



A CROWD OF RUNNERS burst out the gates at the start of the Sparks in the Park 5K race on July 8. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



DELILAH YANTIS, with her Mother Breanna Yantis, receives an air balloon butterfly from Andrew Schlais during the Sparks in the Park celebration on July 8. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



CHRIS CAMP "The whip guy" holds a wooden flower in his mouth-snaps in half with a 30 foot whip. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



MIA BOZARTH AND AVA BROWN take a ride down the zipline set up during the Sparks in the Park celebration in Ervin Park. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



GATLIN STALEY has a U.S. flag painted on his forehead during the Sparks in the Park celebration on July 8. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



KIDS DANCE AND CHEER during "Babaloo's kids concert" Babaloo entertained the crowd with bubbles, fake snow and toilet paper during the concert. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



CHILDREN AND ADULTS alike gathered in Ervin Park to play in the Sparks in the Park three on three basketball tournament on July 8. A large crowd gathered, watching the different age groups compete. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



LYLA RAY tries to contest the ball, which was passed by an Arcola Player during the Sparks in the Park soccer tournament on July 8. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

Obituaries

DONALD E. "DONNY" "WALDO" WEHRLE

Donald E. "Donny" "Waldo" Wehrle, 48 of Gays, Ill. formerly of Charleston, Ill. passed away at 5:38 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital.

A celebration of Donny's life will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Shae's Pub and Grub, 126 North Oak Street in Arcola. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Donny was born on March



Donny "Waldo" Wehrle 10, 1975 in Decatur, a son of

Joseph Keith and Sarah Margaret (Scott) Wehrle. He married Amanda Michelle Gross on April 20, 2022 in Gays.

He is survived by his wife Amanda; one son, Harley Donald Wehrle of Jopa, Ill.; two stepchildren, Andrea Culp of Mattoon, and Levi Thompson of Gays; three step grandchildren, Ireland, Jayce, and Kalliope Gonzalez all of Mattoon; four siblings, Bev Hill (Dennis) of Effingham, Penny Orndoff of Atwood, Rick Phillips of Bowling Green, Ky., and Pam Marler (Jim) of Tuscola; a sis-

ter-in-law, Beth Wehrle of Arthur; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many friends.

Donny was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Tim Phillips and Brian Wehrle.

Donny had a passion for motorcycles and always enjoyed riding his Harley. He loved hanging out with friends and family, and he was absolutely crazy about his grandchildren, Ireland age 7, Jayce age 5 and his princess, Kalliope age 7 months.

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