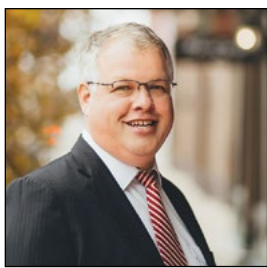




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A great week to get outside



Cadets in MMA faculty member Joshua Allen's English I class enjoyed the Academy's newly renovated Carter Memorial outdoor classroom, overlooking Teardrop Lake, as they raced to locate definitions for vocabulary terms. This 24-by-26-foot outdoor classroom is sized to accommodate four tables and adds a new learning space for teachers and cadets to use. It is also used for MMA summer camps and special events. Originally a walled patio, Carter Memorial was renovated in 2010 to add a stamped concrete pad. In 2021, the patio wall was demolished and a new one built. A roof was added and the patio extended to change the space into a covered outdoor classroom. MMA's class of 2022 gave one of the picnic tables as a gift to the Academy in May.

[MMA]

ACHD report outlines positives

By ALAN DALE
 Managing Editor

Earlier this month, Centers for Disease Control Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for use of updated COVID-19 boosters from Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12 years and older and from Moderna for people ages 18 years and older.

Craig Brace, administrator/CEO of Audrain County Health Department, could also report recently that as of Sept. 7, the current COVID community transmission status was low in the county, so the wins versus the pandemic continue to pile up.

Additionally, Brace noted that 61 cases of monkeypox have been confirmed in the state of Missouri as well.

Brace's recent county health report included a note that "Only individuals who have completed their primary vaccination series (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson) are eligible to receive the bivalent booster. Those who have recently received Novavax are

not yet eligible for any booster at this time."

The original formulations of Pfizer, Moderna, J&J and Novavax will continue to be used. Booster doses use reduced amounts of the original vaccines, according to Brace.

Individuals are eligible for the bivalent booster two months since their last primary



Craig Brace

or booster dose of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. The previous monovalent booster will no longer be available to persons 12 and older; the FDA is removing authorization for those boosters to reduce provider confusion for staff administering vaccines.

Individuals may choose to receive either the Pfizer or

Moderna bivalent booster, regardless of which primary series vaccine or original booster dose they had previously.

Individuals can call ACHD at 573-581-1332 or schedule online at myachd.as.me

ACHD provided booster shots at the Mexico High School football game against Fulton on Friday.

ACHD is currently pursuing the DHSS and CDC Building Communities for a Better Health Grant.

The purpose of the program is to engage communities to work collaboratively to improve health outcomes through implementing policy, system, and environmental change strategies and activities to address the underlying causes of physical inactivity and commercial tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure - two of the leading risk factors for chronic disease, according to Brace.

The program aligns with the ACHD 2023 Strategic Initiatives and the ACHD vision statement to improve overall health outcomes in Audrain County.

ACHD will be notified in October as to whether the health department will be granted the award.

Mexico man giving back to veterans

By ALAN DALE
 Managing Editor

For Brian Pursifull, assisting American military veterans was as common sense as waking up every day and going to work.

Pursifull, who has lived in Mexico for 23 years now after being born in Martinsburg, came to the Brick City to get involved in community since it offered a bigger sample size of people to help.

Veterans were the natural order of things for him.

A retired employee of Ameren and the nuclear plant in Callaway County - after an extended stint working in fire brick - Pursifull ultimately got involved in the Missouri Veterans Home Mexico Missouri Association League and then took on a heavier role.

"I went out there as a volunteer to help carry food trays and to give back what they've given me," Pursifull said. "I was out there for a year and a half and one of the board members asked me if I was interested in being on the board. I told them I wasn't a veteran and they said they were trying something new."

"They said they needed more civilian people on the board, and I said I would be honored, and I have been on that board for 22 years."

Why he ended up working with veterans was logistical according to Pursifull.

"I live with a philosophy: If we can't give back to the people who gave so much to us, we are worse than who they fought against," Pursifull said. "We are Americans. That's my philosophy. We should take care of the men and women that have preserved our way of life - that's freedom."

His time with the association and working with veterans as allowing him to see the world from a different angle this last 20-plus years.

"It has opened so many doors for me," he said. "I got to meet

some very influential people."

He has met Tank commanders from Omaha Beach who lived in Centralia and got to visit the Unknown Soldier - "The highlight of my life" - in the nation's capitol.

"I got to go to Washington D.C. to honor Rodney Griffith - one of our hometown heroes - that was killed in Southeast Asian and missing for 45 years and they recovered his remains," Pursifull said. "I got to go to Arlington (to be a part of the burial)."

Yet, Pursifull never served, so why the love?

"It all started in 1966-67 when my Uncle Raymond (Pursifull) had to go to Vietnam," he said. "We had a big meal to send him off and watching as a little boy, I was hurt and proud at the same time. I am looking at him as a hero, but (other relatives) are looking at him 'is he going to come home?'"

In high school, after Vietnam had ended, friends were joining the forces and started working at the same age making money.

"My friends were supporting my way of life," Pursifull said. "If I could do it all over again, you better believe it, I would have joined the Air Force. I love aircraft. My Uncle Raymond (Pursifull) was in the Air Force. I idolized him as a child. I still do."

Pursifull continues to do whatever he can for the Veterans Association through fundraising or some of the simpler, but even more important acts.

"The one I am most proud of is going up to there to take a fork and knife and cut someone's meat up for them so it's easier for them to eat," he said. "The real stuff is when you leave, and they look at you and say, 'thank you.'"

His future plans are to make a veteran's life brighter as often as possible.

"They might need some teeth or some clothes," Pursifull said.

"It's our job to take care of them. I will be doing this until God needs me."



Brian Pursifull



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The 20th annual Barn B-Que and Auction included plenty of highlights, including a live auction [Submitted]

Simmons' Stables 20th annual Barn B-Que & Auction

On Sunday, Sept 18, the 20th Annual Barn B-Que & Auction was held at Simmons' Stables on the Boulevard. There was a good turnout of around 100 people and the barbecue pork steaks, baked beans, coleslaw and homemade rolls, pies and brownies were huge hits.

A silent auction was open to bids as attendees perused multiple tables of antiques, collectibles and donated goodies.

After the barbecue luncheon, the two

co-presidents, Bobette Balsler Wilson and Mary White Littrell, took the mic to introduce the 2022 Stable Preservation honorees.

Honorees receiving engraved pavers were The Simmons family, Jim, Mary Jane, Jennifer, Scott and family; Donna Slaughter, Dave and Mary Jo Maupin, and Dr. Ray Wilbers and his posthumous saddlebred gelding, Red Oaks Citation.

Soon after, the live auction began with auctioneers Tom Usnick and J.R. Johnston. Bidding

was kept at a fast pace as they entertained the crowd. We would like to thank the many local businesses who donated items to our annual auction. Without them, our fundraiser would be very slim.

Organizers extend their thanks to those who baked and cooked food, and to the many volunteers that show up and help with the event.

"We are so grateful to the attendees who come to enjoy the day with us," said an event spokesperson. "It was a fun Sunday afternoon!"

The Super 7 with Brent Haden

BY Alan Dale
Managing Editor

A son of Mexico, attorney Brent Haden currently lived in rural Callaway County just on the outskirts of Auxvasse.

Haden practices in Columbia, focusing on agricultural, criminal, civil and transactional law trying to help businesses and farmers solve their legal and commercial problems through both traditional litigation.

Despite a busy schedule, Haden took time out to let Mexico get him to know a little better with our weekly Super 7 series.

When you think of Audrain County and Mexico what comes to mind?

"Mexico was a great place to grow up, with great people and plenty of fun. And it's still a great place to be."

Why did you pursue the chosen path you took professionally?

"Going through high school, I was always most interested in the topics that tie naturally into the law: history, economics and politics. I was also argumentative. Several of my teachers growing up encouraged me to look at the law for a profession, probably because it's the only way to make a living arguing about everything. As I got through college it still seemed like the most natural path for my interests, so after finishing a political science degree I headed to law school."

Being raised by a veterinarian, how much do you like, love, loathe, animals? Tell us one funny animal story if you got one?

"I still love animals and we still keep pets and livestock. I've seen lots of funny animals over the years, but one of the fun-

niest animals we've had is a horse we have right now. He likes to pick objects up in his mouth like a dog, and will take and hide your stuff if you let him. He's moved pipe, t-shirts, deer blinds, lawn chairs and lots of other stuff."

Tell us the kind of law you practice and why that one?

"My civil law practice focuses heavily on agricultural issues. My wife Connie and I both came from families with agriculture at the center of life, and we both wanted to work in the law to help farmers and ranchers navigate the various legal issues they face. After spending a few years in Kansas City, we wanted to get back to rural Missouri to start our own practice working with agricultural producers. We came back in 2011 and opened our firm in Columbia, and work around the state with agricultural clients."

So, when you aren't out there pounding on statutes, what do you do in your free time for personal enjoyment?

"I have three sons, with the oldest in high school and the youngest in elementary school, so they keep me pretty busy running around with sports and school activities. But we also do a lot outside with our horses and hunting. I also love music, and play guitar and a few other instruments as often as I can."

You are told you are being taken away by aliens and the aliens tell you you can take 3 earthly meals with you to eat for all eternity, what do you pick?

"That's a hard question for a guy that loves to eat. I think it would have to be pancakes with eggs and



Brent Haden

lots of bacon for breakfast, a ribeye sandwich from the Cattlemen's Beef House at the State Fair for lunch, and a full barbecue meal from Jack's Stack in Kansas City for dinner."

Our one serious question: If there was one issue you really wish you had the power to fix, what would it be, why is it that one and what is your solution?

"I don't have any great Utopian solutions to offer, and Utopian solutions usually don't work anyway. But one serious issue for farmers and ranchers that we serve is a significant lack of estate planning for their operations. The vast majority of farms in Missouri are family owned, which brings unique succession challenges because the farms aren't just a source of livelihood. Farm families are also emotionally and socially tied to their farms. We are constantly talking about the need to plan ahead for the next generation, but too often farmers wait until it's too late. That leaves a big mess for their loved ones to clean up. The solution to this is pretty straightforward: accept that your life is finite, and plan today for day you won't be around. It's not fun or comfortable, but it's really the best thing for the family."

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Walsworth makes major investment in Fulton

Purchasing a commercial printing press is a major investment of time, money and effort. It's also a commitment to the manufacturing operation that will house the new press.

Walsworth is proud to announce that their printing facility in Fulton will soon be home to a Goss M600. This investment comes in the same year that Walsworth is celebrating its 85th year of existence. The press ships from Brisbane, Australia, in late September and will arrive at Walsworth - Fulton in late November. After installation and training are complete, the new press

is expected to be functioning by spring and, once running, will nearly double the amount of printed material that Walsworth - Fulton is able to produce.

"I'm excited about the new press and the technology it brings, and I'm really excited for the folks here in Fulton. We've been talking about a new press for 10 years, and we just hadn't found the right one," Walsworth - Fulton plant manager Kevin Werdehausen said. "Now that we've found what we were looking for, our people will benefit from the improvements."

The massive printing

press is about 175 feet long, 30 feet wide and weighs several hundred thousand pounds. It will take 25-30 truckloads to transport it on its final leg of the journey to Walsworth - Fulton.

"Fulton plays an important role in our company's success, and with this press we're investing in this facility, the people who work here, and the community. This is a long-term investment. This isn't something that you put one of these presses in and six months later change your mind. This is a decades-long commitment to the facility and into the people who work there," said

Gary O'Toole, executive vice president of manufacturing operations.

The new press will do more than increase output for Walsworth - Fulton. The Goss M600 has more automation and technology than current presses. It requires less physical handling and reduces the risk of injuries. Additionally, it creates less paper waste.

The benefits this press brings extend beyond the walls of Walsworth - Fulton. The months-long installation process will require the hiring of local tradespeople such as electricians, concrete pouring crews and construction contractors.

Agape House sees guests from across the state

At the Sept. 20 board meeting, Agape House of Vandalia board members learned that the 36 guests that had stayed at the guesthouse in August had come from across the state; they came from counties as far away as Livingston, Green, Scott and Jackson. The house manager reported the numbers of children had dropped somewhat after schools reopened.

Carpet cleaning will be done soon, following a thorough cleaning of the house earlier in the month.

Newsletters were sent recently to donors and

friends of the guesthouse. Board members in attendance were Jane Duffner, Rich Duffner, Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Eldora Lowry, Floy Oliver and Kay Robnett.

Monetary gifts received in August include the following: Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Knights of Columbus 1270 of Martinsburg; Lockwood Park Baptist Church and

Bishop Steck Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Mexico; Hopewell Church and John Yost of Thompson; First Baptist Church, First Christian

Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Southside Baptist Church, all of Vandalia; and Hopewell Baptist Church of Wellsville.

National Nut Day is Oct. 16 Scattering Fork

Scattering Fork Outdoor Center will host National Nut Day Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2-5 p.m. People are invited to visit Scattering Fork and enjoy the season as walnuts and hickory nuts are falling. Scattering Fork offers a

.8-mile trail and folks are invited to collect, crack and taste them. A \$2 donation is greatly appreciated. Scattering Fork is located at 15640 Audrain Road 815, Mexico. For more information, call 573-581-3003.

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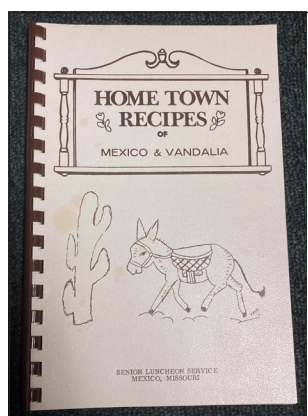
— What Was Cooking —

From the Home Town Recipes of Mexico and Vandalia Cookbook, Senior Luncheon Service, Mexico

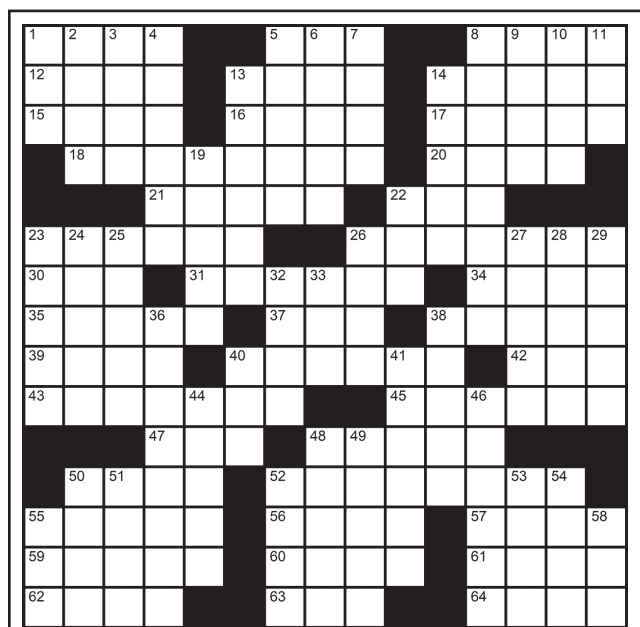
Vinegar Pie Lucy Ziel

Ingredients

- 2 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 c. water
- 1/2 c. vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. lemon flavoring
- 1 1/4 c. sugar



Cook all together over low heat. Stir well and cool and pour in baked and cooled pie shell. Chill until ready to serve.



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1. Fake deal
5. Dashboard acronym
8. Oxen connector
12. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
13. Give a darn
14. Exhibitionist
15. It's OTAN in French
16. Carbon monoxide lacks this
17. Geometry class prop
18. *Lou Reed: "She says, "Hey babe, take a walk on the _____"
20. European "curtain"
21. Mustangs, e.g.
22. Campaign pro
23. Cause of wheezing
26. Men's Colonial headgear
30. Fib
31. *Bon Jovi: "Take my hand, we'll make it I swear. Woah, livin' on a _____"
34. The only thing to fear?
35. Small and round, eyes description
37. Future fish
38. Alabama civil rights site
39. Tangelo
40. Shape clay, e.g.
42. James Corden's network
43. Awaited deliverer
45. Same as lathees
47. 0 meridian acronym
48. World-weary
50. Prefix with legal
52. * Aerosmith: "Sing with me, _____ sing for the year. Sing for the _____"
55. Siberian prison
56. Pakistani language
57. *Dionne Warwick: "I think I'm going out of my _____"
59. Rapidly
60. Cheese app
61. "Cogito, _____ sum"
62. Diamond's corner
63. European Economic Community
64. Whiskey grain, pl.

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1. *Kansas: "Carry on, my wayward _____"
2. "Stick in one's _____"
3. Italian wine region
4. Dough
5. *The Buggles: "Video killed the _____"
6. Cattle controls
7. BB&E's mother
8. *Elton John: "And it seems to me you lived _____"
9. Capital of Norway
10. Hiking sandals brand
11. Mess up
13. Show's other star
14. Rap sheet listing
19. Negative house description
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23. Michael Jackson's "Thriller", e.g.
24. Military blockade
25. Bluish greens
26. Banana leftover
27. _____s, grape jelly brand
18. Many iambs
19. *Guns N' Roses: "Take me down to the paradise city where the _____"
32. Missouri capital tourist attraction
33. *ABBA: "Waterloo - knowing my fate is to be with _____"
36. *Queen: "You got mud on your face, you big _____"
38. Hiding place
40. Aptitude test acronym
41. Black Death
44. Picture
46. Restraint
48. Ballet rail
49. Playful
50. Immature butterfly
51. Unfortunately, exclamation
52. Jiffy's grease
53. Spooky
54. Uncontrollable anger
55. Loquacious person's gift
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Michael James Pashia

Michael James Pashia, 58, of Mexico, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, at his home.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Victory Christian Church with Pastor Ron Case officiating.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday evening, Oct. 22, at The Elks Lodge in Mexico. Michael was born on Sept. 24, 1964, in Kassel, Germany, the son of Ronn and Suzanna (Goewert) Pashia. He married Holly Nienhueser Johansen on Jan. 1, 2013, at their home.

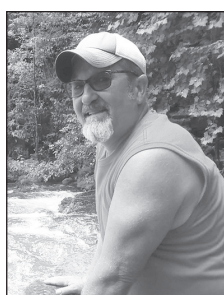
Mike was a wonderful husband, loving father and grandfather and a kind man to everyone he knew. He was proud of his children. Mike was a lifelong musician, playing the drums. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mowing and being outside.

He is survived by his wife, Holly of the home; three children, Caleb (Aimee) Pashia of Mexico, Colin (Lindsay) Pashia of Greenville, S.C. and Taylor (John) Dexheimer of Taylorville, Ill.; two stepchildren, Kelsey (Peter) Kreyling of Mexico and Eric Johansen (Leah Laramie) of St. Louis; eight grandchildren, Jane, Max, Maggie, Eve, Alice, Huck, Henry and Charles; parents, Ronn and Sue Pashia; and five siblings, Ronda, Chrissy, Dawn, Brian and Phillip.

Memorial donations may be made to the Victory Christian Church building fund. 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.

Arnold Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Barbara Usnick

Barbara Usnick, 92, of Marshall, formerly of Slater, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 at Big Bend Retreat in Slater.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Slater United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Slater City Cemetery, with Colin Vail-lancourt, Keith Bishop, Thomas Usnick, Cody Burson, Casey Usnick, and Aaron Kleinschmidt serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Steven Usnick and Jeff Usnick. Visitation will be from 9:30 until the time of the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to Slater United Methodist Church in care of Weiker Funeral Home in Slater.

Born April 26, 1930 in Kansas City, she was the daughter of the late Clarence A. and Corine Murray Olson. On July 3, 1948 in Kansas City, she married Thomas E. "Tom" Usnick, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 2010.

She is survived by three sons, Thomas E. Usnick, Jr. of Mexico, Steven C. Usnick of Raytown, and Jeffrey R. Usnick of Sedalia; a daughter, Susan C. Bishop of Marshall; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and a brother, Clarence A. "Bud" Olson, Jr. of The Villages, Fla.

Mrs. Usnick was a longtime active member of the Slater United Methodist Church. She was a 1948 graduate of Wyandotte High School. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Slater Library Board. She and her husband were longtime members of the Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club, and she worked for several years as a librarian at the Slater Library. She and her husband moved to Slater in 1978 from Mexico, Mo.



Robert Joseph James Jr.

Robert Joseph James Jr., 53, of Mexico, died at 2 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at his home.

A celebration of life was Friday Sept. 30 at 23922 Audrain Rd 416, Mexico, MO 65265.

Pickering Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Robert was born Dec. 21, 1968, in Los Angeles Calif., the son of Don and Christine Elizabeth (Pashea) Burton. On July 29, 1994, he married Dawn Maria Maggine who survives.

Robert was a fan of music, disc golf, floating, kayaking, the outdoors and fishing. His real love was his grandchildren, and his fur babies Max, Crystal, Hazel and Buddy.

In addition to Dawn, survivors include three sons, Michael Elam of Mexico, Coty Jackson and wife Amy of Fulton, and Josh James and wife Emily of Shelbina; two daughters Chelsea Sullwold and wife Layton of Tecumseh, Neb., and Nichole Ragusa and husband Jason of Crestview, Fla.; and his three grandchildren, Andrew James, Jordyn Ragusa and Zaydin Bertram.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Pamela Turner.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Condolences to the family may be given at pickeringfh.com.



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Friday: Chicken & Noodles; Glazed Baby Carrots; Fruit; Bread/Margarine; Milk; Dessert

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The Mexico City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider renaming Garfield Park to Tyronn Lue Park. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., 300 N. Coal, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, Mexico, Missouri at which time citizens may be heard on the proposed park name change.

By Order of the Council
Marcy LeCount, City Clerk
City of Mexico, Missouri

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October is Farm to School Month

People can celebrate Farm to School Month by participating in the Crunch Off. Participants can gather students, co-workers, community members and local food enthusiasts to crunch into a Missouri apple or any other locally grown produce during the month of October.

Missouri school districts and Early Childcare Education Centers can

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Visit agriculture.mo.gov for more information or to apply.

Community Revitalization Grant Program final guidelines now available

The Department of Economic Development (DED) has posted the final guidelines for its Community Revitalization Grant Program. The program is funded via the State of Missouri's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This program will invest \$100 million to help communities recover from the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 while spurring economic growth statewide.

The Community Revitalization Grant Program's guidelines were posted in June and DED

accepted public comment from June 27 through July 11. The final guidelines are now available and can be found at ded2.mo.gov.

Applications are set to open on Sept. 28. Complete information is also available on DED's ARPA business and community development web page

Broadband Summit to kick off "Connecting All Missourians"

DED's Office of Broadband Development invites you to join us on Oct. 4, for a statewide summit launching "Connecting All Missourians," a major initiative to ensure every Missourian has access to high-speed internet - and the skills to use it.

We hope you'll attend this first-of-its-kind event to hear from broadband leaders including Gov. Mike Parson, Department of Economic Development Acting Director Maggie Kost, Office of Broadband Development director BJ Tanksley, Department of Agriculture director Chris Chinn, and more.

"Connecting All Missourians" programs - funded through the Federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and the Digital Equity Act (DEA) - represent an unprecedented opportunity to connect unserved and underserved Missourians. These programs will fund lasting investments for broadband infrastructure and measures to promote broadband adoption such as digital inclusion. The October 4 summit is just the beginning of a statewide listening tour to inform upcoming programs. Feedback received from stakehold-

ers at the summit and future events will shape the creation of a five-year infrastructure plan and Missouri's Digital Equity Plan.

In addition to remarks from Gov. Parson, the agenda includes a series of informative speakers about current efforts, the public engagement process, and connectivity issues in Missouri. However, the main purpose of the summit is to hear from our stakeholders: rural and urban citizens, businesses, community anchor institutions, local governments, and service providers. Stakeholder input is crucial to the work of the Office of Broadband Development as we develop future programs. The goal of this campaign is to identify broadband challenges and barriers while identifying resources that can further our mission: Connecting All Missourians.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Broadband Development at broadband@ded.mo.gov or 573-526-1028.

"Connecting All Missourians" Kick-off Summit Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. Missouri Farm Bureau Headquarters 701 S. Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109

-Community Calendar-

OCT. 1 & 2 Salt River Quilt Show - Florida

The 2022 Salt River Quilt Show will be held Oct. 1 and 2 at Mark Twain Memorial Shrine, Florida. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded hourly. Live programs will be offered

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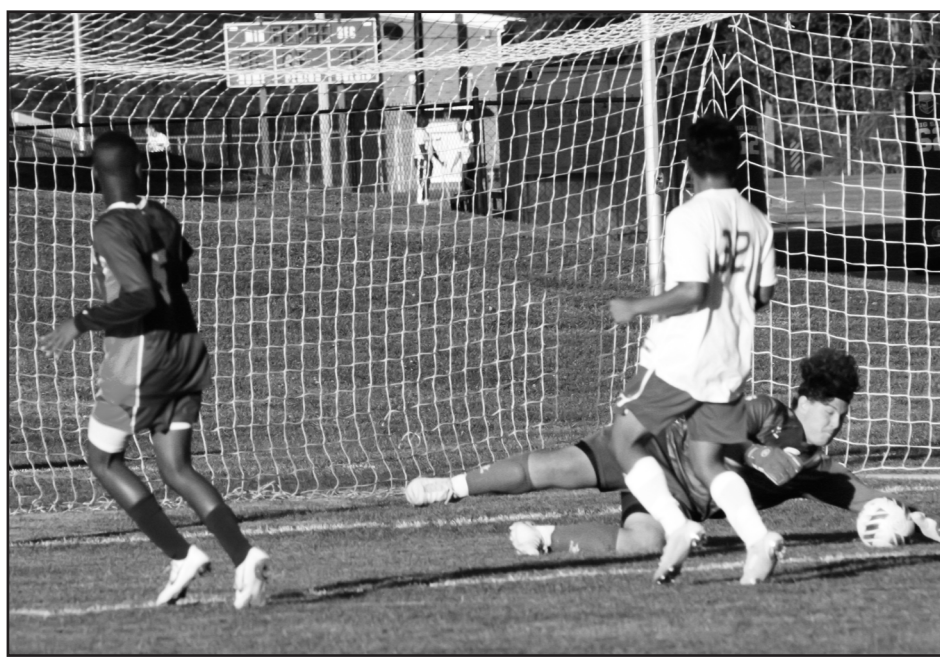


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Missouri Military Academy junior goalkeeper Diego Pineda collides with Father Tolton's Lucas Boyer on a header goal during a Tuesday game between the two state-ranked Class teams in Mexico.

[Jeremy Jacob]



Mexico junior goalkeeper stops Missouri Military Academy senior midfielder Kellan Mugisha's shot in the first half of MMA's 3-1 victory between the crosstown teams. Scanavino made 12 saves but allowed a goal to Mugisha and two to Gorka Yarte.

[Jeremy Jacob]

Short MMA loses state-ranked showdown with Father Tolton 6-0

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

It wasn't the matchup Missouri Military Academy envisioned heading into Wednesday.

MMA and Father Tolton came out of the first state soccer polls as the No. 7 and 3 teams, respectively, in Class 1 before the district foes faced each other at MMA. The Colonels were short some players and realized how skilled Tolton's are as they lost 6-0 — the first time MMA has been shut out this year while allowing its most goals in a game this season.

Head coach Eliot Goodwin said he was missing four players in the aftermath of the Moberly Invitational. It was a successful weekend for MMA (7-3-1) in the sense it finished first in its division with a 2-0-1 record but costly in the sense captain Marco Afane went down with an ankle injury and two more players had to sit out after being carded in the tournament. Lucas Almeida, one of the Colonels' top scorers, was already sidelined with an ankle injury so Goodwin had to figure out a plan for Wednesday.

"We were down a few players tonight — a few key players that will make a difference when we get to districts," Goodwin said. "Two players down for tonight — four in total — it doesn't help, but I have to play with what I have, and I trust all the boys. They're on the team for a reason."

"Tonight, in terms of the scoreline, we brought it upon ourselves. I think it is one to many individual errors or individual mistakes — preventable moments you could say."

Goodwin said it made it even tougher that MMA was down 2-0 within the first 10 minutes as Ryan Stevens kicked it in for the first goal in the sixth minute before Tolton (8-4-1) came right back a minute later and Avery Wells scored off a rebound.

In the 32nd minute, Tolton was awarded a free kick, so Lucas Boyer booted a booming kick that bounced around the net for a bit prior to Steven Becvar knocking in the third goal to make MMA, who had two shots on goal in the half and six in the game, take its time during halftime.

The scoreboard clock ran down, and the Colonels still

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Colonels break away from Mexico in 3-1 win

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

Mexico goalkeeper Emille Scanavino was busy Thursday night.

He and the Bulldogs played at Class 1 No. 7 Missouri Military Academy in a crosstown matchup that the Colonels won 3-1 because of a relentless break-away attack. Scanavino made 12 saves for Mexico, including 10 in the first half, but Gorka Yarte was able to beat him twice and Kellan Mugisha did so once for the insurance goal.

Brendan McKeown scored the Bulldogs' only goal in the 13th minute to tie the game following Yarte's first display of speed.

MMA head coach Eliot Goodwin said he was proud of how his team bounced back a day after a 6-0 shutout at home to Class 1 No. 3 Father Tolton.

"It's nice we had the opportunity to correct last night," Goodwin said. "We have to recognize at moments if Mexico, like they did, play a high line, there's going to room in behind. Exploiting that, recognizing that moment and taking advantage of it is key for us. Their goalkeeper had a great performance. He made some outstanding saves and credit to him for keeping them in the game."

Mexico head coach William Gleeson said the Bulldogs haven't seen a team attack them the way MMA did until Thursday. The Colonels were able to boot the ball several times to a player in stride — Yarte in the 10th and 53rd minute and

Mugisha in the 58th minute.

Gleeson said Mexico was better in the second half dealing with that thanks to defenders like Declan Gleeson, Bryce Carter and Kevin Lopez clearing the ball. He said having another defender, Jibran Rodriguez, would have helped match MMA's speed better.

"We're missing one of our key defenders. He's in Iowa right now," Gleeson said. "We're missing his speed and his ball control in the back. It just took us a little bit to adjust to that style of play. They popped it over top of us a lot."

"We came out real sluggish and real slow start and no communication. It was rough to start off. We kind of picked up a little bit, but we never got that communication going. That was pretty much our downfall for this game. We had a great chance to score, two guys going for the same ball. No communication and they fumbled it."

Mexico managed six shots all night, oftentimes possessing the ball in the penalty box but were unable to create competitive shots outside of the McKeown goal early in the first half.

Goodwin said there was some frustration when the score was tied at half-time, realizing MMA could have gone into the half with a lead, but followed its strategy until the goals happened. He said players like Ethan Hersh, who was suspended Wednesday, and Liam Mannion had "outstanding" second halves, Goodwin said, feeding the ball

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Events on deck

Today

Softball

Mexico vs Wright City, Southern Boone, Palmyra

North Callaway, Centralia at Centralia Invitational

Community R-6 at Louisiana Tournament vs Louisiana, Mark Twain, Elsberry

Cross country

Mexico at Laker Invitational at HaHa Tonka in Camdenton

North Callaway, Van-Far, Paris at T-Bird Invite in Kingdom City

Monday

Softball

North Callaway vs Centralia 5 p.m.

Van-Far at Marion County 5 p.m.

Paris at Harrisburg 5 p.m.

Boys soccer

Mexico vs Marshall 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Mexico at Centralia 6:30 p.m.

North Callaway vs Brookfield 6 p.m.

Cross country

Centralia at Clarence Cannon Conference Meet at Twin Lakes in Kahoka 8 a.m.

Fall baseball

Community vs Prairie Home

Tuesday

Softball

Community vs Louisiana 5 p.m.

North Callaway at Mark Twain 5 p.m.

Van-Far vs Wright City 5 p.m.

Centralia vs Hallsville 5 p.m.

Paris vs Canton 5 p.m.

Boys soccer

Mexico vs Osage 6:45 p.m.

Volleyball

Centralia vs Montgomery County 6:30 p.m.

Cross country

Community at Hermann Invitational Cross Country Meet at Loutre Shore Country Club

MEXICO ROUNDUP: Lady Bulldogs have four on all-NCMC team, finish third in Marshall

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

The week continued to be a great one for Mexico girls tennis.

On Wednesday, a day after sweeping their regular season finale, the Lady Bulldogs placed four on the all-conference team at the North Central Missouri Conference tournament in Marshall. Lucy Gleeson, Jyllian Whitworth, Messiah Simpson and Claire Hudson all appeared on the team while helping Mexico finish third as a team.

Mexico begins its district season today as the individual tournament in Class 1 District 7 will be today at North Point High School in Wentzville. Team districts will be held Monday through Thursday at the same place.

Mexico sweeps regular season finale vs Battle

Mexico closed its regular season with a win Tuesday at home.

The Lady Bulldogs played a young Battle team — who consisted of six girls in the dual at Fairgrounds Park — and won 9-0. Mexico lost only one game during the day, but otherwise, 8-0 scores were displayed across the board.

Head coach Kim Costley said Mexico needs to refocus quickly as the North Central Missouri Conference tournament will be hosted today in Marshall and individual district play will be on Saturday at North Point.

"Battle has a very young team," Costley said. "We will go to Marshall tomorrow for the conference tournament. The conference is



Mexico sophomore Claire Hudson makes impact Tuesday during a match in the team's home dual with Battle at Fairgrounds Park in Mexico. The Lady Bulldogs swept the dual and had four — Hudson, senior Messiah Simpson, and sophomores Lucy Gleeson and Jyllian Whitworth — earn all-conference honors Wednesday at the North Central Missouri Conference tournament in Marshall.

[Jeremy Jacob]

tighter than it's been in awhile, so I'm anxious to see where we end up as a team."

Estrella Lopez lost a game in the No. 2 singles match but won 8-1. She and doubles partner Jocelyn Garcia each had two victories. Other Lady Bulldogs with wins in singles included Katie Gooch, Jyllian Whitworth, Lani Blair and Messiah Simpson. The pairs of Claire Hudson and Lucy Gleeson and Alice Eggen and Daida Herrera-Garcia

won varsity doubles matches after usually playing in junior varsity matches this year.

Girls golf

Rowe shoots to all-NCMC nod in Kirksville

Kennedi Rowe proved to be among

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Community erases bad start against district foe Van-Far

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

It wasn't the way Community R-6 wanted to start Thursday night.

After surrendering a three-RBI home run to Van-Far's Dalana Gay, the Lady Trojans rallied with runs in the fifth and sixth innings to win 7-3 against the district opponent. Community had three hits through four innings against Gay in the circle but had two crucial RBI hits from Jocelyn Curtis to give her three RBI on the day.

Curtis tied the game on a two-run double in the fourth inning prior to adding on in the fifth inning with a single to make it 5-3. Paige Painter brought home the winning run in the inning on a single along with allowing five hits and two earned runs in seven innings while striking out seven. Olivia Kuda finished 3-for-3, scoring two runs.

Gay finished with three RBI, Mara Jensen went 2-for-3 with a double and a walk and Carmen Wilburn had two walks. Gay allowed four earned runs through her innings while allowing seven hits and Jensen gave up one hit the rest of the way.

Van-Far put two runners on in the first inning thanks to an error and a walk but didn't threaten to score as much as a bases-loaded situation in the seventh inning. Jensen doubled and two batters walked prior to the final two Lady Indians striking out.

Community (9-10) plays in a Round Robin tournament today in Louisiana against the host Lady Bulldogs, Mark Twain and Class 2 No. 5 Elsberry. Van-Far (4-13) visits Marion County (3-11) on Monday.

Fall baseball

Community unable to stop undefeated New Franklin, loses 7-0

New Franklin's pitching kept them rolling. Community R-6 was its next obstacle Tuesday as the Trojans were shut out 7-0 despite being outthit 3-2. Mason Carroll didn't allow an earned run in his six innings with nine strikeouts, but Community's seven errors gave New Franklin the perfect complement to its 12 strikeouts on the mound.

CENTRALIA ROUNDUP: Lady Panthers run-rule Clark County

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

For the second straight Clarence Cannon Conference game, Centralia was pouring on the runs.

The Lady Panthers defeated Clark County 16-1 in four innings after routing South Shelby 18-1 on Monday. On the Lady Indians' field, Centralia (5-2 CCC) finished with 20 hits — one shy of the season-high against South Shelby — with only two of them going for extra bases.

Six Lady Panthers finished with multiple hits, with Ellie Page leading the way by going

4-for-4 with two RBI. Jozelynn Bostick was 3-for-4 with three RBI, two stolen bases and a double. Madi Johnson finished 2-for-4 with two RBI, Meredith Wright drove in two runs and Autumn Hawkins went 3-for-5 with three runs and two stolen bases. Kaelyn Walters pitched all four innings while allowing four hits and an unearned run and striking out five.

Centralia (13-9) hosts its softball tournament today at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park with the Lady Panthers' first round opponent being Putnam County (7-10).

Girls golf

Pace places fourth in Macon, third in New Bloomfield

Centralia golfers were competing for the top prize in two meets this week.

No Lady Panther medaled, but Bailey Pace finished fourth Tuesday at a Macon quad that involved Macon, Hannibal and La Plata and then took third Wednesday at a New Bloomfield quad involving New Bloomfield, California

and Hallsville. Centralia was second in the Macon quad after scoring 220 points, trailing winner Hannibal's 206.

On Tuesday, Pace shot a 50 to tie La Plata's Kady Crouch for fourth place on the par 36 course at Macon Country Club. Tess Stephens shot a 52 to finish sixth out of the 17 varsity golfer-field. Kyla Spickert shot a 58, Jace Brown had a 60 and Olivia Morris finished with a 61.

Macon's Madison Hessel was the medalist after shooting a 47, followed closely by the 48 shot by Hannibal's Grace Kirby

and Alena Gilmore.

Centralia finished fourth on Wednesday at Meadow Lake Acres in New Bloomfield with 221 points — California won with 202 points — but Pace took third after shooting a 48 on the par 36 course. Kyla Spickert was 11th out of the 20 varsity golfers with a 56 for Centralia's next best finisher, Jace Brown had a 57, Ava Lawrence shot a 60 and Cami Moser had a 68.

California's Alayna Butts was the medalist after shooting a 43 followed by New Bloomfield's Dixie Moss and her runner-up score of 44.

MMA, Powell finish 2nd at Moberly, three Paris runners in top 15

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

Several Missouri Military Academy and Paris runners finished well Thursday at the Moberly Invitational.

MMA finished second as a team, scoring 82 points behind Marion County's 68 points, as the Colonels were led by the runner-up finish by Bryson Powell and three other top-40 finishers. Paris had three runners finish in the top 15 — Mairyn Kinnaman and Alexandra Tullius for the girls and Landen Chapman for the boys.

In a 95-runner field, Powell lost only to Eldon's Nathan Reynolds, who ran a time of 17:05.82 compared to Powell's 17:42.37. Gerardo Quiroga finished ninth with a time of 19:05.11, Malachi Imrie had a 22nd-place time of 19:35.43 and Michael Pfeifer ran to a 39th-place time of 20:39.79.

Kinnaman finished eighth out of 76 runners with a time of 22:32.58, and Tullius finished right behind her with a time of 22:34.25. Chapman took 11th in the boys race with a time of 19:12.17, and David Elzea was 36th with a time of 20:23.06.

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the best in the North Central Missouri Conference.

The Mexico senior earned all-conference honors Monday at Kirksville Country Club after shooting a 94 to take fourth place — with the 10 best scores being named all-NCMC. The Lady Bulldogs finished last among six schools, shooting a 504.

Rowe finished behind conference champion Addy Davis' 79, Fulton's Grace Ousley in second with an 85 and Kirksville's Maya McKiver in third with a 92. Hannibal's Grace Kirby finished just behind Rowe with a 95.

Alexis Henderson has Mexico's next best score at a 124, Ella Connell shot a 138 and Reagan Craig finished with a 148.

Kirksville won the team NCMC title after shooting a 370.

Softball

Mexico walked off by Moberly 5-4

Moberly had its revenge on Mexico in more ways than one.

Mexico not only lost Thursday at Moberly, but the Lady Bulldogs allowed four runs in the seventh inning for the 5-4 walk-off loss a week after winning via walk off against the Lady Spartans in Mexico.

Eboni Mayfield had a solid game going into the seventh inning, allowing five hits and no walks and inheriting a 4-1 lead. She allowed four hits — all with two outs — following an outfield error that made every run in the inning unearned. Chloe Ferguson picked up the game-winning single after the previous four Lady Spartans (10-10, 5-3 NCMC) reached base.

Abby Bellamy and Jo Thurman each went 2-for-4 with two RBI, with Bellamy's hits both going for doubles.

Bellamy picked up the first double and her two RBI in the third inning to give Mexico a 2-0 lead. A leadoff walk allowed by Maddison Taylor came around to score along with another runner on Thurman's single in the sixth inning.

Mexico (16-11, 5-4 NCMC) hosts Wright City, Class 3 No. 10 Southern Boone and Palmyra in a Round Robin today.

Volleyball

Mexico unable to edge Montgomery City in four-set loss

Mexico allowed Montgomery County to tie the match Thursday but could have taken the advantage back.

The Lady Bulldogs were unable to do as they lost in four sets on the road (25-23, 17-25, 24-26 and 23-25). Mexico had its most kills in the fourth set but also its most errors, matching the kills total at seven.

Jessica Stephens led the team with seven kills and had 21 digs to closely follow team leader Tessa Haefling. Emily Moppin and Jaclynn Cline each had five kills Ally Wilson led with nine assists.

Mexico (4-7) plays at Centralia (6-4) on Monday.

Boys soccer

Bulldogs receive second district shutout, losing 5-0 at Southern Boone

It didn't take long for Mexico needing to work uphill Tuesday.

Southern Boone's Drew Dial set a school record for fastest goal and clocked in at 13th fastest in MSHSAA history with a score 24 seconds into Mexico's 5-0 loss at the district foe Eagles. Southern Boone took a 3-0 lead into halftime and handed the Bulldogs their second clean sheet of the season after being shut out 2-0 at district foe Kirksville earlier this year.

After Dial's abrupt goal, Mason Ahern scored two of the next four goals for Southern Boone (6-7-1).

North Callaway, Hill block out records in five-set win against Wright City

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

North Callaway has been trying to build a volleyball program ever since establishing it in 2014.

On Tuesday night, two records fell in a five-set victory against Eastern Missouri Conference foe Wright City (23-25, 25-14, 22-25, 25-23 and 15-13). Head coach Andrew Klein secured the first conference victory in his tenure that started last season but also the North Callaway program snapped an 0-36 EMO losing streak that spanned to a Sept. 22, 2016, victory at Bowling Green.

Sophomore middle blocker Bailey Hill was a big reason why as she broke the school single-game blocks record with nine stuffs, which previously stood at seven by Becca Bloss. Sophomore outside hitter Natalie Shryock led the team with 12 kills followed by freshman outside hitter Rylee Horstman at eight, junior libero Riley Blevins led with 15 digs, and setters senior Ellie Pezold and sophomore Jaden Smith combined for more than 25 assists.

North Callaway was down at several points in the match, falling behind 2-1 and trailing 18-15 in the fourth set and 13-11 in the fifth set. Klein said the team has lost some four-set and five-set matches this season so it would be easy for the girls to feel down but is glad they rose to the challenge for the monumental victory.

"We've been here before, and we've been on the wrong side of it before," Klein said. "Our girls didn't really love that feeling and that's understandable. Those are the really tough ones to lose. This time, it fell our way."

"It's important, and I've appreciated over the last few weeks, that our players trust one another in big moments. Try not to



North Callaway sophomore middle blocker Bailey Hill stuffs a Wright City hitter Tuesday in the Ladybirds' five-set win in Kingdom City.

[Jeremy Jacob]

step on each other's feet. We have two seniors and a whole lot of sophomores. When you trust each other down the stretch, it makes the game a lot easier. You pick each other up, and it makes us feel a lot less nervous in moments like that." Shryock showed her serving prowess early in the first set, leading North Callaway to a 9-4 advantage. The Ladybirds finished with 14 service aces on the night, but Wright City was close behind with 13 aces.

The Lady Wildcats found the holes where the Ladybirds weren't to take the first set and did the same to win the third set and build leads in the fourth and fifth sets. Klein said the stepping on each other's feet could be taken literally as, at times Tuesday, there were several Ladybirds occupying the same space and the middle was left wide open on some points.

"We still got a lot to work on," Klein said. "It's hard to pass a volleyball when somebody's on top of you. Trusting in one another and allowing the girls next to them to make plays and trusting them to make plays, it's super important when you're in close games like that."

An outlier set was the

second set when North Callaway blitzed ahead 18-7 after a 9-1 run. That particular run was capped by an ace from Pezold — one of seven in the set for the Ladybirds.

"We've gotten so much better at (serves and serve receives)," Klein said. "That allows us to breathe easy when we go on rolls like that, where we don't hand back the serve very often. In that second set, we just got on a roll there, and Wright City had a hard time passing our serves."

After dropping the third set, Klein said his players did what they're best at: bouncing back. There were a couple of times North Callaway tied the third set at 18 and 19 only to lose its grip. That appeared to be the case again in the fourth set until Hill stepped into the picture of Wright City's attackers.

Hill blocked a ball to tie the fourth set at 18 and stuffed another Lady Wildcat hitter a few points later for a 20-19 lead. Wright City outside hitter Jasmin Simpson cut her team's deficit to 24-23 with an ace and put North Callaway in jeopardy of needing extra points in a do-or-die set.

"Bailey is terrific at playing when she has confi-

dence in herself and when the players around her give her confidence," Klein said. "She is the ultimate move on type of a player. She makes a bad play, she moves on. That allows her to play really well for long stretches. She made a few errors tonight and I think she had a couple lifts too, but she shook those off. If she hadn't shaken those off, I don't think she could have had the impact that she had tonight."

Sophomore outside hitter Avis Endres swooped in for the set-winning kill and forced the fifth one, which North Callaway played once this year at conference foe Intensity Homeschool before losing it.

With the fifth set comes less points for victory so Wright City took a timeout after down 5-3 early and North Callaway did the same after the Lady Wildcats rattled off a 5-1 run for a 13-11 lead. The Ladybirds won the final four points, with Hill laying down two kills and Wright City being called for a net violation on the final point.

"I didn't have a great angle from where I was sitting, but from my understanding, their middle (hitter) ran into the net on the last play," Klein said. "They did score the point, but she called a net fault. I think they called the same for both sides tonight — I think they missed a few both ways."

With that EMO conference monkey off North Callaway's back, the Ladybirds (5-11-1, 1-4 EMO) are excited for their next conference matchup at Bowling Green (4-9-4, 1-2 EMO) on Thursday.

"We're still trying to learn, but they're super-awesome at bouncing back and being able to use criticism," Klein said. "They just do a good job at bouncing back and not taking things personally."

Silex's two swings leads to loss for Ladybirds

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

North Callaway pitcher Ellie Bedsworth gave up nine hits Thursday at home to state-ranked Silex but was pretty much only hurt on two swings.

The Class 1 No. 4 Silex won the Eastern Missouri Conference matchup in

Kingdom City 6-2 after scoring two runs on an inside-the-park home run in the first inning and adding three more on a long home run in the seventh inning.

Bedsworth allowed three earned runs via four errors and one walk while striking out five Lady Owls (12-8, 6-2 EMO) in 6½ innings. The Ladybirds finished with six hits,

including two doubles and an RBI from Olivia Knoepflein and Kymorie Myers had a double and RBI.

North Callaway (6-12, 4-4 EMO) plays its third state-ranked opponent in four games, Class 3 No. 3 Chillicothe (17-6), at 9 a.m. today in the first round of the Centralia Softball Tournament at Nathan A. Toalson Bicentennial Park.

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"I think it comes from our midfield," Goodwin said.

MMA

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weren't out as Goodwin knew his team, despite its shorter numbers, could play just as well as Tolton did.

"(Tolton's) got good players, they connect well, they've got some very skilled forwards — quick, technical players on their top line — and they can combine well with their midfield as well," Goodwin said. "On our day, we're that team as well. They are a team we can play with when we're firing on all cylinders."

"I wanted them to realize they are a better team than what they showed. We tried to fix a few things in the locker room, but as soon as you cross the white line, I trust them to do the right thing. Sometimes, it works. Sometimes, it doesn't. I think it was just those moments that killed us tonight."

Tolton sent a pass over MMA's defense to a isolated Stevens, who then beat goalkeeper Diego Pineda in the 50th minute for his second goal. A couple improbable goals followed as Becvar put one into the top corner of the net while going away from it in the 57th minute and then Boyer headed in a corner kick in the 76th minute.

After Wednesday, Goodwin was

happy to bring back his two suspended players for the Mexico game on Thursday and is hopeful Afane and Almeida will be back by districts, especially since they're both seniors.

MMA defeated a prior district opponent, and eventual eighth-ranked team in state, Fatima 2-1 this year and believes it can give Tolton a better game if the teams meet again in districts.

"I'm still confident going into the conference tournament (following four more regular season games)," Goodwin said. "We'll rebuild through those games. (Tolton's) a good team. They deserve it, but hopefully we get another chance at districts."

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Plenty to do, see, in Audrain and surrounding area



Prairie's Edge hosts fall fest
Prairie's Edge Garden Center, Bowling Green, hosts its Fall Fun Festival on the Prairie last Saturday, Sept. 24. The event featured over 40 vendors - including Stillwater Honey from Silex - that delivered a mix of good to attendees. There were kids events, hay rides, a corn maze and a lot more. The center continues fall activities through October.

[Nathan Lilley]

Dead Factory open for season

The Dead Factory Haunted House, 2100 E. Liberty, Mexico, is open for the 2022 season. Open Fridays and Saturdays now through Oct. 29 and open on Halloween, the Dead Factory has been locally owned and operated since 2014 and is touted as the No. 2 haunted attraction in Missouri. It promises new scares and scenes, newly added for the '22 season.

month. For more information, contact Eldora Lowry at 573-386-2148 or 573-253-0288.

St. Brendan Dinner

The 41st annual St. Brendan School Dinner Auction will be Oct. 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. with social hour, and dinner at 7. This year's dinner has a 1980's theme. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased in the school office.

Central MO Veterans Coffee Talk

Veterans meet every Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at Grand Prairie Fellowship Hall, Harrison and Main, Auxvasse. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. All veterans are encouraged to attend for coffee, donuts, and friendly conversations - "Veterans talking to Veterans". A veteran rep will attend on the fourth Tuesday each

Farber offers school year programs

Children's programs for this school year have started at the Farber Branch Library. The programs are on Monday afternoons starting at 2 p.m. with a program for children in kindergarten through the fifth grade and then at 4 p.m. with a program for those four years of age and younger. If interested please contact the Farber Li-

brary at 573-249-2012 or stop by the Farber library during their business hours Monday through Thursday 1:30 - 5 p.m. Wednesday morning 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Looking for Music?

Find it at Pig Up & Go, Mexico:

- Oct. 1 BaSS: Buck, Scott, & Sarah, 5-7 p.m.
 - Oct. 15 Mark & Danelle, 4-7 p.m.
 - Oct. 22 Cody Pursifull 4-7 p.m.
- Kitchen hours are 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. with beer, wine, and seltzer available.

Music in the Park - Auxvasse

Sundays in Auxvasse will truly be musical as Mottaz Park on Main Street brings Music in the Park every Sunday in October at 4 p.m.

- Oct. 2 - The Barkers
 - Oct. 9 - The Reetz Family
 - Oct. 15 - The Formans
 - Oct. 23 - Presser Performing Arts Center Ukulele Group
 - Oct. 30 - Violet Martin all @ 4 p.m.
- The public is invited to attend; concerts are free. Folks are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair.

What's happening @ Presser

- Oct. 11 - Paint Pour Workshop, after school for ages 8 and up. \$25
- Oct. 18- A Piece of Cake, after school, ages 8 and up. \$50
- Oct. 21-23- Barefoot in the Park - Blackbox Production. Tickets on sale.

•Nov. 1- Sister Act, holiday production, tickets on sale.

- Nov. 1- Art Uncorked Workshop - 4-week session, ages 21 and up. \$100
- Nov. 6- Joseph La-marque Gallery, 2-4 p.m. Open to the public.

Mexico Public Schools - October

- Oct. 1- MHS Marching Band competition @ CMU
- Oct. 15- MHS Marching Band @ SoBoCo Marching Festival
- Oct. 19- MHS Fall Choir Concert
- Oct. 20- Eugene Fields Ice Cream Social
- Oct. 24-28- Red Ribbon Week

Martinsburg Oktoberfest

St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg, will host Oktoberfest and annual car show Sunday, Oct. 2. Activities will run all day, including food, drink, beer, wine and kids games.

Music & Fun - Mexico



Pig Up & Go, Mexico, will host live music this October. See their schedule at left.

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