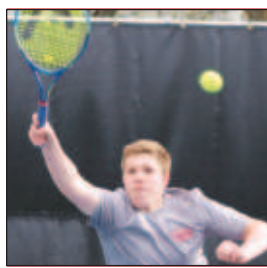




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Election results are in, but not everything is final

BY DAVE FARIES
 Editor

Nine races were uncontested, two remain too close to call and in one case there were no votes cast.

Vicki Briggs and Chris Miller were reelected to the Mexico City Council by sizable margins. Miller received 42 percent of the vote while Briggs took in 37 percent. No other candidate managed more than 9 percent.

Keith Louder returns to the Mexico School Board, but vot-

ers also picked a new face. Marci Minor received 726 votes to third Scott Nichols' 524 to take the second available seat.

Laddonia voters gave Gary Garnett the edge for mayor over Glenn Jensen. The five person race for the two Board of Aldermen seats must await final certification.

Juanita Cope was elected to the board, carrying 64 votes. The unofficial results posted Tuesday gave Gerald Davis a too close to call lead over Tresa Hodges, 46 votes to 45.

Vandalia's Alderman rac-

es were uncontested. Teresa Wenzel, Edna Wheeler and Debbie Hopke won easily. Martinsburg voted Pat Arens as mayor, along with Charles Diemeke and Cary Montague to Alderman seats, all uncontested.

In Farber, Tony Shade faced no opposition in his bid for mayor. Jeff Gay and Lee Scrogin took in the most votes for two Aldermen positions.

Rush Hill's outcomes are unclear. Kathy Taylor received two votes for trustee. Jerry Ferrell had a single vote and

there was a write in. Two seats were available for the two year term. A one year seat was also up for grabs, but no one declared candidacy for the spot.

No votes were cast on that ballot.

Vandiver Village trustees Jack Nengel, Kerri Ferrari and Tony Rutherford ran uncontested.

Randy Maxwell beat out Mark Korman for a seat on the Mexico Special #13 Road District.

The largest turnout was to determine the Audrain Health

Board of Trustees lineup. There were two vacancies and three candidates. Jessica Ekern drew 1,169 of the 2,651 ballots cast to take a clear lead. But as of now, the second post is still uncertain.

Darla Eggers stands at 731 votes to Randy Senor's 728.

County voters approved continuation of the tax supporting the small structures program, with 71 percent in approval. The county also favored keeping a tax supporting Common #1 Road District, with 64 percent checking the yes box.

Staying on track

Tyler Shaw drives for the fun of it, and he wins

BY DAVE FARIES
 Editor

A thought flashes through Tyler Shaw's mind every time he turns the steering wheel. Will the tires stick through the corner or will the car break loose and skid into the driver racing alongside him.

"You're hoping you're not tearing much up," he said with a grin. "None of us like to do sheet metal work."

So Shaw's concerns are practical and meant for after the race. Banging up the car just adds to the week's chores.

Yet while he's tearing through the corners of the dirt track at Moberly's Randolph County Raceway on Friday nights, the Mexico-based driver doesn't hold back. He's been known to dive into narrow gaps between two cars or between another car and the menacing outer wall in order to gain a position.

Last year he won four races and took home the track championship. With the racing season just underway, he is looking to continue his successful run.

Shaw drives an A Mod — a race car stripped to its bare essentials to take full advantage

of grip and power. It's the top class for modifieds featured at the track.

But he also works full time at his father's shop, Ken's Fast Lube in Mexico. Racing is a hobby, and one that takes a toll in time and effort.

"Once the season starts it's go, go, go," Shaw explained. "You work until 5 and then until 9 or 10. It's a second job."

It can be both an expensive and consuming second job. The race car has special needs, from rugged suspension parts to a purpose built engine, safety equipment and 118 octane fuel.

"It's a nose burner," Shaw said with a chuckle.

There is also a pick up truck and long trailer to maintain. And there are the long nights mending banged up sheet metal or replacing worn parts.

They purchased the engine from Hagedorn Racing Engines. But Shaw and his father have had their hands in everything else related to the car, from chassis to hitting the phone seeking sponsors.

Some of the logos adorning the bodywork are from companies one might expect to see on a local A Mod — A-1 Towing, for example, or Graf & Sons.



Mexico's Tyler Shaw with his winning ride outside of Ken's Fast Lube. Shaw works with his father at the garage all week and drives on Friday nights. [Dave Faries]

But there is also Puppy Cuts, Tacos & Tequila, Star Farms Fertilizer and others.

For Shaw, the payoff is in the Friday night adrenaline rush as the green flag waves, but also in what he calls the "big chess game."

Race tracks — particularly dirt tracks — can be fickle. And race cars can be equally temperamental when conditions are not to their liking. Much of what a driver and mechanics do involve what they call "dialing in" a car.

Shaw's racing strategy can

change from night to night, even between heat races and the feature race, as more and more rubber packs down the dirt.

"It depends on what the car's going to do that night," he said. "It may want to run high or low."

Chasing the car and the track — the race within the race — is compelling. It's part of what drives Shaw and his father.

And it can pay off in big ways. "Last year we changed a few little things on the car," Shaw explained. "It made a drastic

difference."

Shaw expects to race every Friday that United States Racing Association A-Mods are on the Randolph County Raceway schedule.

And while his second job — his consuming hobby — started on four wheelers in motocross and then to Hornets and B Mods, Shaw says he's settled on A Mods.

Except ...

"It would be fun to get in a sprint car," he said, laughing. "As long as I'm the only one on the track."

Getting busy at Bucky's: Crowds flock to new restaurant

BY DAVE FARIES
 Editor

With lunch rush winding down on a Saturday afternoon, Becky Steinman and her crew at Bucky's Sit or Get may have anticipated a breather. But a car pulled into the lot. Then a minivan, followed by a pickup truck.

Just as quickly as it had emptied out, the restaurant was at capacity again.

"It has been crazy," said Steinman, who owns the new restaurant with her partner Brandon Pehle. "But it's always like that when something first opens."

But Bucky's has experienced a particularly busy soft opening. Perhaps it comes from name recognition. Steinman runs a popular food truck and

has been catering locally for the past 11 years.

That means she brings a veteran staff and familiar dishes into play.

It's a diner menu with some flashes. The pork tenderloin sandwich would challenge the host of Man vs Food, but it is also comfortable — buttery and tender, with the gruff cornmeal crush providing a crackling complement.

This is a sandwich you can't put down, despite its size. And it doesn't require and assist from lettuce, tomatoes or other accoutrements.

There are burgers and a compelling list of sandwiches. Plates include country fried steak — your choice of white or brown gravy — catfish, grilled chicken and hot beef. But you also find fish tacos. And on Friday

and Saturday evenings the kitchen carves prime rib.

Steinman says the pandemic caused her to settle on a sit down restaurant. With many events and gatherings called off, demand for catering services slipped.

"After COVID it was time to take a different route," she explained.

The restaurant occupies the space left vacant when The Office closed. The name comes from a little mispronunciation. Pehle's young niece struggled with "Becky." When she called to Steinman, it came out as "Bucky."

Steinman is taking steps to add alcohol. Otherwise there are no plans to expand, at least for now. After all, she still runs her food truck. And catering will likely pick up again.



Family is at the core of Bucky's Sit or Get, a new restaurant that has opened in Mexico. Caleigh Wuger, left, is the daughter of co-owner Becky Steinman, second from the left. Hannah Pehle, right, is the daughter of co-owner Brandon Pehle. [Dave Faries]



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Going online



Gov. Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson, right, share a laugh with Mexico Audrain County Library's Crystal McCurdy and Christal Bruner on Wednesday, April 7. The governor was in Vandalia to celebrate the completion of a high speed broadband network in the city. As part of the event, Spectrum donated 15 Chromebooks and Samsung tablets to the library's Vandalia branch. [Dave Faries]

Hall named to FSCB post

First State Community Bank announced that Tina Hall has joined their team as a Community Lender.

"We are excited to welcome Tina to our team," said Ron Hopkins, President of FSCB in Mexico. "Her values, background and experience make her a great addition to our team. Additionally, her connection to the Mexico community is an added plus."

Hall brings 12 years of banking experience to FSCB, which includes six years of commercial lending and mortgage loan processing. Outside of work she volunteers with multiple programs, including Adopt a Child and the local homeless shelter, as well

as having served as President and Treasurer for the Auxvasse Community Center.

"I am excited for the opportunity to serve my hometown as a community lender and join the First State Community Bank family," Hall said of her new position. "As I get settled in my new role, I look forward to making a positive impact within our organization and the community in which we serve."



Hall

Basket weaving classes available throughout 2021

Basket weaving classes will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. the last Friday and Sunday of each month at the Montgomery County Arts Council, 123 East Third Street Montgomery City.

The class is open to everyone, no mat-

ter the skill level. The price will depend on the type of basket chosen by the participant. For more information and to reserve a spot call or text Pat Moore at 636-667-1554 or email patmoorebaskets@yahoo.com.

Auxiliary spreads the word



Seventeen Noble Health Auxiliary members handed out information about health-care services at five polling places Tuesday. Community members were greeted with a smile and a flyer all over town from in the morning, afternoon and evening. Noble Health purchased the hospital from SSM Health on March 16 and the Auxiliary is excited to tell the community about the change. Locations included were First Presbyterian Church, the Mexico Annex, the Lutheran Church, Friendship Baptist Church and the 4-H Center. Above left, Auxiliary member Mary Moore hands Chris Peak a flyer; at right are Auxiliary members Connie Pickering and Mary Moore.

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A brief moment in the bigs

BY DAVE FARIES
Editor

If anyone remembers one particular Saturday night in Philadelphia's old Connie Mack Stadium, a walk off grand slam in the bottom of the 11th inning by Phillies pinch hitter Rick Joseph would be the defining moment.

Otherwise, tales from a regular season baseball game between two middling teams – the Phillies and Dodgers – that played out before just 5,549 fans on a September evening in 1967 would appear to hold little fascination.

But in the fourth inning came a rare moment, a first and only.

The Dodgers had knocked starting pitcher Rick Wise from the game with a two-run third. Replacing him on the mound in the fourth was rookie Dick Thoenen – the first, and to date the only, person born in Mexico, Missouri to appear in a Major League regular season game.

In baseball parlance, a brief stint is called a "cup of coffee." There have been some 18,000 players since the dawn of the majors. About 1,000 took part in just one game. Just over 100 pitchers threw for a single inning.

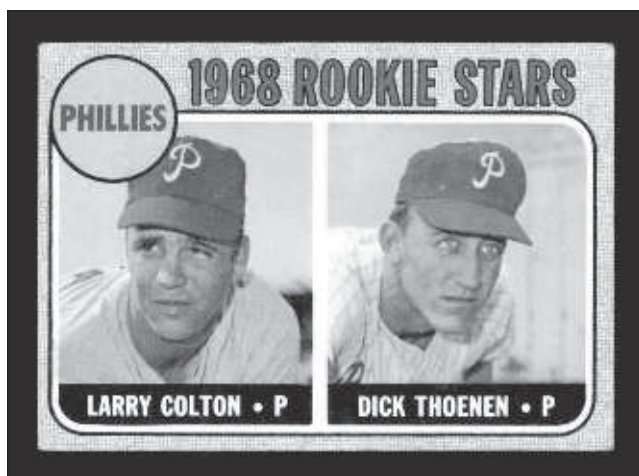
But they all made it to the top level of baseball.

"The only thing I can say is that a cup of coffee is worth all the beans on the mountain," Thoenen said.

Thoenen was born in 1944. He played three sports at Mexico High School and was recruited by Notre Dame for his basketball prowess (he stood six feet, six inches) in 1961. After a year in South Bend, he left school and signed a minor league contract with the Phillies.

There have been others with Mexico ties to play professionally.

Hunter Haynes is a Mexico native who was signed by the Royals out of high school and pitched in the minors from 2012 to 2015 until injury cut his career short. Preston Shepherd was born in St. Louis, but graduated from MHS and was a catcher in the Cardinals



Mexico native Dick Thoenen's baseball card was printed for the 1968 Topps set. Thoenen is one of only two players born in Audrain County to have played in a major league regular season game.

system for three years in the early 1950s. William McDonald, a Missouri Military Academy graduate, had a brief stint in the minors in 1959.

Only one other player born in Audrain County appeared in at least one major league regular season game. Martinsburg native Ray Rolling played in six games – all in September – for the Cardinals in 1912. The second baseman batted .200 and is credited with nine assists in the field.

Harry Maupin from nearby Wellsville pitched for the St. Louis Browns and Cleveland, then known as the Spiders, in 1898-99 ... but not very effectively. He amassed an 0-5, 9.63 career record.

On Sept. 16, 1967 the Dodgers were on top 3-2 when Thoenen entered the game to start the fourth wearing number 43. Bob Bailey greeted him with a double to left and Los Angeles rookie Luis Alcaraz slapped a single through the infield, scoring Bailey.

Dodgers pitcher Don Sutton dropped a bunt in front of the mound. Thoenen pounced on it and threw to first for the out. He then retired lead off hitter Nate Oliver on a looping liner to left. Wes Parker grounded back to the mound.

Thoenen tossed to first and the inning was over. Phillies manager Gene Mauch sent Grant Jackson out to pitch.

Thoenen now goes by Rich. He is reluctant to talk about his career. He

had seven strong seasons in the minors, spending much of the time with the San Diego Padres, then of the Pacific Coast League. Thoenen won 45 games, lost 40 and had a career 3.16 earned run average – numbers worthy of a call up to the majors.

But this was the era when the Reserve Clause bound players to a team. Team owners had control over a player's career. The Phillies clearly had no interest in trading Thoenen, nor could they find a roster spot for him on the big club.

"I will say I was probably four to five years early, so to speak, entering the game," he pointed out. "After '73 things turned around for the players."

Thoenen's career had some unique moments. He played in the Padres' final minor league game in 1968 and hit a home run to help secure an 8-7 win.

The next season, San Diego became home to the expansion major league Padres. The Phillies moved their minor league affiliate to Eugene, Oregon, where Thoenen closed out his career.

Because he started 1968 on the Phillies spring training roster, Topps issued a rookie card that year. Thoenen shared space on card number 348 with another young pitcher, Larry Colton.

Colton also appeared in a single major league game. He is one of about 90 people to have pitched just two innings in the majors.

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James Matthew Bash Luckett

James Matthew Bash Luckett, passed away on March 31, 2021, at BJC Hospital in St. Louis. A celebration of Matt's life will be on Monday, April 12 from 4-6 p.m. at Arnold Funeral Home.

Senior Center menu

April 12-16

Monday: Tamale Pie, Pinto Beans, Meadow Blend, Bread w/Margarine, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Baked Potato w/Margarine & Sour Cream, Pudding, Milk

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Baked Apples, Milk

Thursday: Beans w/ Ham, Spinach, Fried Potatoes & Onions, Cornbread w/Margarine, Cake, Milk

Friday: Beer Battered Pollock, Coleslaw, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Bread w/Margarine, Assorted Dessert, Milk

The Mexico Senior Center is located at 606 East Park Street.

Mary Fennewald

Mary Louise Fennewald, 98, of Mexico, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

A mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 12, at St. Brendan Catholic Church with Fr. Dylan Schrader officiating. Burial will follow in St. Brendan Cemetery.

Visitation is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Arnold Funeral Home in Mexico.

Mary was born on Sept. 18, 1922 in Mexico, the daughter of Henry and Harriett (Byrns) Albus. She was the seventh born of nine children. On June 23, 1948 at St. Brendan Catholic Church in Mexico, she married Adrian Joseph Fennewald. He passed away on May 7, 1994.

Mary had worked for Southwestern Bell as an operator. Upon retirement, she was a caretaker for several toddlers in her home. Many of these children continued to stay in touch with Mary over the years.

Mary was a member of St. Brendan Catholic Church. She visited many church members over the years, taking them holy communion and praying with them. Laundering and ironing altar cloths used by priests were just a couple examples of Mary's quiet service to the church.

Mary had travelled all over the country. She visited Virginia, Florida, Texas, Wyoming and Colorado to mention a few states. Her favorite place was San Francisco, where she always dreamed of seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz Island and riding the cable cars.

Survivors include three children, Teri (Ron) Johnson of Ponce Inlet, Fla., Mike (Pam) Fennewald of Albany, Ga., and Pat McFarland of Centennial, Colo.; one grandson, Grant (Elizabeth) McFarland of Centennial, Colo.; one great-grandson, Auggie McFarland; and several nieces and nephews.

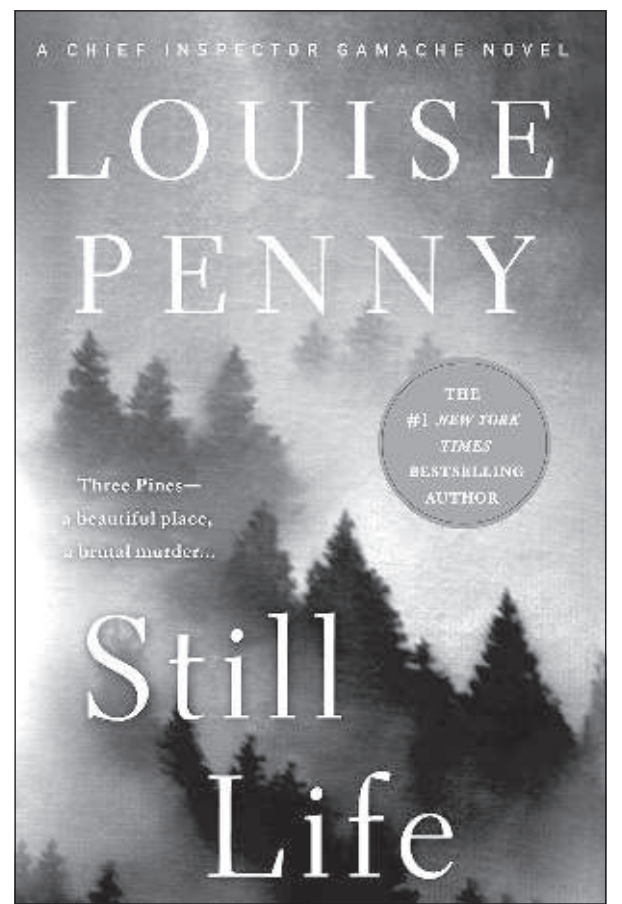
In addition to her husband, Adrian, Mary was preceded in death by three sisters, Margaret, Leona and Cecilia; and five brothers, John, Frank, Robert, Bernard and George Albus.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. They may be sent in care of Arnold Funeral Home, 425 S. Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265.

Online condolences may be left at www.arnoldfh.com.



April Mexico-Audrain Library Book Review



Still Life By Louise Penny

REVIEWED BY JEAN TROWER
Library Assistant, Vandalia Public Library



Jean Trower

Jane Neal, a beloved, retired school-teacher and artist, has been found dead in the woods close to Thanksgiving. Is it a tragic hunting accident? Is it a coincidence that she dies shortly after her painting is accepted into an art show? Why doesn't she let her friends enter her house beyond the kitchen or let them see her artwork? Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and

his team are called into the quaint village of Three Pines to investigate. They discover there are hidden secrets in this small village where everyone knows everyone.

This book will make you not only want to visit the village of Three Pines but to eat at its bistro, visit the bookstore, and stay at its bed and breakfast as well. You will want to get to know the residents, their flaws and all. Still Life is the first novel in a 17 book series and is the foundation for a wonderful reading experience. Trust me when I say to read the books in order and to savor each one.

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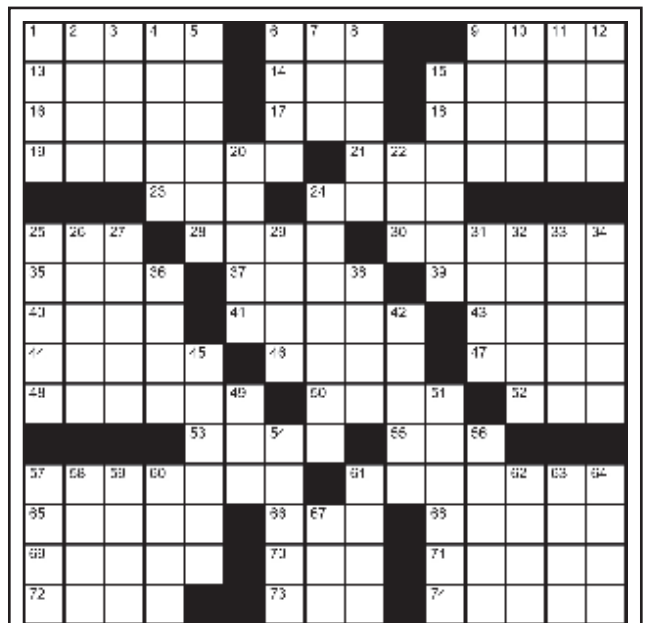
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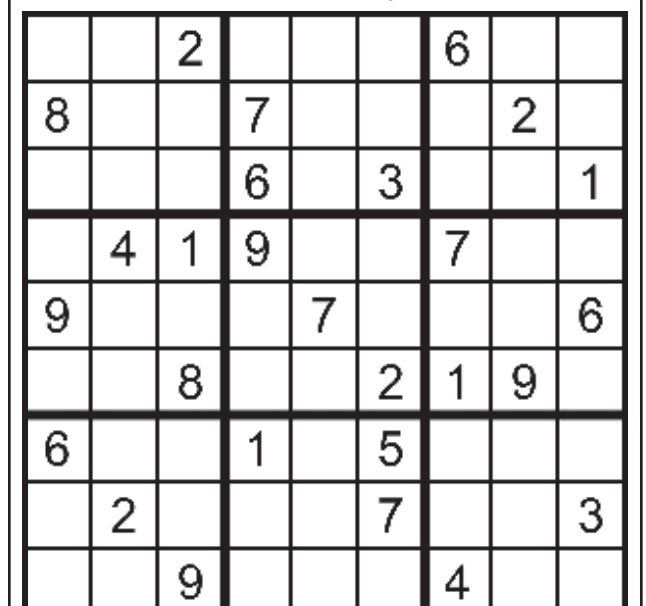
ACROSS

1. Hedgehog of video games
6. And so forth, acronym
9. *Oscar-nominated black and white movie
13. Treeless plain
14. Grazing field
15. Moses' mountain
16. Sty sounds
17. Nelson Mandela's org.
18. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
19. *Posthumous nominee
21. *Anthony of "The Father"
23. "What's up, ___?"
24. Huge pile
25. Protestant denom.
28. Feed storage cylinder
30. Load again
35. Relating to ear
37. Flighty one
39. Proclaimed true without proof
40. Musician David Lee ___
41. Ascetic holy Hindu
43. Eastern European
44. Plural of #10 Down
46. 500 sheets
47. Looking for aliens org.
48. Kitchen whistler
50. Walls
52. Bad-mouth
53. Medieval torture device
55. Pied Piper follower
57. Politburo hat fur
61. *Daniel of "Judas and the Black Messiah"
65. Raspberry drupelets
66. Fuss, to Shakespeare
68. Void, as in marriage
69. Defective car
70. Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
71. ___ of Honor
72. Adam and Eve's first residence
73. Money in Myanmar
74. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

DOWN

1. Undesirable roommate
2. Medley
3. Grannies, in UK
4. Tattooed
5. Universe
6. Panache
7. *Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9 Across
8. Secret storage
9. Stole fur
10. One opposed
11. Indian restaurant staple
12. U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
15. Soaked
20. DNA and RNA
22. Argonaut's propeller
24. Shared work surface at an office
25. *Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
26. Be sorry for one's wickedness
27. Pita, in UK
29. *Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
31. Husband to a widow, e.g.
32. Checked out
33. Stradivari competitor
34. *"Fences" winner and "Ma Rainey" nominee
36. Poker ante
38. *"Nomadland" director
42. Shadow
45. *The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
49. Greek "I"
51. Sandwich sausage
54. Necklace lock
56. Radio receiver
57. Nutritious leafy green
58. Got A+
59. Ice on a window
60. Happening soon, old fashioned
61. Caffeine-containing nut tree
62. Editing arrow
63. Chinese monetary unit
64. Friend in war
67. *Nominee for Billie Holiday role

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Users can now use self-checkout at the Mexico Library.
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Self-checkout is new feature at library

The Mexico Library has a new, easy to use self-checkout computer available for patrons. Users can simply scan their library card, scan the barcode on each item they're getting, select "Done," and then a receipt will be printed.

The process has been implemented in response to COVID-19 and allows the library patron to be the only person who touches the items. Library staff members are happy to assist if there are questions. Library staff members welcome everyone to stop by and try it out for themselves.

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Bulldogs edged in battle with Owls

BY DAVE FARIES
Editor

Mexico head coach Tony Senor knows a tough test when he sees it. A win at the Bulldogs' home courts on Tuesday evening, he said, would require taking down one of the strongest teams in the conference.

Although Marshall left with a 7-2 win, the Bulldogs lived up to the challenge.

In the doubles round, Haden Frazier and Ryan Pemberton battled to a near stalemate with the Owls' number two duo of Kolton King and Jerome Likorio-Alex before slipping behind 10-7. It was the same back and forth and the same outcome for Bryson Stuehmer and Brendan McKeown — a narrow 10-7 setback.

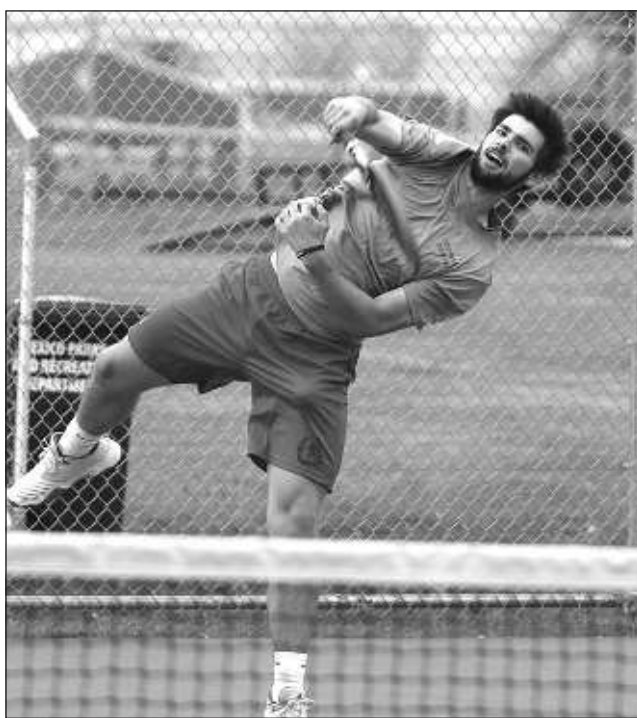
Randy Hernandez and Carter McIntosh in the number one slot remained within sight of Marshall's Haydn King and Brayden Chumpraphal, but could not catch the pair. They fell 10-4.

"Marshall is a tough team to play," Senor observed. "A lot of our matches were a lot closer than the final score."

That pattern held true through the singles round. Hernandez faced King again and the two stuck fast. But King gained the edge, 10-8.

McIntosh and Frazier had taught battles, but each fell 10-3.

Pemberton took on Likorio-Alex. As was the case all evening, the set became a stand off. But Pemberton remained consistent and pulled away, 10-7. McKeown had less trouble with Marshall's John Miles, but his 10-3 win took full



Carter McIntosh makes a save. [Dave Faries]

effort.

Stuehmer fell in his set, 10-2.

"We will get to see them again," said Senor looking forward to a reversal of fortune. The teams will meet up in the Marshall Tournament and at conference.

On the JV courts, the pairings of Noah Harlan and Dominic McKeown in the one slot and Matthew Huemann and Andrew Pemberton in the two both fell 6-2.

Pemberton then teamed with Declan Gleeson for another tight one, dropping the set 6-3.

Nathan Bull and Trent Lierheimer lost 6-0, as did Zeven Ruiz and Harlan.



Brendan McKeown returns a shot during Mexico's contest against Marshall. McKeown won his singles set. [Dave Faries]

Golf

Owls too much for Bulldogs

BY DAVE FARIES
Editor

It was so close at the top of the leaderboard on Tuesday at Marshall's Indian Foothills course that second had to be shared, as did fourth. And first was just a stroke ahead.

Mexico's Aiden Knipfel continued his run of success, firing a 43 to tie Aiden Coffman of Marshall, one back of the Owl's Reece Tyler.

In team scoring, Marshall's consistency gave them a 173-191 advantage. The Owl's top four finished within two strokes of each other, with Logan Al-

spach and Jack Donnell locked at 44.

The first and ninth proved costly to Knipfel. He carded a 6 on both, upsetting an otherwise solid round. The Bulldogs' Grant Qualls found trouble in the early going, but recovered to record a 46.

Geoffrey Penn's 48 put him in the top eight. Landon Love came in at 54 while Jackson Unger hit 56.

In JV, Adam Love's 53 set the pace for the Bulldogs, three strokes up on Tyler Scheiner.

Jakes Haines added a 59, with Jack Rowe and Harrison Miller following at 62 and 63, respectively.



Shelby Kennemore looks for teammates as she goes on the attack against Marshall. The Bulldogs had a strong outing despite losing 5-0. [Dave Faries]

Mexico shows off improved offense

BY DAVE FARIES
Editor

On Tuesday evening the Bulldogs repeatedly threatened to score, but each time were turned away.

But in their 5-0 loss to visiting Marshall, it was Mexico's ability to create opportunities and move the ball forward that stood out.

"I feel excited," said striker Estrella Lopez. "We've made so much progress over the last month."

The Bulldogs came into the season with a roster stacked with girls who had never played competitive soccer. And from the start the team struggled to maintain possession.

On Tuesday, however, they looked dangerous from the start. The opening minutes were a back and forth contest, with both defensive lines holding firm.

Katrina Simic put the Owls on top with two well placed goals. Yet Mexico kept probing, looking for a response.

Wyndee Bohr, tasked with the role of creative midfielder, played a ball neatly into space. Lopez claimed it and went on the attack. Moments later defender Lizzie Joiner launched a counter attack, feeding the ball for Bohr to distribute.

"I'm in a new position," explained Bohr, a former defender. "I'm starting to learn it."

Bohr was tireless. And with 17:52 to go in the opening half, she slipped a

pass through Marshall's defense and into the 18 yard box. Their effort was nullified when the line judge called off-side.

Meanwhile, Bulldogs' goalkeeper Tessa Haefling was blunting the Owls' ambitions. She cradled three saves before conceding a third goal, again to Simic.

Mexico surged forward again, however. This time it was Shelby Kennemore shepherding Lopez within striking distance.

Early in the second half, Ruby Haefling got a shot off, but it was corralled by Marshall's keeper. Then Paige Myers had a go with the same result. Bohr and Lopez found each other and put the Owls under pressure once again.

"We really hit it off," Lopez said of her teammate. "We have real good communication."

Tessa Haefling had another strong outing, with four more saves in the second half. Bulldogs' defenders had trouble containing Simic and an own goal padded the final score.

But head coach Haley Schafer's squad continued to pressure the Owls' back line. The final 15 minutes were a blur. Samantha Joiner and Lopez fired on goal. Kennemore won a corner, but her subsequent shot veered wide.

And Lopez got in one more on target. "I feel like we worked better together," Samantha Joiner said of the step forward. "As a team we all did better."

Baseball

Bulldogs hammer Moberly on the road

The Bulldogs scored 13 runs on just seven hits as Mexico pounded Moberly 13-2 on Monday.

Jesse Fennewald and Josh Forbis were responsible for much of the onslaught in the team's road win. Each drove in three runs and Fennewald collected three hits. He also turned in a solid outing on the mound.

When Fennewald and

Forbis came to the plate, the bases were generally stocked with Bulldogs. Ty Prince scored three times, as did Daeye Miller.

Miller's patience at the plate was rewarded as he walked three times.

Landon Kleinsorge crossed the plate twice.

The 4-5 Bulldogs were scheduled to host Fulton on Thursday. They travel to North Callaway on Monday.



Jesse Fennewald

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Petitioner's attorney is Andrew S. Garnett, whose business address is 120 S. Jefferson St, Mexico, MO 65265.

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Jodi Starkey
Clerk, Probate Division
Circuit Court of Audrain County

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Thunderbird girls take 3rd in BG

BY NATHAN LILLEY
General Manager

North Callaway turned in a solid performance in Bowling Green Tuesday, finishing third overall at BGHS's mini medal meet. En route to the finish, the Thunderbirds received stand-out performances. Trinity Brush was tops in the discus throw, with a distance of 100'5" and the 4x100 team of Corynne Miller, Kyanne Kellerman, Taylor Head and Mackenzie Eaker took first with a time of 55.14. Pressley Schmauch won the 3200 meter run clocking in at 12:41.23. Ryelle Schmauch finished second in the pole vault, clearing a height of 7'10.5" and the 4x800 meter relay team of Pressley Schmauch, Kaleigh Moore, Rachael Jeffries and Piper Jeffries took second with a time of 11:05.40.

Other contributors include Jalyn Leible, eighth, long jump, 13'2 1/4"; Leible, fifth, triple jump, 29'4"; Ellie Bedsworth, third, shot put, 32'0.75"; Hay-

ley Kimbley, sixth, javelin, 84'; Bedsworth, eighth, javelin, 77'9"; Makenna Allen, fourth, 100 meter hurdles, 19.10; Corynne Miller, seventh, 100 meter dash, 14.36; 4x200 meter relay (Miller, Leible, Kyanne Kellerman, Mackenzie Eaker), fifth, 2:00.81; Pressley Schmauch, third, 1600 meter run, 5:50.39; Rachael Jeffries, fifth, 800 meter run, 2:47.15; Head, fourth, 200 meter dash, 29.18; and Kaleigh Moore, fourth, 3200 meter run, 13:21.23.

The Thunderbird girls took third as a team with a collective score of 95.

Here are final team results: 1. Montgomery County 158; 2. Bowling Green 142; 3. North Callaway 95; 4. Winfield 71; 5. St. Louis Blue Knights 69; 6. Mark Twain 67; 7. Silex 53; 8. Wright City 34; 9. Elsberry 22; 10. Louisiana 8; 11. Clopton 6; 12. Van-Far 2.

Next up, the Thunderbirds host their invitational Tuesday, April 13. Start time is 4 p.m.



Pressley Schmauch runs in the 4x800 relay Tuesday in Bowling Green. Schmauch and the relay team of Kaleigh Moore, Rachael Jeffries, and Piper Jeffries took second in the relay. Schmauch also won the 3200 meter run.

[Nathan Lilley]

Callaway boys win Bowling Green meet in dramatic fashion

BY NATHAN LILLEY
General Manager

The North Callaway boys track team won the Bowling Green Mini Medal Meet Tuesday.

For the Thunderbirds, it was their second win in a still-young season, but while that's part of the story, it's not all of it.

They won by half a

point.

Callaway posted a team score of 145, edging out meet host, Bowling Green, with 144.50.

Key contributions came in first-place finishes from pole vaulter Drew Rohrbach (10'6 3/4"); long jumper Tristin Webb (18'11 1/4"); the 4x200 relay team of Dakota Cash, Trevor Ray,

Gavin Rasmussen and Tristin Webb (1:38.64) and the 4x100 relay team of Matthew Blair, Isaiah Ceraighhead, Austin Hoover and Ray (46.95).

Josh Selby continued to impress in the field events, taking second in the discus (112'7") and the javelin throw (135'2"). Caleb Rohrbach took second in the shot put (42'9 1/2"). And the 4x800 relay team of Grant Eichman, Brendan Reinhard, Noah Scrogum and Lane Kimbley took second (9:16.60). Kimbley turned in a second-place finish in the 3200, clocking in at 10:49.79.

Dakota Cash (24.06) and Tristin Webb (24.55) finished second and third, respectively, in the 200 meter dash.

Other key performances came from Brendan Reinhard, third, high jump, 5'9 3/4"; Joseph Crawford, fourth, pole vault, 8'4 1/4"; Hunter

Fansler, fourth, discus, 103'8"; Dakota Cash, third, 100 meter dash, 12.16; Webb, third, 400 meter dash, 55.20; David Nevels, sixth, 300 meter hurdles, 48.95; Grant Eichman, fourth, 800 meter run, 2:13.10; and the 4x400 relay team (Eichman, Scrogum, Nevels, Reinhard), fifth, 3:55.98.

Van-Far's Cayden Caldwell finished seventh in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:23.20.

Here are final team results: 1. North Callaway 145; 2. Bowling Green 144.50; 3. Winfield 99.50; 4. Montgomery County 92.50; 5. Louisiana 62; 6. St. Louis Blue Knights 59.50; 7. Mark Twain 44; 8. Clopton 28; 9. Wright City 25; 10. Elsberry 22; 11. Van-Far 7; 12. Silex 6.

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[Leslie A Meyer Photography]



10 Questions ... with Daniel Aubuchon

BY DAVE FARIES
Editor

Daniel Aubuchon arrived at Arthur Hills Golf Course in February, just in time for the worst of what winter had to offer. But the course's new head golf pro has plenty of golf weather ahead.

Aubuchon came to Arthur Hills from Tanglewood in Fulton, where he served as assistant golf pro. A native of Camdenton, he played college golf for Hannibal-La-Grange University and has taken part in several amateur tournaments.

So it's fair to say he knows the game and the state's courses very well.

1. Golf pro sounds like a fun job.

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2. Downsides?

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3. Is there a bucket list course you'd like to play?

Augusta National. It is probably the poster child for pristine, beautiful course conditions.

4. What is the most challenging part of the game?

The whole game is challenging. But a part that most people struggle with is putting and knowing how to read the greens.

5. How do you teach all of it?

Teaching can be very simple, but also very complex.



One of my biggest aids in teaching is going through the PGA school. You learned from the best minds in golf. I follow a couple of their instructors on social media. They help with drills and techniques and how to recognize and correct mistakes.

6. There were reports that fewer people are playing. Do you see that?

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7. So there's something positive about COVID.

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8. Do golfers drink Arnold Palmers?

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9. Do you have a favorite golfer?

That's a tough question. I'm going to go with the obvious – Tiger Woods. I grew up in the Tiger era. It's incredible the knowledge that he has and what he's done for golf.

10. If you're not golfing ...

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