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#### **School** about to start

District 32 begins class Wednesday; others start a little later.

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

This week marks the beginning of the new school year for the majority of the children in Perry County, with the lion's share of youths enrolled at Perry County School District 32.

Tomorrow, faculty and staff for the campus that serves kindergarten through grade 12 will be welcoming back an expected 2,320 students who enrolled for the 2013-14 school year.

New District 32 School Superintendent Scott Ireland, who assumed leadership of the school district in July, said employees have been working hard all summer and he expects his first year in Perryville to be full of positive things.

"I am very excited about the start to a new school year," Ireland said. "Positive change is always a good thing. Being a part of the Perry County School District is a very positive change for my family and

"The staff has worked extremely hard over the summer in preparation for this day. The possibilities are endless for our students'

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 **United in Christ Lutheran School**

Also beginning classes on Wednesday will be students at United In Christ Lutheran School in Frohna. The private parochial school is under the leadership of principal Cheryl Honoree, and will welcome 123 students from preschool

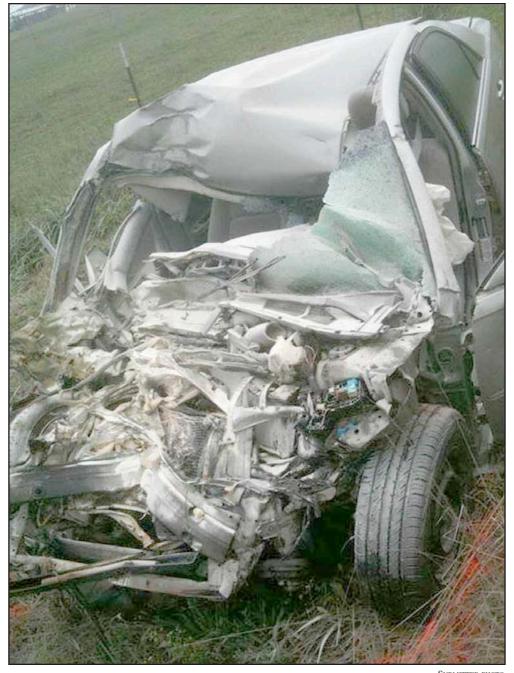
through 8th grade. "This represents a 7 percent increase over last year's enrollment, and a 15 percent increase as UCLS begins its third year of operation," Honoree said. "New for this year is an expansion of our preschool program. We are opening a second classroom to accommodate the increased enrollment, as well as hiring additional personnel. It is very exciting to see our school grow in this way."

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 15 St. Vincent schools

St. Vincent President of Schools, Pat Hensley, said several new teachers have joined the staff at St. Vincent High and Elementary schools, including first grade teacher Terrie Larose,

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#### TRAGEDY COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE



The 2004 Honda Accord driven by Lucas Shrum was unrecognizable after a head-on collision with a semi truck last September. Shrum essentially walked away from the accident thanks in part to an airbag manufactured at TG Missouri, where his father Darrell has been employed for nearly 25 years.

# Dad's TG airbag help to save his son

When Lucas Shrum was involved in a horrific accident last year, an airbag made at TG helped to save his life.

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

TGMO employee Darrell Shrum said he knew the airbags manufactured at the local automotive plant saved lives, but he had no idea one day the life saved would be his own son, Lucas Shrum.

Darrell who lives in Patton, has worked for TGMO for 24 years, and is currently a supervisor over injection molding where fabricated automobile parts are made, including airbags like the one in Lucas car that played an essential role in saving his life last fall when a collision brought the duo together a way they never imagined.

In September of last year, 19-year-old Lucas, also of Patton, was driving home in his 2004 Toyota Camry when he was involved in a head-on collision with a tractortrailer truck.

"The accident happened on Highway 72, about a mile east of Meadow Heights School," Lucas said. "I was driving home from college and accidently fell asleep. I crossed the centerline and collided head on with a semi-truck."

The tractor-trailer had actually ran over the top of the Lucas's compact car, and Dar-



rell believes the airbag manufactured in the plant where he's worked for nearly a quarter century prevented his son from flying forward through the windshield which would have caused more serious injury or even death.

Darrell, who also serves as a volunteer firefighter and first responder, knew the second he got the call that night that it had to be his son involved in the accident.

"I looked at the clock, and I knew when the call went out it was my boy," Darrell said. "I arrived on scene, and another firefighter came up to my truck, and said, 'It's Luke,' and I said, 'I know, let's get to it.' I always wondered what I would do if one of my family members involved in an accident.

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# **Airplane** factory strike is possible

Negotiations between Sabreliner and Teamsters were postponed Friday with no agreement.

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A new contract is under negotiation for the union representing much of Sabreliner Corporation's workforce, and a union vote to accept or deny the contract is expected this week, which could lead to a strike.

Friday, the current contract expired between Sabreliner and union representative Local Teamster 600. After a day of new contract negotiations, both parties agreed to a weeklong extension of the current con-

Local Teamster 600 President Larry Tinker said a union vote is expected this week on the new contract terms, but a date has yet to be set.

"We're waiting on final [contract] language from Sabreliner," said Dave Bruckerhoff, trustee and business representative for

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#### Strikes not uncommon

Last Sabreliner strike was in 2005, and another was in 1986.

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This is not the first time Sabreliner has clashed with members of the Teamster Local 600. At midnight on Aug. 26, 2005, 169 workers from facilities in Perryville, Ste. Genevieve and St. Mary went on strike when contract negotiations between the corporation and the union fell apart.

Prior to that strike, workers hadn't picketed since 1986.

In 2005, striking employees included aircraft technicians, painters, wood and sheet metal workers, maintenance mechanics, janitors and warehouse personnel.

Despite what Sabreliner executives considered to be some of the best-compensation for hourly employees in Southeast Missouri, with union employees being offered an hourly pay of \$19.63 with a top of \$20.76 per hour for the first year of employment, with an increase of 50 cents an hour for each year of the four-year agreement, the contract was rejected by workers in 2005 by a vote of 112-45.

Workers rejected portions of that particular contract which called for a switch from a defined pension plan to a 401(k), higher healthcare costs and the fact that new employees hired after the contract's ratification date would not be eligible for top end

Less than a week after picketing began, Teamster 600 members and Sabreliner executives were able to come to agreeable terms, with the new contract voted in 100-

Teamster 600 Trustee and Business Representative David Bruckerhoff said to the best of his knowledge there have been no

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#### Contract

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Teamster Local 600, Monday morning. "Then we can vote. We're supposed to get the language by this evening."

If Sabreliner's final offer does not meet its union's needs, a strike could occur, according to several people involved with the process.

"The company, in my opinion, is in financial distress," said a Sabreliner union worker who wished to remain anonymous. "There's little to no work. This always makes the situation somewhat volatile."

Bruckerhoff said it's "a little bit too early" to say a strike is a possibility, particularly because the union has yet to vote on the new contract terms.

The union worker said he's seen past strikes among the company's union, some due to unfavorable contract terms. Concerning the newest contract, the employee said there is no overriding reason Sabreliner's union would find its terms unaccommodating — it's very much based on individual

"Each individual has his own opinions and reasons for accepting the contract terms." the union worker said. "Most people feel that our seniority is a big issue. Others feel



Sabreliner Corporation has extended their union workers' current contract until Friday of this week until negotiations for a new contract can be worked out and voted on. A vote is expected this week, though a date is unknown.

it's vacation time. Others say insurance. It just varies from individual to individual."

Sabreliner Vice President of Business Development Steve Sperry said Friday that during contract negotiations, strikes are a possible outcome, "but it's way too early to predict."

The union worker said these negotiations can lead to three outcomes.

"There's three options that you have when your contract date has expired," said the union worker Friday after the conclusion of the contract negotiation session. "You do

an extension, you vote on the company's proposal and with that, you have a possibility of a strike, or you accept the proposal. It seems to me that the people who are negotiating did not feel that, at this point in time, it was something that we would accept. They will continue to work

This particular contract has come on the heels of a litany of layoffs Sabreliner has experienced in the last year.

Since November 2012, the corporation has seen a reduction of 250 employees, though not all are due to layoffs (some involve retirement or they leave for other job opportunities).

The last bout of layoffs hit Sabreliner June 12, when a total of 56 union and salarybased employees were let go from the company's four lo-

Of those 56 employees,

ryville facility, 17 of which were union workers. The remaining 12 were salarybased positions.

In June, Sperry cited lack of federal work as the driving factor behind job loss. The bulk of Sabreliner's work comes through government defense spending and 90 to 95 percent of sales are generated through the federal government, he said.

"There's been a slowdown in defense spending on a whole, as the sequester is forcing all government agencies to make decisions they might not otherwise," Sperry said in June.

However, Sperry said the aviation industry has seen an increase in the amount of requested project quotes from the federal government, but with one drawback.

"We haven't seen a lot of work awarded," he said in June. "But the asking alone could hopefully mean [work] will come back at some point."

In June, Sperry said if suggested work is awarded, Sabreliner would begin to hire its employees back. Last Friday, he quoted a handful of re-hires since then.

"We actually hired half a dozen hourly workers since [the last layoff]," he said Friday. "We are working on contracts that we already had. We're waiting to hear from companies we've teamed up with or the government itself. The good news is that we haven't lost any work, but we also haven't seen it awarded."

Currently, roughly 80-90 union workers remain among all Sabreliner locations (which include Perryville, Ste. Genevieve, St. Mary and

Though work is slowly coming in, money in the company is still tight. Vendors for the company, who supply materials to accommodate work, are not getting paid, at least not right now.

"We are slow in paying our vendors," Sperry said Friday. "I can't predict when we'll have everyone paid off, but we do intend to pay our vendors off in whole. We have every intention of doing it, but it's been a slow time for us.'

Sperry said he couldn't comment on how many vendors still need to be paid.

#### **Strike**

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instances of strike at Sabreliner that have lasted longer than one week.

He said that roughly every four years the union contract with the corporation is reviewed.

"The last time contract negotiations occurred with Sabreliner was 2009," Bruckerhoff said. "The initial contract offered was declined, and an extension was given for three days. The second offer was accepted by the union. No strike occurred."

Sabreliner has been one of Perry County's largest employers for three decades. The company's flagship facility adjacent to the Perryville Municipal Airport was purchased from Rockwell International in 1983, and boasts more than 200,000 square feet under roof. It is the company's largest and most comprehensive aircraft repair and maintenance facility.

Other locations include Ste. Genevieve, St. Mary's and corporate headquarters in St. Louis County.

2010 saw a promise of prosperity for the corporation when the flagship location in Perry County added a 32,000-square-foot state of the art painting facility, which was expected to expand the company's catalog of possible customers.

The paint hangar came with a \$7 million price tag, with the state of Missouri

awarding more than \$5 million in potential economic incentives to support the project, which would allow the company to enlarge its painting and stripping operations to service more and bigger aircraft.

The expansion was expected to create 400 new jobs over the next five years, but the expected government work never came to fruition, with Sabreliner executives saying the sequestration that went into effect earlier this year played a major role in the company's economic downturn, since the majority of the company's work came from government contracts.

"We are feeling the sequestration," said Steve Sperry, Sabreliner vice president of business development in March.

"It is no secret that 80 to 90 percent of the work we do comes from defense contracts, and less defense spending by the government



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means less work for us."

November of last year marked the beginning of what would become major downsizing, with roughly 180 members from the Teamster Local 600 being furloughed. In March of 2013, an additional 80 teamsters were sidelined.

Sperry said he hoped that would be the last of the cuts, saying the workforce at that time was down to a "bare minimum," but by mid June of this year, another 56 workers were laid off.

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## Snake, 'pets' stolen from store

Also stolen from Jungle Gem was cash, an alligator and several large lizards.

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An estimated \$1,000-worth of animals were stolen from Jungle Gems Pets in Perryville, some time between Saturday evening and Tuesday morning.

Perryville Police Chief Direk Hunt said the burglary occurred some time after the shop, located on 8 N. French Lane, closed Saturday evening at 6 p.m., until the time they re-opened on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. (the shop is closed Sundays and Mondays).

Stolen was a dumeril boa snake, an Alexandrian parrot, an

American alligator, an African fat-tail gecko, a Tokay gecko and three baby bearded dragons.

Jungle Gems employee Casie Sample said roughly \$70 in cash and \$20 in change was taken from the register, which was severely damaged.

Employees arrived to work Tuesday morning to find the animals missing.

"It was very shocking yester-day," Sample said Wednesday. "I've been here two years now. Nothing like this has ever happened in the time I've been here. People are sick."

Sample said she and other employees are hoping the culprit is caught so they can retrieve the stolen animals.

"We're going to try and get the

animals back," she said Wednesday. "Although they're replaceable, some of the ones they took are not as easy to replace."

Tuesday morning, after employees realized no cash was in the drawer to use for sales that day, Sample posted a sign on the door that read, "Only taking exact

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# Man dies in wreck

Car accident on Highway 51 claims one life, another seriously hurt.

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One Chester man was killed and another sustained serious injuries Tuesday during a head-on collision on Highway 51 north at approximately 4:55 p.m.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Nathan Perez, 34, was traveling northbound on Highway 51 when he crossed the center line into the path of southbound traveler Gary Rednour, 48, of Chester.

The accident occurred north of Perry

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# Sabreliner vote is today

Teamster union members will vote at Perry Park Center to accept contract or refuse it.

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The union representing many workers at Sabreliner Corporation will vote at the Perry Park Center on new contract terms today at 4 p.m., either deciding to accept or deny the corporation's final offer, according to a member of Teamster Local 600.

Last Friday, the union's current contract expired between Sabreliner and Teamster Local 600. After a day of new contract negotiations, both parties agreed to a weeklong extension of the current contract.

Today, union members representing all four Sabreliner locations will vote on the terms.

Trustee and Business Representative for Teamster Local 600, Dave Bruckerhoff, said last week that it was "a little bit too early" to say a strike is a possibility.

An anonymous union worker for Sabreliner said he's seen past strikes among the company's union, some due to unfavorable contract terms.

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#### THE BATTLE AGAINST SPORTS HEAD INJURIES



FILE PHOTO

In the game of football, opposing players collide, and sometimes those collisions lead to head-to-head contact, as shown above in a game last year. Coaches, administrators and local health officials have upped their game in recognizing and treating concussions.

# Concussions

## Coaches are more aware than ever in recognizing head injuries

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

High school athletes from across the region returned to their practice fields this week, and they did so with a clearer understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of sports-related concussions.

A concussion is defined as a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head that can interfere with normal brain function. Concussions can also occur from a fall or a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth.

Although health care professionals may describe a concussion as a "mild" brain injury because they are not usually life-threatening, the lasting effects of concussion can be very serious and should be taken seriously, according to

the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The CDC also reports that each year, an estimated 173,285 children with sports or recreation-related traumatic brain injuries (including concussions) are treated in emergency rooms across the country, and over the last decade, these types of injuries have increased by 60 percent. The activities most associated with traumatic brain injury include football, soccer and basketball, with the highest instance of injury occurring in males who play football, and in girls' soccer.

In August of 2011, Missouri became one of 43 states to pass a law regarding concussions in youth and high school sports programs since 2009, when the state of Washington became the first by

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The outside of a Perryville High School Pirate helmet, and what the inside of a modern-day helmet looks like.

# Coach: Head injury care getting better

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Perryville High School's Head Football Coach Mike Wojtczuk, who is beginning 20th season as a football coach this year, said he's seen a dra-

matic step in the right direction in recent years regarding how football players with head injuries are diagnosed and treated.

Wojtczuk, who spent eight years as defensive lineman prior to becoming a coach, has first-hand



Mike Wojtczuk

experience the affects of hard-hitting football can have on the brain. He, along with his coaching staff, have attended numerous conferences gaining up-to-date information about concussions in football and how best to ensure their players aren't sidelined with a brain injury.

"I can tell you, and so will a lot of other coaches from my age group, that it's a lot different now. There is more attention brought to head injury," he said. "So much more research has been done, and it is not something to be ignored."

Which, according to Wojtczuk, is a far cry from the football mentality he grew up in.

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# Sabreliner contract is rejected

Company, union are now involved in re-negotiation of proposed contract.

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Contract negotiations are once again in motion after Sabreliner Corporation's union workforce voted "no" unanimously last Thursday to the corporation's "last and final" contract terms.

Union members from Teamster Local 600 voted last Thursday 89-0 not to accept new contract terms, but less than 24 hours later, both parties agreed to re-enter negotiations and extend the union's current contract until this Saturday.

This will be the 10th negotiation session between both entities in a little more than a

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# Woman falls into a sinkhole

Woman sustains minor injuries after being trapped under ATV in sinkhole.

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A Ste. Genevieve woman sustained minor injuries last Thursday after being trapped inside a sinkhole underneath an allterrain vehicle.

Mary Crowell, 28, was traveling in the ATV with driver Michael Kohlfeld, of Perry County, at about 3 p.m. to check for compliance of food plots planted on Kohlfeld's property. Crowell is an employee with the Missouri Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"[Kohlfeld] had some food plots, and [Crowell] was with him to make sure they were all in compliance," said Perry County Sheriff Gary Schaaf.

Schaaf said the grass they were traveling through was tall and Kohlfield didn't see the sinkhole. Biehle Fire Chief Bernie Hoernig said the ATV ran into the sinkhole, and Crowell was thrown from the vehicle.

"She actually slipped down into the hole and the ATV fell after her," Hoernig said.

Hoernig said the ATV was covering the majority of the sinkhole's opening, and there was only 20 inches of space to pull Crowell out.

"Our men couldn't get down [through that space], so we ended up lowering a rope down to her and she tied it to herself," he said. "We pulled her out that way."

Hoernig said she was trapped in the sinkhole for roughly an hour, from the moment she landed into the hole until the time responders retrieved her.

The chief said it was difficult for responders to reach the sinkhole, due to high weeds and brush; difficult enough for ambulance personnel to park the ambulance on the road and drive an ATV through the fields to reach the hole.

"We had to be guided into the spot," Hoernig said. "We would've never found her otherwise."

Crowell was transported to Perry County Memorial Hospital with non-disabling injuries, Sheriff Schaaf said. Hoernig said Kohlfeld did not appear to be injured.

#### A TRAGIC DEATH



PHOTO BY AMANDA LAYTO

State and local law enforcement officials work to reconstruct the scene of an accident Saturday evening in the parking lot of Winkler Wrecker Service that claimed the life of the towing company's owner Mike Schmidt, who died from injuries he suffered when he was struck by a tractor-trailer while attempting to change a tire.

### Man killed by semi-truck

#### Mike Schmidt owned Winkler Wrecker Service

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obituary

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

Memorial services begin today for the owner of a Perryville wrecker service who was killed Saturday afternoon when he was run over by a semi-tractor in the parking lot of his business.

Michael Schmidt, 57, of Perryville, was pronounced dead at Perry County Memorial Hospital shortly before 6 p.m. as a result of injuries he suffered when he was struck

Michael Schmidt

operator of the business for more than 15 years.

According to Detective Ryan Worthington with the Perryville Police Department, the accident is still under investigation, with few details being released at this time.

"Because a fatality was involved, this accident is still

volved, this accident is still under investigation, so specific details are not yet available," Worthington said Sunday.

Police dispatch received an emergency call around 4:48 p.m., reporting an individual had been struck by a semi and was seriously injured in the parking lot of the Winkler Wrecking Service, located at 510 W. St. Joseph Street, according to the detective.

The Perryville Police and Fire Department, along with the Missouri State Highway patrol, responded to the scene.

"Mike was getting ready to change a tire on the semi when he was hit," Worthington said. "The specifics of the accident are still to be determined."

The victim was transported by ambulance to Perry County Memorial Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Perryville Assistant Police

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Photo by Amanda Keefe

Pictured is just a small portion of the tires collected during the one-time-only scrap tire collection Saturday, where Perry Countians could dispose of unwanted tires to eventually be recycled.

# Mountain of tires is collected

Almost 14,000 tires turned in from residents of Perry Co.

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In just eight hours Saturday, almost 14,000 unwanted tires were accumulated during the one-time scrap tire collection at the Perry County Roads and Bridges build-

Perry Countians poured in throughout the day, whether in a simple pickup or a large loading truck, to dump their tires onto an ever-growing pile that will eventually be recycled.

Volunteers for Saturday's event included county commissioners, the Missouri Stream Team, county workers, members of Perryville Public Works, the Perry County Recycling Board, Kenny Williams Excavation and two high school sports teams.

Though the collection ran from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., coordinator Shirley Pelker said a slew of vehicles were lined up and ready to go an hour before the collection began.

"At six this morning, people were lined up already," she said. "By 6:30

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#### **Tires**

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a.m., we had a full lot."

Friday, the lot was reserved for area residents who boasted 200 or more tires to dispose of a day early.

During the event Saturday, Missouri Stream Team also spent the day removing tires from local creeks and streams. Pelker said the team collected just over 900 tires.

Requirements to rid of tires over the weekend included a valid ID, a tax receipt and an approximate amount of tires being brought in.

Perry County landowner Bob Wibbenmeyer was waiting for months to get rid of his tires.

"I was watching for it," he said. "I knew about the one in Ste. Gen last year, and was glad to see Perry County was looking to do it. I'm just glad to be able to have a place to go with all of them."

Wibbenmeyer cleaned out a ditch on his property, collecting 34 tires to dispose of Saturday.

Perry County Commissioner Carl "Topper" Leukel got his hands dirty with the rest of the volunteers Saturday, and was proud to be apart of it.

"I think we did a good thing for the county," he said. "This will help with the grotto sculpin issue, with sinkholes and just with general clean-up."

Pelker and Leukel said it was a bit chaotic in the

**Schmidt** 

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Chief Bill Jones said he,

along with other members

of the local emergency de-

partments, are saddened



PHOTO BY AMANDA KEEFE

Members of Perryville High School's football team move tires from a bulldozer to the back of a pickup truck Saturday. The football team was just one group of many volunteering during the one-time-only scrap tire collection Saturday for Perry County.

pouring in by the dozens. But, by midday, they agreed it became a smooth opera-

"Once we got control of

Months ago, when Pelker first suggested organizing a tire collection, she cited three motives behind the event: the clean-up is free through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; it adheres perfectly to the community plan to prevent critical habitat; and

at the loss of Schmidt, cit-

ing the many years police

and fire department repre-

sentatives have coordinated

with the wrecking company

owner for the removal of

various automobiles from

accident scenes.

county commissioners ap-

"It turned out to be perfect timing," Pelker said in

All collected tires will now be sent to a Jefferson City prison, where inmates will shred the tires for wholesale, to be reused

"It makes it hard, and

affects the members of the

police and fire departments

very deeply, when some-

thing like this happens to

someone they know and

have worked with as much

as we have with Mike over

in other forms. Saturday's event was co-sponsored by the Perry County Soil and Water District.

Because the event is onetime only, Pelker and others behind the event are still encouraging environmentally friendly practices.

"Now it's our job to keep our county clean," read a handout that every participant received Saturday. "Do the right thing! Always recycle tires through your tire dealer."

Pelker said for every tire purchased, recycle one in

#### Deaths

#### **Schmidt**

PERRYVILLE

Michael Franklin Schmidt Sr., 57, of Perryville died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 as a result of an accident in Perryville.

He was born June 25, 1956 in Perryville, the son of Franklin "Dutch" and Zita (Schrenk) Schmidt. He married Jeannie A. Vaeth

on July 12, 1980. She survives in Perryville. Survivors include his wife, Jeannie Schmidt of Perryville; his mother, Zita

Schmidt of Perryville; one son, Michael F. Schmidt, Jr. and special friend Kindra of Perryville; two daughters, Melissa (Josh) Ponder and Brittany Schmidt and special friend Craig, all of Perryville; one grandson, Brody Ponder who was Paw Paw's Buddy; two brothers, Mark "Pete" Schmidt and Ronald Schmidt, both of Perryville; three sisters, Janet Miller, Karen Schindler, and Terry Mattingly, all of Perryville.

Mike was the owner/operator of Winkler Wrecker Service in Perryville. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and also Sons of the American Legion Post 133.

He was preceded in death by his father, Franklin "Dutch" Schmidt.

Memorials are preferred to family choice.

Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Miller Family Funeral Home in Perryville. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 6:30 a.m.-time of service. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Miller Family Funeral Home with Rev. Milton Ryan, C.M. officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope

Miller Family Funeral Home provided arrangements.

From Page 1A month's time, set to occur early this week.

"The union requested an extension, and the company agreed to it," said Sabreliner's attorney James Foster Saturday. "The decision was made through various correspondence between both parties, like phone calls, emails, letters, etc."

Teamster Local 600 President Larry Tinker said last Thursday's vote was a "direct result of the failure of Sabreliner Corporation to bargain in good faith with Local 600."

"Asserting that [Sabreliner] is engaging in badfaith bargaining is union code for 'the company is not giving us what we want," said Foster Friday before re-negotiations ensued.

In a prepared statement, Tinker said last Thursday that Sabreliner has committed "numerous, unfair labor practices during the course of contract negotiations, in violation of the National Labor Relations Act." Tinker would not comment on details of suggested practices.

"We have abided by

the law," Foster said in response. "And we'll continue to do so. Also, the company asked [Teamster] to detail those allegations, because the company did, in fact, bargain in good faith with them up to the point that the employees voted to reject the final offer."

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Tinker said that during negotiations, Sabreliner "pulled a number of very important items from its previous proposals off the table," dubbing it regressive bargaining.

They took away things they previously offered," he said.

Foster said negotiations normally involve give-andtake. "Both parties are free to engage in that give-andtake process," he said. Foster said Sabreliner made a fair offer, and that it includes salary increases.

Teamster union members make up much of the employee base at Sabreliner's facilities, including Perryville, Ste. Genevieve, St. Mary and Clayton.

Moments after the vote last Friday, union worker Curt Buerck had only one thing to say: "United we stand, divided we fall ... and we are united."

The extension ends at midnight, Saturday.

with vehicles health hazards if not properly disposed.

tion.

it, it has worked out very well," Luekel said.

scrap tires can pose serious

Ironically, Pelker and

plied for the opportunity to have the tire cleanup a year ago, well before U.S. Fish and Wildlife arrived with the proposal to list the grotto sculpin as endangered.

a previous interview.

the years," Jones said. "Our thoughts are with his family at this time."

Visitations will be held tonight at Miller Funeral Home from 5-9 p.m., with funeral services being held Wednesday at 10 a.m.

#### **Smith**

From Page 4A and we love hunting. It's not worth the fight for me to vote against it ... The bill is completely unconstitutional, so the courts are going to have to throw

Politicians like Lieb and Funderburk sound good when they tell the world that the federal government will never stomp on our right to bear arms. But actually, the federal government isn't attacking our right to bear arms. President Barack Obama tried to push such legislation through Congress in April, but the U.S. Senate soundly defeated his bill (and most senate members are Democrats)

Obama used the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting as his basis in his battle against gun violence by reducing gun ownership. He was wrong, and he lost.

Funderburk, ironically, is also using the Sandy

Elementary tragedy as a basis for part of his bill, the portion that says the names of gun owners can't be published. "This was brought forth to prevent another situation like what happened after the Sandy Hook tragedy," he said. "A newspaper (in New Jersey) of people with conceal/ carry licenses of an entire county."

Funderburk might have a point ... if we lived in New Jersey. But here in Missouri the list of conceal/ carry licenses is concealed; it'll never be published.

But the language in the bill doesn't say it'll be illegal to publish the name of residents with conceal/ carry licenses. Instead, it says, "No person or entity shall publish the name, address, or other identifying information of any individual who owns a firearm ...'

How many times does this newspaper print the names of firearm owners? Dozens of times, in every issue — survivors listed in

horses at the ranch. During

an obituary, or quotes from a city politician, or a story about a star quarterback, they all might be gun owners. We know a person who has just shot someone to death is a gun owner, as is a teen that's just bagged his first deer. Under provisions of Funderburk's bill, this ould all be illegal.

Even if we decided to print the names of all gun owners in Perry County, that information isn't available. "Realistically speaking, there is no list of Perry County gun owners," said Perry County Sheriff Gary Schaaf.

Another portion of House Bill 436 deals with the protection of students in schools, and lays out a plan of how school districts can designate "school protection officers," people who would be trained to carry concealed weapons on school campuses. Some of this, I believe, has merit, but it also could be chal-

lenged in court. Overall, the bill should be thrown out. Why wait

until the bill is challenged in court, a process that will cost the taxpayers of this state, and taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for mistakes their elected officials make in writing a crappy bill.

"This statute was poorly written and the veto of the governor was good sense. said attorney Jean Maneke, who represents the Missouri Press Association. "It is not a Democrat or Republican issue. It's a good government issue. It's a common sense issue. This one needs a do-over."

I agree. A new bill should be written that does some real good without Missouri violating the U.S. Constitution. In the meantime, Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of House Bill 436 is the right decision, and his veto should not be overridden.

(Tay Smith is the editor and publisher of the Republic-Monitor. Email him at tsmith@perryvillenews. com.)

#### House

From Page 4A which would in turn keep grocery bills lower for Missouri families.

Our rural district is home to many unique small businesses that are truly the backbone of our economy. In Mansfield I spent time working at Engrave-A-Crete during my tour. Although the company is famous for their decorative concrete projects, they have also tapped into a niche market of manufacturing urban chicken houses that are sold nationwide. I worked with the crew at Engrave-A-Crete to completely assemble one of the chicken houses.

Nestled into the hills of the Ozarks is the tiny village of Rockbridge and the Rainbow Trout and Game Ranch. People come from far and wide to fish, hunt and ride

my time working at Rockbridge I helped serve dinner during the evening rush. I met folks not only from the Show-Me State but also from surrounding states who were enjoying the outdoors at Rockbridge. The Rainbow Trout and Game Ranch is a perfect example of a family owned business that provides jobs in our rural district and also attracts business to our Too often politicians in

Washington lose sight of

Charley Tinsley

the people they represent. When you elected me to be your voice in Congress a few months ago, I promised myself that I would never forget the challenges families are facing back home in Missouri. My Work-A-Day Tour was a reminder that Washington is not the answer to the problems facing our nation. The solution to our biggest challenges will always be the spirit and commitment to freedom that resides in each American.

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### Teamsters agree to Sabreliner terms

On Saturday, union members accept company's contract terms in a 78-11 vote.

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Teamster Local 600 accepted Sabreliner Corporation's new contract terms last Saturday, after more than a month of negotiations between both parties.

Union members voted 78 yes,

11 no, to the terms Saturday vastly different than their vote a week before, where all 89 members voted unanimously to reject Sabreliner's "last and final offer."

The word "strike" was on the tip of some union member's tongues, but a day after the unanimous rejection, both parties agreed to re-negotiation and a weeklong extension of the current

"We used the bargaining pro-

cess to reach an agreement that's satisfactory to both the corporation and its union employees," said Susan Aselage, president and vice chairman of Sabreliner, in a press release.

Teamster President Larry Tinker said three days of negotiation ensued during the extension, and to his pleasure, were much longer than previous negotiation sessions, where some lasted just 20 minutes.

"They were long days, and we were pooped at the end of it," Tinker said. "I think we were all kind of worn out, but we came to an agreement in the end."

Tinker would not relay details of the new contract, which went into effect Saturday after the union voted to accept it.

'By 11:30 a.m. [Saturday], the union let the company know that the new contract was ratified," said Sabreliner Corporation's at-

Since early July, more than 10 negotiation sessions have occurred between both parties, and Aug. 16 saw the first of two votes by the union, where the unanimous rejection occurred. Last Saturday was the second and final vote, where Tinker said the union "overwhelmingly" accepted the

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### Woman guilty in skimming operation

Illegal credit card operation stretched from Baltimore, Md., to Perryville.

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

Virginia woman was found guilty of federal charges last week for her role in a credit card skimming operation in which she and two accomplices traveled from Baltimore, Md., to Missouri for the purpose of using counterfeit credit cards to buy ciga-

Aug. 21, Lisa D. Paige, 43, of Alexandria, Va., was found guilty following a twoday jury trial at the Federal Court House in Cape Girardeau of one felony count of Using a Counterfeit Device (Count I), and one felony count of Possession of 15 or More Counterfeit Access Devices (Count

Judge Carol E. Jackson presided over the case where seven witnesses testified for the prosecution. This case was investigated by the Perryville Police Department and the United States Secret Service. Assistant United States Attorney H. Morley Swingle handled the prosecution.

The case began when a credit card number of a Michigan resident was used in Perryville. According to testimony heard in court, a Battle Creek, Mich., resident contacted the Perryville Police Department on Nov. 23, 2012, stating he had been contacted by his credit card company, and informed of charges that had been placed on his credit card from Perryville. The resident stated the use of his credit card was without his consent and also told the officer the charges were all placed on that credit card on that same day. Each charge was made at Barnes Mart convenience store.

Patrolman David Craig went to the Barnes Mart a few minutes after receiving this information and spoke with the station owner, who was able to confirm that two men had been in his store at around 9:30 a.m. that same morning and had purchased five cartons of cigarettes.

The officer reviewed the store's security

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#### **ELDER OLYMPIANS**



Bill Cannon, 83, was quite the livewire Friday afternoon, mingling and teasing with all the other participants of the 13th annual Senior Games, held Wednesday through Saturday last week. Cannon, of Ballwin, Mo., has never missed the Perryville Senior games, and participates in nearly every activity.

## Senior Games a big hit

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In its 13th year, the Perryville Senior Games saw a total of 91 participants turn out for the four-day event that tested their strength, agility, accuracy and sportsmanship.

Events this year for those 50 and up included, but was not limited to, bowling, various throwing competitions, swimming, basketball, multiple track relays, shuffleboard, table tennis and, new this year, disc golf.

One man, who was nothing short of energetic, lively and who certainly

didn't act his age, said he's participated in every senior games Perryville has sponsored.

"I've been to every one since they opened up," said Bill Cannon, 83, of Ballwin, Mo. "I knew Art (the man be-

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#### Perry Countians come out in droves to help Brody Bohnert

Over \$5,000 is raised at Park-et in one day of serving donors a meal.

By Amanda Layton alayton@perryvillenews.com

The Bohnert family reaffirmed they live in a community that cares last week when a fundraiser held at Park-et restaurant for their toddler, who is battling cancer, raised more than \$5,000 for the family in a single day.

Two-year-old Brody Bohnert, son of Brent and Jody Bohnert, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia about four months ago, and the couple is expected to spend the next five years traveling back and forth to St. Louis while their little boy receives treatment for his cancer, then attend follow-up visits with pediatric oncologists, a situation that could put a

real financial strain on most households.

"We want the community to know how grateful and thankful we are for the outpouring of prayers, support, words of encouragement and love that we have received and have continued to receive every day. We are very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful supportive community and be surrounded by family and friends that have joined Brody in his fight," mom Jody said.

Last Wednesday, Park-et restaurant, where Brody's dad Brent once worked, dedicated a day to raise money for the family, donating 10 percent of all sales and 15 percent of tips collected to the Bohnerts. They also offered a "Brody Special," of Mickey Mouse pancakes with a side of bacon, or a plate of spaghetti,

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Little Brody Bohnert stopped by Park-et last week where the employees rallied for a fundraiser for the little boy who was diagnosed with cancer four months ago. The restaurant raised more than \$5,000 for the Bohnert family in a single day.



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Jack Skilling competes in the backstroke portion of the swim activities Friday during the 13th annual Senior Games in Perryville.

#### Games

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hind the original senior games). I was so impressed with the organization of it all, and I had never seen such a great facility [like the park center]."

Even before the senior games kick-started in 2000, Cannon was no stranger to Perryville.

"I've been coming to Perryville as a salesman for years," he said.

The event is also known for its annual banquet, and in the event's first year (and first banquet), Cannon gave a speech on its successes. It was so good, he said, that organizers requested a copy of it. "But it was all in my head and my heart! I meant every word," he said.

Cannon said he's best at the various swimming competitions, but isn't afraid to dabble in just about everything the Perryville Senior Games have to offer, including free-throw basketball, of which he admitted he wasn't the greatest at.

After taking several shots in a row, he said with a laugh, "How many more do I have to do?!"

He said he continues to attend the annual games for the camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

"It's being able to meet and spend time with all these different people," Cannon said. "It's a good feeling, and it's fun."

Cannon walked away this year with more than a dozen medals of gold, silver and bronze.

Another veteran to the senior games, Mike Sappington, is a former U.S. Marine who has participated consecutively the last 11 years. He doesn't take much note of most of the activities offered; no, he's strictly here for the swimming.

"I swim at about 14 different meets a year," said Sappington, 61, of St. Louis. "It's one of the few things I can still do competitively."

Sappington used to be a competitive rugby player and wrestler, but after breaking his hips, neck and back, he had to put it aside. However, swimming still allows him to stay active.

"Swimming isn't based on anybody's opinion. It's based on who makes it back first. That gives me good odds," he said with a wink.

As of Friday, Sappington said he's won only gold medals, and expected nothing less.

Perryville Park Center Leagues and Fitness Director Chad Unterreiner, main coordinator of the annual event, said he was happy with the turnout, and enjoys watching the friendly competition among participants.

"The socialization and camaraderie is just amazing," he said. "It's always uplifting. It's a lot of work to get things going, but so uplifting to see everyone year after year greeting each other with high fives and hugs. It is a competition, but a friendly one. Everyone supports each other."

#### ontract

Foster would not relav a specific year-count concerning the length of the new contract, but said it was a "multiple-term contract," suggesting enactment for

more than a year.

In the end, both parties are glad to see a positive outcome.

"It was a long, hard process, and I believe we finally came up with a contract that is good for our members and good for the company," Tinker said. "We realized that

[Sabreliner] is having some financial difficulties right now with the sequestration and other issues, and I think this contract will put in place some things that they can help get themselves turned around and on solid footing. We are very hopeful that this

ing but success for the company.'

Foster said this allows for promises to be kept.

"This ratification now creates an opportunity for the union to actually engage in the type of cooperation they promised in negotiations," he said.

#### Death

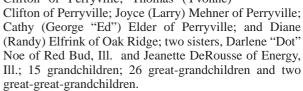
#### **Clifton**

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Laverne E. Clifton, 90, of Perryville, passed away Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013 at her

She was born Dec. 6, 1922 in Seventy-Six, the daughter of John Edward and Ruth Louise (Louveau) Rhyne.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters, James (Sharon) Clifton of Texas; Dallas (Sue) Clifton of Perryville; Michael Clifton of Perryville; Thomas (Yvonne)



Mrs. Clifton was a cook at Park-Et Restaurant for 24 years. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crosstown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Ardell LaFloure, Vernon Rhyne, and Glennon Rhyne; and five sisters, Frances Engert, Jewell Carr, Eleanor Franklin, Violet Derry, and Juanita Bova.

Memorials are preferred to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crosstown.

The funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 26 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crosstown at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mike Friesz officiating. Burial was in the church cem-

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville provided the arrangements.

#### **Bohnert**

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two of the toddler's favorite dishes, for \$5 an order with the entire proceeds being donated to the "When we decided to do

this, we didn't have a goal or expectation or really any idea of how this would turn out," Park-et manager Bev Duvall said. "We just knew we wanted to do it. That morning, Brody, Jody and Brent came in early for breakfast, and it was a perfect start to an awesome day. Brody wasn't feeling well but didn't complain. He's such a tough little boy. Emotions filled the building immediately and never left until it was over. There was excitement, so much love, concern and caring throughout the whole day. It was unbelievable. I was here from 4:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. but it was well worth

Duvall said the breakfast rush was steady but once lunchtime hit, the business was booming all the way through the dinner rush.

"It was a little overwhelming," she said. "We had 30 meals to-go to be done at the same time while trying to feed a packed house. That lasted for three hours. It's not east getting that much food out in a timely manner, and we knew people

had to get back to work. The cooks and servers did an awesome job, and the customers and employees were very patient which helped make the day successful."

Clifton

Duvall said more than 200 "Brody Specials" were sold.

"It was a little entertaining to see adults eating Mickey Mouse pancakes," Duvall said. "The community was very generous with donations. My daughter went to school with Brent, and their class has always been close so I knew we would have a good response from the class of 2000. We had some people ate here three times that day."

Gray T-Shirts, customized with a decal of boxing gloves and the phrase "Brody's Fight Club," were also sold to members of the community who came by to support the

"We also sold 60 shirts but that wasn't included in our \$5,000 total," Duvall said. "And we still have shirts here if anyone wants

Duvall said the day would not have been possible without the support of Park-Et owners Kevin and Brenda Esselman.

"Our thanks go out to Park-Et owners, Brenda and Kevin," she said. "Without their generosity, this would not have been possible."

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video. The owner pointed

out the two men on the

video who made the pur-

chases. The security video

also showed one of the men

purchasing gas at the pump

and swiping several credit

cards until one was accepted

at the pump. The other man

entered the store and pur-

chased the cigarettes. Police

located the suspects' vehicle

in the parking lot at Comfort Inn in Perryville. Police were directed to the sus-

pects' room, where the two men from the surveillance video were found. They were identified as Mamadou A. Sall and Faisal D. Elmi.

Paige, a third occupant in the

room, arrived shortly after.

Naeger

drinkable yogurt.

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Along with these five

health habits, don't forget

your kids: vitamins. When you come into the store, I

can advise you about this.

an insurance policy for

Guilty

Jeep revealed 25 counterfeit

credit cards. Officers then

searched the hotel room,

locating an additional 112

room search was a Hewlett

Packard laptop attached to

a mini magnetic stripe card

reader/writer and a thumb

drive containing roughly

1,000 credit card numbers

that were found to be pur-

chased by the suspects on-

line from individuals selling

stolen credit card numbers

in batches over the Internet.

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Sall and Elmi have pled 23. The sentencing date for guilty, and are scheduled Paige has not yet been de-

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