

Hook, Line and Sinker

With Tony Hooker

An early deadline, coupled with covering two tournaments, has led to my decision to run a "best of" column this week. I chose one that is close to my heart. I'll be back with my regular rambblings in the 01/09 edition. ---Tony

Before home games, at the stadium that bears his name, Nile Kinnick's 1939 Heisman Trophy acceptance speech is read to an enraptured audience.

"I would like, if I may, to make a comment which I think is appropriate at this time. I thank God that I was born to the gridirons of the middle west and not to the battlefields of Europe. I can speak confidently and positively that the football players of this country would rather fight for the Heisman Trophy than for the Croix de Guerre."

For Kinnick, who was tragically killed during a training flight during World War II, and for thousands of other athletes who have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country, no words ring

truer. No one wants to go to war, yet millions have. To date, somewhere in the neighborhood of 1.3 million have found their final resting place, and nearly 3 million Americans have been wounded.

I can state with certainty that those folks would have much rather been roaming the gridiron, or shooting baskets or hitting home runs than to be doing what they were doing, but they answered when called.

Locally, according to the Douglas County Archive, 13 Villa Grove residents gave their lives in World War II, including John Sidell, who died aboard the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor. World War I claimed one VG casualty, Walter Jones, for whom the VFW post in town is named.

Perhaps the most famous former athlete to die in service to his country was Pat Tillman. Pat, who played college ball at Arizona State before becoming a defensive back for the Arizona Cardinals, was deeply moved by the events of 9/11. So much

so that he and his brother Kevin, who gave up a career in professional baseball to do so, enlisted in the United States Army in May of 2002, passing on a contract that was said to be worth 3.6 million dollars to do so. After attending basic training, the Tillman brothers were deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom before completing Ranger training on November 28, 2003.

Just 5 months later, Pat Tillman would be killed while conducting Operations in Afghanistan, becoming the first NFL player to die in the line of duty since Bob Kalsu was killed in Vietnam in 1970.

This Veteran's Day, I've been reminded once again of the tremendous privilege we Americans are afforded by the actions of the military. It's a privilege to get to play sports. It's a privilege to get to work out and listen to Tom Petty and write newspaper articles, and those privileges have been written in the blood and sacrifice of our Armed Forces. We should never forget. I know I won't.

Health Points: What Do you Need to Know About Your Private Septic System?

By Lana Sanstrom, LEHP
When it comes to waste generated in the bathroom or even the water from the kitchen sink, most people are just glad to have it leave their home. It seems like people are always caught at the most unexpected and vulnerable time when the urgent problem of sewage back-up occurs in their home. The last situation anyone wants is to have sewage flowing back into their house through the basement, the bathtub, a sink or from a toilet which will not drain. This back-up can occur because the septic tank is not able to empty fast enough because it is too full in the first place. It is also possibly due to the seepage field possibly being flooded by a seasonal high water table or not being sized correctly from many years ago.

A temporary fix for an overflowing septic tank can sometimes be accomplished by having the septic tank pumped which should be done every 3-5 years anyway to remove the sludge. This keeps the tank operating and gives the seepage field time to heal itself as the seasonal high water table lowers. An old system may have to be replaced, but this will buy the homeowner some time until that decision can be made.

The following is a list of some other septic system "do's and don'ts".
DO
Do have your septic system pumped out every 3 to 5 years. There are licensed pumpers who do this; contact the health department is

assistance is needed in locating one.

Do make certain your septic system is up to code. The health department has a record of most septic systems installed back to 1976 if you cannot locate yours or have no knowledge of its size or layout. When requesting information, it is helpful to have the original owner's name and have an idea of the construction date. With 911 addressing not being in use prior to the early 1990s, it is hard to determine the correct septic system paperwork with a Rural Route # or directions to a house 2 houses east of "the old school house"! Keep a drawing of your septic system for reference for when emergencies arise.

Do conserve water to prevent overload to your system. A leaky faucet can cause too much water to flood your septic system.

Do know the procedures for making repairs or remodeling your system. In Douglas County, to renovate your septic system, you MUST have a permit.

DON'T
Do NOT use a garbage disposal without checking with your local ordinances, your system manufacturer, AND your contractor to insure your septic system can handle the additional waste. If the house did not have a garbage disposal at the time the system was installed, the tank may not be large enough. The disposal is only meant for small particles of food that make it to the drain; throw garbage in the trash

not down the sink.

Do NOT allow excess water from drains, pumps, or drainage paths to filter into your septic system.

Do NOT drive over or park on top of your septic system. Definitely do not build, pour concrete, or place a deck/patio over a septic system.

Do NOT dump non-bio-degradables into your toilet or drain. Chemicals, grease, gasoline, oil, paint, pesticides, antifreeze, and other chemical liquids will cause dangerous run-off from your system as well as kill the microbes that make your septic system function

When there haven't been large amounts of rainfall and any of the following are noticed, your system should be evaluated for possible failure. Sometimes it can be as simple as having your septic tank pumped to remove a buildup of sludge, but older systems may need replaced.

- sluggish drains
- sewage backing up into your home through the plumbing
- outdoor odors
- sewage surfacing onto the ground surface
- presence of algae growth or black slime on the ground surface in the seepage field

For further information contact the Douglas County Health Department at 217-253-4137. Septic permit applications, lists of soil evaluators working in Douglas County can also be obtained by viewing "http://www.dchealthdept.org" www.dchealthdept.org .

South County Sports Report




VGH Sports
Boys' Basketball
Villa Grove Heritage won their first four games of the BSN holiday tournament, and will play Milford for the championship. Unfortunately an early press time due to the Holidays will delay coverage, so be sure to pick up a copy of the January 9th copy of the VG News and/or the Southern Champaign County Today for complete coverage.

Corral Buffaloes
Georgetown Ridgefarm overcame an early 12-0 deficit to tie the contest at 14 after one quarter, but the Hawks steadily pulled away from there to cruise to a 64-39 win in their tourney opener. Will Wilson dropped in 17 points, Jared Stevens netted 14, and Jake Eversole added 10 in the win.

Out-joust Knights
The VGH press forced numerous Blue Ridge turnovers in racing out to a 22-5 first quarter lead, and the Hawks never looked back, cruising to a 55-42 win in their second game of the tourney. Jared Stevens netted 16 points, including hitting six straight free throws in the final quarter to lead the way. Will Wilson netted 15 points and Evan Wilson added 10 for Villa Grove Heritage.

Redcoat Minutemen
The Hawks raced out to a 24-9 advantage at the end of the first quarter, and kept the pressure up for the next two quarters as they defeated Lexington 56-43. The Hawks reserves were outscored 16-8 in the final quarter to make the margin closer than the actual game results. A balanced VGH attack was led by Evan Wilson's 13 points. Bryce Dalle netted 11, Jared Stevens and Will Wilson each tallied 9, and Jake Eversole hit for seven points in the win.

Weather Storm
Will Wilson netted 16 points, Jared Stevens added 15, and Jake Eversole had 10 points as the Hawks slowly pulled away to a 53-38 win over Salt Fork in their fourth tourney

contest.
Girls' Basketball
The Girls played their way into the third place contest of the Bismarck Girls' Holiday tourney. Coverage of the third place game will be featured in the January 9th issue of the VG News and Southern Champaign County Today.

Fall to Storm
VGH took an eleven point lead early in the fourth quarter of their 42-39 loss to Salt Fork, but an injury to defensive stopper Jordyn Ray, and a disqualification for fouls to Kyleigh Block thwarted the Devils' efforts. Block had 13 points before exiting the contest, and fellow sophomore Samantha Campbell netted 12 to lead the way. Aliya Holloman came off the bench to drop 10 points, and Ray, who was able to return to action late, added 4.

Cage Wildcats
Holloman netted 20 points, and Campbell added 19 as the Blue Devils defeated South Vermillion, IN 59-45 in the late night contest.

Fall to Hosts
The host Blue Devils proved to be too much for the visiting VGH quintet, winning 51-33. Holloman had nine points to lead VGH.

Ground Cardinals
The Blue Devils finished out pool play with a strong 55-13 win over Washington Catholic. Block and Holloman each tallied 19 points for the winners. VGH will take on North Vermillion for third place on December 29.

Unity Sports
Boys' Basketball
Fall to DCM
The Rockets were bombed by Deer Creek-Mackinaw 65-



Car Snow Survival Tips

Every year, winter throws out more than a few weather and travel-related situations. Freezing rain, blinding snow and icy roadways can make even short drives across town hazardous. A traffic accident, a police matter or snow emergency may hold you up for hours; you have to prepare for the unexpected, especially in the Midwest. When winter storms happen, first-responder crews and tow-trucks will be spread thin as they deal with others.

KEEP BASICS INSIDE THE CAR
Make a kit in a duffle bag or backpack to keep everything in one place and easy to find.
• Snacks and bottled water: Go for those that are easy to pack and contain protein and simple carbs for quick energy and nourishment, such as nuts, raisins and mini candy bars.
• Stay-warm gear: Stash a few extra hats, gloves, scarves and a blanket or two.

• Emergency supplies: Pack a first-aid kit that includes essential medications, a whistle, a battery-operated or hand-crank radio and a lightweight flashlight (reverse batteries' placement inside flashlights to keep them from accidentally turning on and burning out when not in use).

STORE SMALL ESSENTIALS IN THE GLOVE BOX
For shorter and less dire emergencies, you'll appreciate having a few things within easy reach.
• Cellphone chargers: Keep a standard one that plugs into your car's charging port, but also invest in one with its own stored charge that can give your phone an emergency boost.

• Emergency contact card: As a backup, write a card with phone numbers for kids' schools, doctors, tow services, relatives and other

key numbers you typically store on your cell phone.
• A road map because people rely heavily on a phone or car's GPS that may not work.

• Extra cash: Go for small bills. Power outages mean cash registers and credit card machines won't be working, so having small bills lets you buy items without overpaying.

STOW BIG STUFF IN THE TRUNK
If you get stuck in the snow, having a few larger items on hand can help.

• Snow-removal tools: A small shovel with a folding or telescoping handle is compact and useful. An extra ice scraper and brush may also come in handy. Emergency flares.

• Rock salt or sand: A bag

24 in the first round of the Williamsville Holiday tourney.

Cage Panthers
Unity took home a 60-49 win over Delavan in their second tourney contest as Brady Porter netted 20 points. Evan Miebach and Jared Routh each added 16 for the Rockets.

Pull Tigers' beards
The Rockets used a big fourth quarter, outscoring Beardstown 17-5, to escape with a 56-55 win. Routh led the way with 14 points, while Karson Ewerks added 13 and Miebach chipped in 12. The Rockets will face off against East Peoria on December 29 for the consolation championship. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Southern Champaign County Today for coverage.

Girls' basketball
Clawed by Tigers
Unity received 16 points from Rysa Staley and 14 from Elyce Knudsen, but it wasn't enough as Unity fell to Urbana 60-39 in their tourney opener.

Scratched by Panthers
Knudsen netted 21 points, but the Rockets fell to the tourney hosts 52-42 on December 27.

Outmaneuvered by Generals
UHS fell behind 24-1 after one quarter and was never able to recover in a 54-18 loss to Decatur Macarthur on December 28.

Hit by Bullets
Knudsen nailed 3 three-pointers on her way to a 21 point effort, but the Rockets fell to Williamsville 38-37 on December 28.

Wrestling
Unity defeated Rockridge 37-34, Lawrenceville 46-27 and Petersburg PORTA 51-30 to win their pool at the prestigious Abe's Rumble event in Springfield. The Rockets advanced to the championship round of the event. Be sure to check the January 9th issue of the Southern Champaign County Today paper for complete coverage of the Rockets' Grapplers, including individual results.

of either provides traction in case you your wheels are spinning.
• Windshield fluid: It's smart to top off your car's fluid before longer trips, and keep extras.
• Towels: A large beach towel or two lets you dry off after digging in the snow.

PACK FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

If you frequently travel with kids, elderly or others with special needs, be sure to think ahead to what could be useful. For example, extra baby formula or food, diapers and a few additional kids' games, books and activities can make a traffic standstill more pleasant for everyone.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
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