Perry County Board of Corrections.

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According to the Perry County Sheriff’s Office, House #7 on State Route 154 just off the Round Condominium south of State Route 154 was burned.

According to the sheriff’s office, the man who owns the residence was inside the burning house when the fire started. The man and his son were airlifted to St. Louis area hospitals for treatment.

The Perry County Sheriff’s Office said its Bureau of Investigation is conducting the fire investigation. According to the sheriff’s office, the cause of the fire was arson.

Joshua L. Compton, 21, of Cutler, was arrested December 22 by Willisville police on a driving without a valid driver’s license charge. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Amanda E. Coleman, 33, of Steeleville, was arrested December 21 by Chester police on a driving without a valid driver’s license charge. She was given a notice to appear in court.

Dakota W. Barnowsky, 21, of Steeleville, was arrested December 21 by Steeleville police for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Nicholas A. Brown, 16, of Steeleville, was arrested December 21 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a driving charge. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Angela R. Bohan, 25, of Steeleville, was arrested December 19 in Benton, Illinois, by a Randolph County Sheriff’s Deputy for failing to appear in court on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear with a valid order. She was jailed.

Cindy L. Pendegrast, 35, of Steeleville, was arrested December 20 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a driving charge. She was jailed.

Megan E. Bailis, 33, of Steeleville, was arrested December 20 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for driving while intoxicated. She was given a notice to appear in court.

David A. Moore, 31, of Steeleville, was arrested December 20 by Tilden police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a driving charge. He was jailed.

Amy J. Despain, 36, of Steeleville, was arrested December 20 by Chester police on a Randolph County warrant for driving while intoxicated. She was given a notice to appear in court.

Skylar B. Danaha, 18, of Steeleville, was arrested December 22 by Steeleville police on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear in court on a driving charge. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Patrick E. Lawless, 18, of Steeleville, was arrested December 22 by Steeleville police on a Randolph County warrant for driving while intoxicated. He was given a notice to appear in court.

William D. Green-Monroe, 21, of Steeleville, was arrested December 21 by Chester police on a driving while intoxicated charge. He was given a notice to appear in court on a driving charge.

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Illinois State Police increase motorist law enforcement

By Jerry Nowicki
Capital News Illinois

A new law signed December 29 by Gov. J.B. Pritzker will consolidate police jurisdiction over suburban and public and firefighting pension funds into just two.

Pritzker signed the measure, passed in the previous fall session, in Chicago and hailed it as an initiative Wisconsin was in the making.

"Bi-partisanship in this General Assembly has achieved what none of their predecessors have been able to do: consolidate the (nearly) 4000 downtown and suburban pension funds into just two, amplifying their investment programs and reducing the burdens on property taxpayers," Pritzker said in a news release.

"Working together, we are helping hundreds of cities in Illinois alleviate their spiraling property tax burden and, just as importantly, show our constituents that Illinois can tackle its most intractable problems."

The governor's office said Senate Bill 1300, the legislation Pritzker signed Wednesday, "will leverage $12 billion in the assets—$8.3 billion in the police fund and $3.7 billion in the fire fund—to increase investment returns and lower management costs. It is estimated that the new law would create greater returns from $280 million to $8.3 billion over $2.5 billion over the next five years, and billions more over the 45-years the law will be in effect."

It was also supported by the Illinois Fighting Three, a statewide organization that represents local communities.

"Consolidating the assets of the downtown public safety pension funds throughout Illinois will provide stronger investment returns for active and retired public safety employees and reduce redundant administrative costs on the hands of Illinois taxpayers," municipal league Executive Director Brad Cox said in a release. "This is a good first step forward on the complicated and comprehensive issue of public safety pension reform."

Despite bipartisan support, detractors, including several Republican legislators, opposed a provision that retroactively enhances benefits for so-called Tier 2 employees, those hired after January 1, 2011, when the state implemented new retirement systems with automatic lower benefits.

Several pension experts, however, said the provision was necessary because many of those positions are not covered by Social Security. That is allowed under federal law known as a safe harbor provision, but only if the benefits are among the highest, what Social Security would pay.

The governor's office said the new law brings Tier 2 pensions into alignment with future additional liability, which is estimated to cost $650 to 955 million while projected investment gains can generate an additional $320 million to $2.5 billion.

Rep. Mark Batinick, a Plainfield Republican who serves as minority spokesman on the House Personnel and Pensions Committee, praised the passage of the bill in a news release.

"Our state's broken pension system has been a heavy weight on the backs of Illinois taxpayers," Batinick said. "With today's bill signed into law I can proudly say that we are providing relief to our hardworking residents. This is a significant bipartisan reform effort that will make positive change. The work is not done on pensions, but today we can all celebrate this success."

The bill was a recommendation of the Illinois Pension Consolidation Feasibility Task Force, which is a body Pritzker created early in February.

HOLIDAY BANKING HOURS

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2019 Evergreen Cemetery Signs

We wish to thank the family and friends who took time to honor their family member or friends with a name sign on the 2019 Signs of Remembrance Memorial Drive in Chester's Evergreen Cemetery this year.

The signs have been placed along the drive in the Cemetery and are viewable from dawn to dusk daily in the month of December. Thanks to Committee-Secretary Mark Gibbs for his permission to put up the signs in the cemetery. Mr. Charles Bergman and Mr. Aaron Gibbs sorted and placed the signs for us. They also placed the signs for organizations or businesses who requested a sign around the Bond Monument. Please say Thank You to these men for their time and effort in creating our 2019 Signs of Remembrance Memorial Christmas Drive

Sincerely,

Signs of Remembrance Committee Co-Chairs
Linda Symmson and Norma Baughman

Distributing coats
Sports Knights of Columbus members Billy Sutterer and Bob Heatherly recently gathered with other Cruise Principal Key Prize with coats to distribute to girls in need. Coats for boys will be distributed later.

Coulterville food collection
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Meadows Madness

The real news about fake signs

Everybody loves a mystery, right? People love stories about the Goddess-Meadows Trilogy. It's a series of legendary tales that have been told for generations. One of the most famous stories is about the mysterious appearance of the Goddess-Meadows Statue, which is said to have been discovered in the woods near the town center. It's said that the statue is made of pure gold and is worth millions of dollars. But who built it and why? It's a mystery that still has not been solved.

The story goes that a group of people discovered the statue while they were out for a walk one day. They were amazed by its beauty and wondered who could have created such a masterpiece. And then, just as mysteriously as it appeared, it disappeared again.

There are many theories about the Goddess-Meadows Statue. Some people believe that it was built by a local artist, while others think that it was created by a group of tourists who wanted to leave a lasting legacy in the town. But one thing is certain: the statue has become a symbol of mystery and wonder for the people of this town. And although its origins remain a mystery, one thing is certain: the statue will continue to fascinate people for years to come.
Jail officer pleads for more staff...from Page 1
The issues of funding and staff for the federal government have been debated for years, but despite this, the federal government has been operating at a deficit for several months. As a result, the jail has had to reduce its staff and make cuts to its operations.

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Wishes on Wheels

Wanda Struggle strung out fight back tears and had to be consoled by her daughter Mary Beth, as she and her husband received a car from Mevert’s Automotive in Steeleville.

Wanda, her husband Eric and their children Ben and Mary Beth were the beneficiaries of December 20 of Mevert’s Wishes on Wheels car giveaway. This is the second year Mevert has done this for a family in need at Christmas.

“Each year, we’re trying to come up with a car, whether a customer donates it or we find people in need and thank God for everything that’s happened in our life this year,” Wanda said. “When you’ve been through, you’ve got a few. We still have my husband here after everything he’s been through. “Thank you to Matt and everybody else,” Wanda said. “When they talk about miracles around Christmas time, we’ve got a few. We have my husband here after everything he’s been through.”

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During the first week of February, U of I Extension in Illinois will share information on industrial hemp production.

The Illinois hemp bill has provided opportunities for the cultivation, distribution and processing of hemp for fiber, grain and CBD. This versatile crop takes up a small amount of acreage and has the potential to employ thousands of farmers. However, it is not without its own set of challenges.

Phillip Albert, commercial agriculture extension educator, will share his experience with this new Illinois cash crop.

Demonstrations of various production systems and planting methods, as well as growing season issues, will be covered. Additional topics will include licensing, rules and regulations, products and an update on hemp across Illinois.

Each workshop will be held in the U of I Extension, offering a free, two-part series on industrial hemp production in Illinois to share information on industrial hemp.

The first workshop is February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Jackson County Extension at 402 Arc Road north of Murphysboro. For more information or to register, call 687-1727.

The second is February 6 from 1 to 4 at the White County Extension office at 1715 College Avenue in Carmi. For more information or to register, call 382-5002.

The third is February 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Dixon Springs Ag Center at 354 State Highway 145 North in Simpson. For more information or to register, call 695-6060.

Registration is also available at go.illinois.edu/industrial hemp2020.

For Details

Ken Hall, Electric, Inc.

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Tax levy approved, several bonds abated

By Dan Zobel
The Chester school board approved the 2019 tax levy during its December 10 meeting.

A levy hearing was held prior to the regular meeting because the levy amount requested is a 5.31 percent increase over 2018.

Superintendent Bri- and her son Koda Muel- led a 6,700 contribu- to 48 percent of revenues and 44 percent of expenditures. The district’s budget for the first two tax payments and expects a little more revenue.

The board also ap- proved to abate taxes on four buildings, with the other two to be collected by the county clerk.

2019 bond was abat- ed in the amount of $288,388 and a 2015 bond in the amount of $490,325.

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Randolph deck

Lise Maria Jacob, petitioner. Gregory Alan Jacob, respondent. Dissolution of marriage was granted by Goodwin Superior Court Judge George Daniel Creek. Petitioner was represented by Attorney Louise Creek. Dissolution of marriage was granted December 9, 2019.

Ferry Gold Plate activities, menu

Activities December 30-January 3


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William was born March 4, 1927, in Toone, Tennessee, to Bietman and Lois Jo (Ranta) Ranta.

William was doing something he loved as a support tech/administrator at Ark Specialty. He loved spending time with his niece Carol, going to the family lake house in Wisconsin, his dogs Illi and Sable and being with his family. He was an avid sports lover. Patrick is survived by his mother of Chester; sister Rachel (Levi) Marshall of Chester; brother Leslie Othmer Jr. and sister Dorothy (Monica) Valleroy; brother-in-law Dale (Emily) Valleroy and sister Nettie Lodge.

Patrick was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Paul Ranta.

Memorials may be given to the family for Vandelbilt University for Kidney Foundation/Research.

OBITUARIES

PAULA MARIE WEAVER

Paula Marie Weaver, 84, of Steeleville, died at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Paula was born January 18, 1935, in Belcrest, Missouri, to John & Madeline Bergfeld. She is survived by her children Eric Hartmann, Cason, Hudson, Waylon and Karsyn. Paula was preceded in death by her parents and sister Nettie Lodge.

Paula was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church and spent many years in women’s clubs. She was a member of the county school teachers association and an active partner in the Chamber of Commerce. Paula was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Red Bud.

She is also survived by daughter Mirinda (Michael) Fujinaka of St. Peters, Missouri, brother Curtis Werner of Marissa, grandchildren Christopher and Connee Fujinaka of St. Peters, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St Martin’s Lutheran Church in Steeleville.

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DORIS HARTMANN

Doris “D.J.” Hartmann, 70, of Red Bud, died Friday, December 20, 2019, at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in O’Fallon.

She was born September 24, 1949, in Red Bud to Melvin E. and Gladys Heierman Valleroy.

She married Curtis Hartmann, He survives. Doris was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Red Bud. She was the owner of D.J.’s Just Right Cafe. She loved a good cooking and never followed a recipe. She was an avid sports lover. She was also survived by children Eric Hartmann, Brian (Sandra) Hartmann, Erin (Ari) Cox and Shannon (Nick) Horrell; sisters and brothers-in-law Michelle Leggemeyer, Melvin A. (Jenny) Valleroy, Randy (Teri) Valleroy, Mary Twid, Ken O’Dwyer, Greg (Pat) and Craig (Monica) Valleroy; brother-in-law Dave (Emily) Hartmann; sister-in-law Janet (Willie) Maze; grandchildren Lucas, Brooke, Timothy, Andrew and Terti Hartmann, Erica (Christopher) Muhring, Tyler (Ashley) Cox, Jacob (Corrine) Cox, Levi Beare and Savannah Horrell and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father-in-law Lester and Bernice Hartmann and granddaughter Jamie Cox.

In Memoriam

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Chester tournament. Picked up the consolation title at Chester and placed third in the Dupo Cat Classic.

The Lady Meteors never lost more than one game in a row and had three near-shutdowns at least seven games.

Chester finished with at least a share of the SIJHSAA Class M state championship.

Pinckneyville played in the state tournament for the third consecutive year.

Volleyball: The Trico Junior High volleyball team won the sectional championship for the first time since 1993. Pinckneyville played in the state championship game.

The Lady Panthers lost in the second round to Beckman Catholic, but they took their fourth-place finishes in state.

Chester Baseball: The Chester High School boys baseball team finished 28-1 to set its single-season win record for wins in a season.

Among those 26 wins were a 12-0 slate in the BDC West on route to the Yellow Jackets winning their first Class M state championship.

Chester also won its first Class M state tournament. It was the team’s first CIT title in 43 years.

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Dreldall Williams 3-pointer put the game away for the Bears.

Out of the timeout, Chandler started the charge with 10 rebounds and Chandler finished with 10 rebounds. Five of those were offensive, and the Lady Jackets came away with 10 rebounds. The force forced 37 Steeleville turnovers, creating 14 points.

That, combined with offensive rebounds, helped Chester get 17 rebounds for the game’s 17 rebounds. She was the only starter coming on a trio of bench kids.

Chester led 9-3 early in the first quarter, and theLady Blackcats could not get in the lead.

Chester, though, went on to win the next period, and the Lady Jackets ended the period with a 12-2 run to take a 15-point lead.

Goreville go beyond.

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High school girls basketball roundup

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Rangerette Classic

Pinckneyville and Du Quoin will compete December 27 at 7 p.m. in the championship game in Benton.

Mascoutah tournament

The Lady Musketters lost 54-39 December 21 in Columbia in the third-place game. They defeated Steeleville 64-50 on December 20 at the hands of Waterloo.

Roller Derby Boyz

July 12, 19:30

Mascoutah

South County

Rugby

February 9, 2020
Du Quoin Thomas Hoops Classic

Defending champions are top seed.

The three-day 16-team Duster Thomas Hoops Classic will commence December 26 in Pinckneyville's Thomas and auxiliary gymnasiums.

The host Panthers return as the defending champions after beating Glasstown 55-43 in last year's title bout. Pinckneyville has won the tournament three times since its 2007 inception.

Other results included falmid in third, Du Quoin fourth, Steeleville fifth, Knoxville sixth, Sesser-Valier seventh, Steeleville eighth, Chester ninth, Union County 10th, Jayran 11th, Marissa-Coulterville 12th, Salem 13th, Elverado 14th, Trigg 15th and Trigg 16th. Pinckneyville will come in as the top seed of this year's field. Following the Panthers are Mt. Carmel, Woodlawn, Union County, Benton, Olney, Jersey, Herrin, Roxana, Chester, Pinckneyville, Steeleville, Meridian, Greenview and Eyebrook.

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The map was drawn from memory in 1970 by Lawrence Temple, a former truck driver who delivered various items around the area.

The map was donated to the Perry County Jail Museum by Temple’s nephew Larry Wilson of St. Peters, Missouri in 2004.

The map features locations of houses and the names of those who lived there.

The book, which was published just two weeks ago, contains more than 200 pages of memories about the one-room schools that existed in the county.

Florence Schrader of the historical society said the book took two or three years to complete.

Chester VFW essay contest

Students who participated in this year’s Chester VFW essay contest included, front row from left, Kaleb Rehmer, 1st place Voice of Democracy; Elseah Congiardo, 2nd place Patriot’s Pen; Rylie Conley, 3rd place Patriot’s Pen; and Ethan Colvis, 1st place VFW Auxiliary Department of Illinois Americanism Award. Back row: Auxiliary President Scott Marcinkowska, Chester High School teacher Jacob Cowan, Commander Tony Payne and Pat Martin, head of the Scholarship Committee. Not pictured is Jack Heffernan, 1st place Patriot’s Pen.

Music patrons donate

The Chester Music Patrons donated $1,158 to the Chester Christian Food Pantry, made possible by a collection at the grade school’s junior high Christmas program. Shown are high school music director Steve Colman, Pat Raynegeist and Dunny Hohmuth of the food pantry and grade school music director Sue Colman. Photo by Jim Beers.
Members of the Randolph County Sheriff’s Office, Chester Police Department and Steeleville Police department provided Christmas presents to underserved children Decem-
ber 18 through the Cops and Kids at Christmas program at Chester Walmart.
A total of 82 kids from Randolph County benefited, with 60 kids ages 5 to 18 getting $150 each to shop with cops. Another 16 children 4 and under received a gift and meeting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The program was funded and organized by private donors, Chester Walmart, Casey’s General Store and Dani Kennedy.

Above, Amelia Shipley of Chester picks out some candy with Chief Deputy Jarrod Peters. Below, kids, officers and Walmart employees take a group shot with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Sparta Shop with a Cop
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VFW Auxiliary visits
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Flow of the Dead in Tilden

The Chester High School boys basketball team will be the subject of a new documentary called "Flow of the Dead in Tilden," which is being produced by former County Journal employee Raymond and Loretta Sanders of LaGrange. The Sanderses are planning to release the documentary in January 2023.

The documentary will explore the case of Russell Briseno, a 30-year-old man who was found dead in Tilden in May 2018. Briseno was a popular community figure who was known for his work as a landlord and his involvement in local politics. His death was ruled a homicide, and the investigation into his death is still ongoing.

The Sanderses have been working on the documentary for several years, and they hope to bring attention to the case and the community's struggle to come to terms with Briseno's death. They are also hoping to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and the need for more resources to help communities deal with trauma.

The Sanderses hope to release the documentary in January 2023, coinciding with the one-year anniversary of Briseno's death. They are currently seeking funding to complete the documentary, and they hope to bring it to other communities that have experienced similar tragedies.
Illinois’ minimum wage was raised to $15 an hour, at 822 Swanwick.

A Chester man wanted on murder charges in Union County surrendered to Chester police. William Wasmund, 48, was accused of murdering Jeffrey Spitzer, 55, of Murphysboro last fall. Police found Spitzer’s body in Wolf Lake in rural Union County September 16, 2018. A nearby shed allegedly contained a shotgun that was set to trigger whenever someone opened the door. Wasmund was believed to have been staying in Chester for the previous couple of months. His former address was Wolf Lake.

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### 50th Outdoor Environmental education site at Lake Perry
As part of a geography assignment, you were to create a genie lamp and state the wishes to be granted. It would have been illegal. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission sided with the position of the borough that the Legion had argued that its meeting hall/ bowling alley is a separate building, and thus it has only one liquor license. The village argued that the weather pattern that caused the devastating flood of 1993 that affected the local area compared to the spring of 2016. The Jackson County Board was planning to purchase new computers. The store was reopened three years ago. The district included a new building to the front of the school. The district will be able to use the new computers.
Representative Jerry Costello II worked with the district received a check for $241,016. The fund, which had been set up in the early 1900s, was used to pay for the construction and maintenance of the county jail. In 1909, the county received a windfall from a trust fund that had been set up to pay for the construction and maintenance of the county jail. However, the fund had only $974,408 in it, so the county was struggling to balance its budget and pay its bills.

The most major cuts in the plan were to the sheriff and emergency services. In the county, this included the Perry County Sheriff’s Office and the Perry County Emergency Management Agency. The cuts were forced by the state legislature as part of its efforts to balance the state budget.

In April, the Perry County Highway Department announced plans to shut down its operations. The department was unable to receive enough funding to operate, and was forced to lay off its employees.

In May, the Perry County Clerk, Beth Lipe, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the county clerk. The new county clerk, Kelton Davis, was appointed to fill the position of the Perry County Clerk.

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That led officials to talk about the possibility of the return of Pyramid Park to Pyramid and putting on the event next year. However, the organizers said they would like to continue the event as a service for those in the community. The dog is trained to alert the family when there is a problem, and the dog is also able to help with daily life.

The 16,000-square-foot facility will be built on the southwest side of the hospital campus. The project is expected to cost $1.3 million and will be completed by the end of the year. The facility will include offices, conference rooms, and a fitness center.

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The legalization of recreational marijuana was also approved, and a constitutional amendment creating Illinois income tax from a flat rate to a graduated rate is to be decided by voters in 2020. June 6 marked the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The day Allied forces in World War II landed at Normandy, France, spelling the beginning of the end of the war.

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sparta was celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The Lady Panthers of Pinckneyville High School placed second in the Class 2A state softball finals, losing to Beecher 6-0. The Steeleville Warriors high school baseball team finished third in the Class 1A state tournament by beating Eglin Harvest Christian Academy 11-6.

June 13

The Mississippi River crested at 46.52 feet at Chester June 10, making it the second highest crest since records have been kept. Only the 49.74-foot crest reached in August of 1983 was higher.

Officials were keeping a wary eye on the Prairie du Rocher-Modoc levee near Fort Chartres. A massive sand boil erupted on the Mississippi River levee near Prairie du Rocher.

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Bob Schaber of Perry was the $25,000 Queen of Hearts jack- pock at the Steeleville Legion. He chose card No. 52.

Bob Schaber, Queen of Hearts winner continued on next page...
Sparta pleaded guilty to mismanaging funds paid by the City, Missouri were arrested. No one was reported to have made allegations of sexual assault in Coulterville, leading to multiple investigations. The Missouri couple fired a shotgun at pursuing officers, who ended up in the position after he was shot in the process. This ended a saga of unrest that was sparked by a petition against the Missouri police chief. The village president in Ellis Grove, described as village president, was convicted of conspiracy.

Lewis Higgins of Ruma was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his role in the case, while Erin Mears-Attig of Murphysboro and Allyce Moll were also charged with custodial sexual misconduct.

As the legislature raised the state gas tax, it also tied fees on municipalities that use its police dispatch service, the Tilden town board weighed its options. It was announced that, after several decades of operation, Marissa Food Mart would close by the end of the month.

The report on ways to improve the use of the Horse Island Chute bridge on the Missouri River was released. A mysterious masked Spiderman character was seen in Sparta.

The new law also includes expungement measures for those with low-level marijuana arrests. The law allows for the possession of up to 30 grams per month beginning January 1. Residents will also be able to possess up to five grams of cannabis concentrate.

Steeleville High School's Dylan Hill was named to the All-State baseball team. Hill batted .410 and .500 for the season, which saw the team finish third in the state tournament.

The Mountain Shark and Recreational Complex was unveiled. For the shooting, timetabling service, the Tilden town board weighed its options. It was announced that, after several decades of operation, Marissa Food Mart would close by the end of the month.

The situation was corrected an error made when Gavilon's tax abatement status had been missed in 2016, causing much of the area once known as the Port to be held in Sparta.

The approximately $160,000 project is being paid for exclusively by the conservancy district. The report on ways to improve the use of the Horse Island Chute bridge on the Missouri River was released.

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As municipalities had yet to receive property tax revenue from Perry County, Willkie-Tweedy said almost $3.56 million in current year taxes were being held in the county due to the tax holdback. On September 26, the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court overturned Judge Gene Gross' 2018 ruling, stating that it amounted to a quasi system, which is not allowed under state law. Derrick Tweedy, the convicted murderer who started the 2013 house fire that killed four children in Perry, filed a motion requesting post conviction relief. He alleged that the court erred in several ways.

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**November 7**

For Veterans Day, a former Sparta police man recalled his service during the end of World War II. Jack Watson, 92, was drafted into the Army Air Corps at 18 in Okinawa and the Philippines. In Okinawa, Watson's job was to take classified information to high-ranking officials throughout the island. Watson resides at Manor at Craig Farms in Chester. As expected, Steeleville passed an ordinance that will allow residents to drive their golf carts and ATVs on city streets as of January 1 as long as they meet specific safety and street legal criteria. As of January 1, all other towns in the area stayed with Halloween night. November 1. All other towns in the area stayed with the below freezing forecasts, for UTV drivers. The ordinance covered a list of requirements for UTV drivers.

**November 14**

An early-season snowstorm left its mark on the area November 11. Blanketing the entire region with around two inches of snow and resulting in minor accidents. With the city streets in Decatur, it was announced that the Chester Dairy, Farm Fresh milk and juices, served the area for 87 years. News of the Chester Dairy's impending closure is set up as a dropoff spot for donations to the families of five.

**November 21**

A stolen pickup truck slammed into an apartment complex in Sparta after crashing into a tree. No one was seriously injured, but David Berthold of Sparta faced a slew of charges after he was accused of stealing the truck from Rick Zweigart of Sparta and driving it with around two inches of snow and resulting in minor accidents. The pickup truck smashed into this Sparta apartment complex. It was announced that the Chester Dairy, Farm Fresh milk and juices, served the area for 87 years. News of the Chester Dairy's impending closure was served. More than three-fourths of the district's students were below the poverty line, and school officials didn't go hungry when no other lunch sack lunches for students on early out days, so school lunch employees who have been making a feature story highlighted the work of Marissa Kraus has served in the Illinois Army National Guard since May 1999. As expected, Steeleville passed an ordinance that will allow residents to drive their golf carts and ATVs on city streets as of January 1 as long as they meet specific safety and street legal criteria. As of January 1, all other towns in the area stayed with the below freezing forecasts, for UTV drivers. The ordinance covered a list of requirements for UTV drivers.

**December 10**

Perry village officials had been discussing a potential agreement with Steeleville, where Steeleville would provide police coverage in Perry. Steeleville quoted a price of 857,500 per year for the deal, which Percy board members felt was excessive. Village President Mark Prange and Perry Supervisor Bob Greer at the firehouse.

**December 12**

Eric Zimmerman of Red Bud was arrested for not giving his daughter enough playing time. Zimmerman was under investigation by the Illinois Attorney General for sketchy business practices.

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**January 12**

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The Steeleville and Sparta chambers of commerce, along with courthouse, announced winners of their respective Christmas lighting contest. The Trico school district announced the names of the students who had perfect attendance during the first semester. A fire, which destroyed an unoccupied house in Steeleville, was served. A crowd of about 30 of Lee's victims attended the sentencing hearing. The two-week ban is set to run from December 29 to January 3.

**January 30**

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The Percy American Legion announced that it would not close, at least not yet. It had been rumored since November that the post was shutting down. However, Commander Gary Bowley said the post would reduce services to the community, namely, not holding the Memorial Day service. Perry County Jail officer Christy Hasbury left her job to work for the Illinois Department of Corrections. During the December 19 meeting of the Perry County board of commissioners, Hasbury spoke out about the security issues at the jail that forced her to seek other employment. Lochhead and Sons Service Station in Chester celebrated its 90th anniversary December 20. It was the subject of a feature story.

A history of blood donations

Carolyn Schwent is shown donating at the December 18 blood drive at the Chester Legion. Schwent has donated 136 units of blood since her first donation in the 1970s, when she was inspired to donate by a family member who needed surgery. With Schwent are Keshia Harris, a Red Cross blood technician, and Tiffani Cole, blood drive coordinator. The next drive at the Chester Legion is February 19. Photo by Jim Beers.