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Philo Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. At a New location: Hale Park. Youth in 5th grade and younger are welcome. Don't forget your basket!

Tolono Food Pantries

Every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. and Friday 9-10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Charities, Tolono. Free Food Pantry located at the Parish providing fresh produce, meat and pantry items. Serving all of Champaign County.

Every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Giving Place is open in Tolono to help families in need of food items.

Fun Day Committee Meeting

Third Thursday of every month Tolono Fun Day Committee Meeting 6:30 at the Police Station.

American Legion Meeting

March 16 at 6 p.m. Sidney American Legion Meeting

Indoor flea market

March 27 and 28. Clothing only sale March 27 and everything sale March 28 at the Annual Countryside United Methodist Church indoor flea market.



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AT IHSA STATE PLAYOFF game in the State Farm Center, Thursday, March 12th Unity bounced back to win and get 3rd place beating Farragut with #32 senior Tyler Styan breaking a Class 2A record with 17 rebounds. Submitted photo.

A life remembered



With four generations of the Fishers farming in Tolono, our community was heartbroken to hear Jeff Fisher, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, life-long farmer and faithful Christian went to be with our Lord on March 6th at the age of 64. Unity classmates from 1979, friends from Illinois State (where he met his wife Susie (married 41 years) and ag groups, Champaign County Farm Bureau, the young farmers committee, as a Masonic Lodge member, the Tolono Fun Day organization (was a former Grand Marshal) as well as connections to his love for horses (American Quarter Horse Association) and church support from his Presbyterian parish and people offering their condolences to the family (four kids and six grandkids plus parents, siblings and nieces and nephews) all gathered March 12th at Freese Funeral Home in Tolono to shared stories of his inspiring life.

Rocket Nation

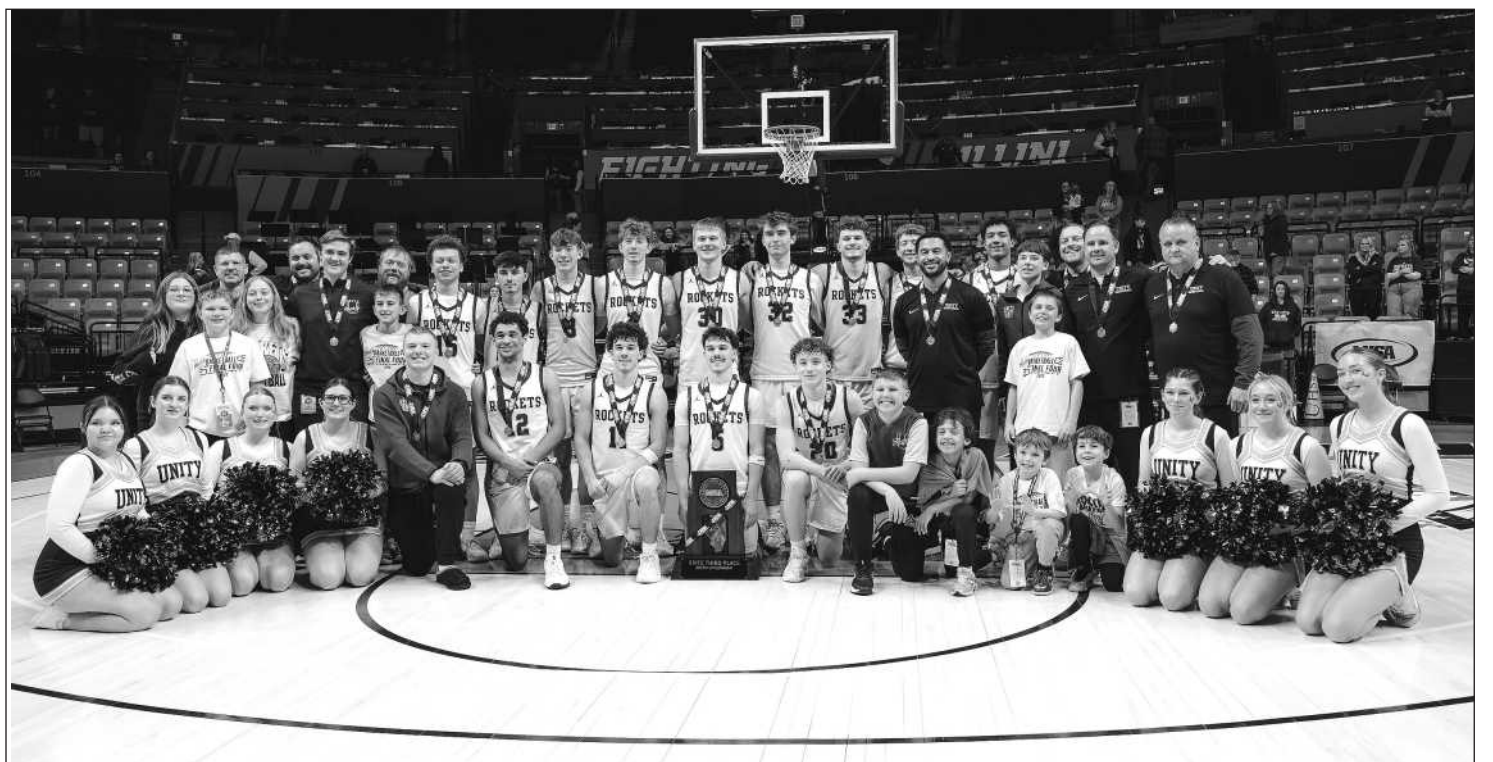
By Diane Ducy



Unity High School Boys Basketball team in the IHSA State Playoffs at the State Farm Center in Champaign, ended up with a 3rd place finish in Class 2A on Thursday, March 12th. A record was broken by senior, Tyler Styan, (#32) with 17 rebounds in a Class 2A State Final tournament game (and he had 15 points)! Team mate and fellow senior, Dane Eisenmenger, (#33) talked about Styan's effort game during the game, "Tyler breaking the state record couldn't have gone to a more deserving player on our team. He was the guy that always played hard, no matter how many minutes he got, and during our run, he always had big minutes. I couldn't be prouder of our class and how we performed the last 3 years, but especially this year. We came together with one goal and we came just a few turnovers away

from reaching that goal. Becoming the "best" Unity basketball team of all time is an absolute honor: I wouldn't want to do it with any other group of guys." With 9 seniors on the team that have played together so many years, it's certainly been a factor as ESPN 93.5 put a spotlight on their winning ways with a school record 34 wins. During the interview with Coach Matt Franks, he brought up the resiliency of his players along with their dedication and hard work to get them to this pinnacle point in their athletic careers, after making the State Finals in Class 2A Football, too!

Tyler Styan's reflection statement says, "I'm so incredibly grateful for this season. I made countless amounts of memories, I will never forget. There wasn't one game this season where we didn't give it all we had. We knew this was



UNITY HIGH SCHOOL boys basketball team, cheerleaders and coaches at the IHSA State Playoffs at the State Farm Center in Champaign, Submitted photo.

our last chance to go out there and prove everyone wrong and I'd say we did just that. It was so much fun competing with these guys and I'll always be forever grateful for them and the staff." Then snior player, Tyler's mom, Debbie Styan, had a chance to give her thoughts with these comments, "This basketball season has been my life and I'm not sad about it one bit! It has

been an honor to have been on the sidelines, taking pictures since Junior High. In watching them grow as a team, they have proven themselves time and again: not believing in one all-star, but as a team, they celebrate each and every players victory and are there to bring you up again if you miss a shot. They have each other's back, no matter what! They are family,

like no other and I couldn't be more proud of all their accomplishments. I've seen them be down by more than 10 points and still find a way to rise up, if they have a set back, and come back to win the game. Getting 3rd in the State is a huge accomplishment that Rocket Nation will be talking about for years. A big thank you to our seniors (9 of them) and so

many on this fabulous journey. It's been an honor to celebrate you all of these years."

So many of the Unity Rockets made the Illini Prairie All Conference and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All State Teams. Five of the seniors will go on to play baseball at Unity and the others have plans to do track and field competitions.

Just a Reminder...

Our New Deadline Is Approaching!

Ads, Legals, Submitted Photos and Editorial Deadlines will be noon Friday starting our next edition.

