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HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES ACCEPT CROWN DONATION - Central High School's Homecoming queen candidates visited Becker's Jewelers to try on the Homecoming crown. Becker's generously donates the crown for Homecoming each year. Pictured L to R: Riley Fisher, Brynne Luebbers, Angie Becker, Baylee Revermann, and Abbi Kampwerth. Submitted photo



Jayce Napovanice carries ball for Mater Dei Knights. He gained 95 Yards against Hillsboro in Saturday's win. Photo courtesy of Tim Rapp Photography.

Illinois Suspends Use Of Johnson & Johnson COVID Vaccine

Severe blood clots reported

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – On advice of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois will pause distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson.

The federal agencies made that recommendation Tuesday morning, April 13, after reporting rare and severe blood clots in six

people who had taken the vaccine. The CDC and FDA are reviewing the data regarding those cases.

In a news release, the Illinois Department of Public Health advised that the move was "out of an abundance of caution." The CDC and FDA said such complications with the vaccine "appear to be extremely rare."

In a news release, the CDC and FDA said Tuesday the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet Wednesday to "further review these cases and

assess their potential significance."

"Until that process is complete, we are recommending a pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution," the CDC and FDA statement reads. "This is important, in part, to ensure that the health care provider community is aware of the potential for these adverse events and can plan for proper recognition and management due to the unique treatment required with this type of blood clot."

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Knights Remain Unbeaten, Shutting Out Hillsboro 34-0

By Larry Thoeming
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The Mater Dei Knights continued their winning ways on the gridiron, as they whipped the Hillsboro Hilltopper 34-0 last Saturday afternoon in Breese.

The Knights played without standout Wide Receiver Mitchell Haake, out with a broken finger, but Quarterback Reed Braundmeier utilized several other options to guide MD to a fourth consecutive win.

The Knights started with the ball on their own 20 yard line, and promptly marched eighty yards for a score, as Carson Loepker took a pitch from Braundmeier and scampered the last sixteen yards down the left sideline to paydirt. Grant Cox tacked on the Point After, giving the home team a 7-0 just a little over four minutes into the game.

The ensuing Hillsboro pos-

session ended with a Mater Dei interception, whereupon Braundmeier quickly found Cam Kreke with a short pass over the middle, and Kreke took it in and sprinted 36 yards untouched for the Knights second TD, putting MD up 14-0 after another good PAT by Cox.

Then Hillsboro was forced to punt and the Knight's offense was back at it. Nolan Foppe did most of the damage with a scintillating pass and run, getting the ball to the Hillsboro one yard line, then the Senior bulled to paydirt on the next play. Cox's kick missed, but MD led 20-0, still in the first quarter.

Neither team managed much offense in the second period, in no small way hindered by a stiff wind. But Mater Dei struck twice in the third quarter, and the Toppers never advanced deep into MD territory, stymied all day by a staunch and inspired Knight defense.

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GERMANTOWN WOMAN WINS EASTER BUNNY QUILT ON MARCH 22 HOSPITAL AUXILIARY RAFFLE - A quilter herself, Letty Rathmann (right) of Germantown knows the work that went into this yellow and white Easter Bunny baby quilt she won on the March 22 raffle sponsored by the Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. Helping her display her new treasure is Auxilian Pat Tauschek (left) of Breese. Tickets are now on sale at \$1 each or six/\$5 for the organization's Summer Quilt Raffle Tuesday, June 22. Featured is a baby quilt with a cross-stitched lion, elephant, monkey, giraffe and frog, and a 91-inch silver-accented black, white and gray quilt in an eight-pointed star pattern with scalloped edges. The hospital Gift Shop has quilt raffle tickets along with completed quilts, afghans and throws in baby and larger sizes, quilt tops with material for binding provided and table runners. The Gift Shop is currently open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. Contact the Director of Volunteers at (618) 526-5351 or Christine. gebke@hshs.org.

Wesclin Warriors Grab First Win of Season

By Larry Thoeming
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Wesclin Warriors Running Back Isaiah Burris carried 18 times and picked up 122 yards to help lead the Wesclin Warriors to a 14-6 win over the Carlyle Indians last Friday night at Wesclin, giving the Tribe its first win of the season.

Quarterback Devon Kahrhoft and the Warrior offense found the passing game to be tough sledding, due to the powerful wind which blew fiercely through most of the game. But the Senior signal caller did find fellow Senior Cam Brandmeyer streaking down the left sideline and hit him with a spot-on pass, which the Warrior Wideout grabbed for a touchdown in the corner of the endzone, and after a PAT

kick from Christian Gonzalez, the Warriors led 7-0.

Carlyle cut the lead to 7-6, but Burris finished off a strong drive with a burst into the endzone, and with another Gonzalez conversion, Wesclin had a 14-6 lead, a margin preserved by more stout defense, including a pass interception by Connor Briddick, a play which stopped a Carlyle drive and allowed the Warrior offense to control the ball, and ride out the victory.

Wesclin plays at Red Bud this week, then finishes the season with a home contest against the Madison Trojans

On a side note, Kicker Gonzalez had a special week, as he not only put up the two PATs in the football game, but also scored four goals for the Warrior Soccer team last week as well.