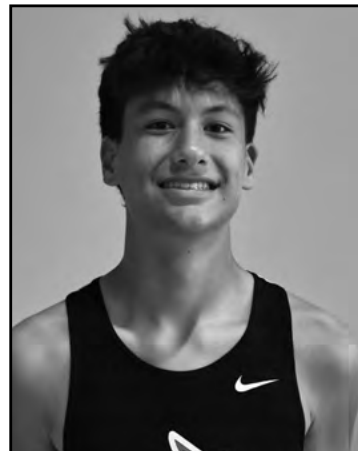
Kills-Attacks-Errors—Kenzie Turner 9-12-1, Jensyn Robbins 7-11, Gracie Atwood 3-6-2, Hilary Hodges 2-3, Libbee Cline 2-6, Ava Best 0-1, Total 22-39-3.

Assists—Best 23. Blocks—Turner 1. Block Assists—Turner 1, Cline 1. Digs—Maci McConnaughay 6, Myra Copeland 3, Robbins 3, Atwood 2, Best 2, Turner 2, Cori Sutton 2, Cline 1, Hodges 1.

Serving—McConnaughay 20-20, Copeland 11-13, Katherine Newman 3-5, Libbee Cline 2-4, Cori Sutton 2-3, Daliane Ellis 3-3, Ava Best 0-1, Total 42-50.

Aces—McConnaughay 4, Copeland 4, Newman 1, Cline 1, Sutton 1.

FCHS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Ashton King

is a sophomore on the cross country team. His parent is Kimberly King.



Zury Taylor

is a sophomore on the golf team. His parents are Ely & Jamie Taylor.



Kylie Collins

is a sophomore on the tennis team. Her parents are Roger & Jennifer Collins.



Arabella King

is a sophomore on the cheerleading squad. Her parent is Kimberly King.



Kenzie Turner

is a junior on the volleyball team. Her parents are Jonathan & Jessica Vaughn and Chris & Toni Turner.



Gracie Atwood

is a junior on the volleyball team. Her parents are Paul & Courtney Atwood.



Libbee Cline

is a junior on the volleyball team. Her parents are Jeremy Cline & Jamie Tedford.



Maci McConnaughay

is a junior on the volleyball team. Her parents are Michael & Alissa McConnaughay.

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Week 3 Brad Nale

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

Week 12

Week 13

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