



South County
SPOTLIGHT

ASK DR. C!
If you have a medical related question that you would like answered by Dr. C e-mail it to jamie@thecounty-chronicle.com

St. Patrick Catholic Charities - Tolono IL Free Food Pantry Every Monday from 5-6:30 and Friday 9-10:30 -Located at the Parish. Serving all Champaign County

VFW of Villa Grove Bingo Every Friday Night @ 7pm

The Giving Place is open every Wednesday from 4pm-6pm in Tolono to help families in need with food items

3rd Thursday of every month Tolono Fun Day Committee Meeting 6:30 @Police Station

Eastern Illinois Food Bank FOODMOBILE first Tuesday of every month at Sidney Community Building Parking Lot 12:30 until 1pm

11/23 Thanksgiving Day

12/1 Santa will be at the Tolono Library 5-6:30

12/2 Sidney Hometown Christmas 2023

12/4 Sidney Village Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm

12/6 Tolono Historical Society & Veteran's Museum Christmas Memory Coffee Talk 9:00am

12/9 Tolono Historical Society & Veteran's Museum Christmas Open House Noon - 4:00pm

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see featured in Spotlight email: jamie@thecounty-chronicle.com

H A P P Y

Thanksgiving



Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday!



Jeff Fisher and Ricky Earn Silver at World Show

By Diane Ducey
Staff Writer

Gary Fisher and his (then) wife Marcia probably didn't realize the ripple effect of giving their son, Jeff, a Shetland pony back in the 60's when he was a young boy. "Bridget" taught him a lot about how smart you have to be in the equestrian arts, as he then learned more in 4-H clubs, showing horses in local fairs and branching out into "open" shows.

All four of Susie and Jeff Fisher's children, as we get

into the eighth generation of farming in Tolono, have had an interest in horses.

At the beginning of the month of November, Jeff's horse, with the barn name 'Ricky' (after the original owners husband), went to the American Quarter Horse Association's World Show in Oklahoma City, OK. Trainer Tom Cotton, from Olney, has worked with horses over forty five years in various areas like "Western pleasure" and "Roping" noted a special quarter horse with a great

disposition and physique could be obtained by Fisher. As Jeff took "Tie One On" (the official name, with the horses siblings also having a "drinking theme" like "I'll have another") to show him in the open class. As an amateur in the "Halter" category. Jeff was pleased to see the way he performed with the 3 to 4

year old geldings, displaying balance, compensation and shank power with it's leg and hooves to go on to win second place in this pinnacle event of the year.

This is the highest placement for the Fishers, getting a big silver trophy and jacket as well as a fancy belt buckle (and wearing it as he

served breakfast as a Mason volunteering at the lodge November 19th in downtown Tolono). Sharing stories about this fine accomplishment, Jeff talked about his happy horse with other fans of these majestic animals, like fellow horse owner Betty Brown.



Jeff Fisher and "Ricky" at the American Quarter Horse Association's World Show in Oklahoma, OK.



Jeff Fisher wearing his well earned belt buckle while holding his Silver Trophy as "Ricky" proudly smiles for the photograph.

Puppetfolk Productions Performed Story Time
Puppet Show at Philo Library



The Philo Library Family Reading Night on Thursday, November 16 with guest star Puppeteer Anne Newman with her Puppetfolk Productions. Ann entertained the group with her skills and an imaginative spin on Little Red Riding Hood. The group got an up close look at some of her puppets during the visit. See Philo Library on Page 2 for more information about this event.



Giertz Gallery Presents State of the Art Ceramics Biennial

Curated by Julia Galloway and Jill Oberman

Exhibit: Monday, November 20, 2023–Saturday, February 10, 2024

Giertz Gallery at Parkland College

Reception: Thursday, November 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a gallery talk at 6:15 p.m.

Artist Lecture: Galloway and Oberman, Thursday, November 30, at 1:15 p.m., William M. Staerkel Planetarium CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The Giertz Gallery at Parkland College presents a dynamic exhibition curated by Julia Galloway and Jill Oberman, which represents a cross-section of contemporary ceramics by artists who use innovative approaches and provide bold and unexpected ways of experiencing the medium.

Julia Galloway is a potter with an active studio practice and a professor of ceramics at the University of Montana, Missoula. She is a recipient of a United States Artist Grant and a Distinguished Scholar at the University of Montana. She is also the 2023 Artist of the Year by the Ceramics Arts Network and Ceramics monthly publication.

Jill Oberman is the Curator and Gallery Coordinator at the Red Lodge Clay Center in Red Lodge, Montana. She has

been the Executive Director of the Carbondale Clay Center, the Clay Studio of Missoula, Programs and Administration Director at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, and a resident artist at numerous art institutions, notably the Anderson Ranch, the Archie Bray Foundation, and Arrowmont School for Arts and Crafts.

The exhibit participants comprise of artists and faculty from the United States, including Shae Bishop, Bakersville, North Carolina; Brandi Lee Cooper, Edinburg, Texas; Raheleh Filsoofi, Nashville, Tennessee; Del Harrow, Fort Collins, Colorado; Donte

Hayes, Cliffwood, New Jersey; Mike Helke, Stillwater, Minnesota; Sydnie Jimenez, Chicago, Illinois; Lauren Mabry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Alleghany Meadows, Carbondale, Colorado; Brad Miller, Venice, California; Bobby Silverman, Long Island City, New York; and Alex Zabolocki, Alma, Michigan.

The reception will be on Thursday, November 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a gallery talk by Galloway and Oberman at 6:15 p.m. and music by Cobra Lounge Trio. A demonstration and walk-thru by Galloway and Oberman will take place on Friday, December 1, from

9:30 a.m. to noon, beginning in Ceramics Studio C193, followed by a gallery walk-thru of the Ceramics Biennial exhibition. The demonstration will include techniques and presentations on surface design and form.

Giertz Gallery hours are Monday–Wednesday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; and Saturday, noon–2 p.m. The gallery will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, through Sunday, November 26, for Thanksgiving break. The gallery will also be closed Monday, December 11 through January 6 for winter break and Monday, January 15 for

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please note: Construction is ongoing to the outdoor area north of the gallery. Therefore, we recommend using the B7 parking lot (X2 entrance). Once inside the building, turn left, then follow all the upward ramps and signs to the gallery.

All events in the accessible gallery are free and open to the public.

Giertz Gallery recognizes support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Please visit parkland.edu/boldceramics for complete programming details, including visiting artist Sydnie Jimenez in Spring 2024 and more.