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64 High 41 Low

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Man sentenced to 17 years for child pornography

By RACHEL MCGLASSON

Jersey County Journal

Charles W. Bunker, 32, of Jerseyville, pled guilty to possession of child pornography, a class X felony, on Oct. 4. Bunker accepted a 17-year sentence to the Department of Corrections.

Bunker was taken into custody in January of this year thanks to an investigation led by Jerseyville Officer Amanda Wimmersberg.

"All the credit to this case goes to Amanda Wimmers-

"It was just good police work all the way around to get this guy arrested and sentenced."

Brad Blackorby

Jerseyville Police Chief

berg, who conducted the investigation and the Jerseyville Police Department," State's Attorney Ben Goetten said.

Wimmersberg serves on the Internet Crimes Against Chil-

dren (ICAC) Task Force, a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing more than 4,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

"She detected, located and apprehended this subject, who was involved in child pornography," Jerseyville Police Chief Brad Blackorby said. "It was a great case for her to work and great to get him charged as somebody who is clearly exploiting children."

The task force engages in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of person involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet.

"Several years ago I decided to send her on this task force, she wanted to do it, and it's

paid off big time," Blackorby said. "She does a great job and keeps on top of it. After she locates one, the ICAC Task Force always follows through with it and they always make arrests on everyone she finds."

Blackorby said Wimmersberg's work on the task force has been invaluable to the city, leading to numerous individuals being prosecuted for crimes against children.

"It was just good police work all the way around to get this guy arrested and sentenced," Blackorby said.

Council addresses water operation rumors

By RACHEL MCGLASSON

Jersey County Journal

Jerseyville's City Council addressed more rumors Oct. 10 surrounding the potential sale of the city's water operation to Illinois American Water.

Marilyn Schroeder was the first to speak up during public comment, asking the council to address various rumors that have circulated around the potential sale.

"There have been rumors floating around since last year that this is a done deal," Schroeder said. "Has there been any kind of agreement made — not necessarily signed and on paper — was there a verbal agreement made that we're not aware of?"

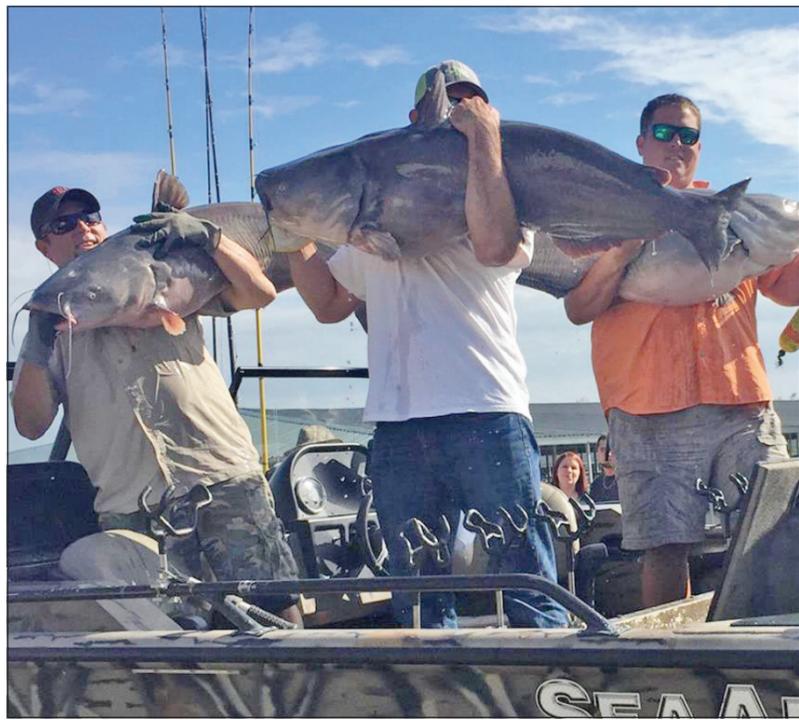
Mayor Billy Russell told Schroeder (See, RUMORS, A2)



Rachel McGlasson/Jersey County Journal

A STEP BACK IN TIME

Mary Mager is a picture of the past sitting at her loom at the Jersey County Historical Society's Apple Festival. Mager spent the festival in the newly reconstructed Hagen cabin, the third cabin on the historical society grounds, completing the original Jerseyville settlement of Hickory Grove.



Submitted Photo

Justin Wolfe (left), Frank Kastle (center) and Jason Jackson (right) show off their impressive 84, 80 and 59 lb., catfish from the weekend's River Rat Catfish Classic. The group's Sunday total of 223 lbs. broke Grafton's one-day fishing record.

Fishermen blow Catfish Classic record out of the water

By RACHEL MCGLASSON

Jersey County Journal

Grafton has a new record this weekend after an extremely successful final day of the River Rat Catfish Classic.

Mayor Rick Eberlin said things weren't

looking too exciting the first two days of the tournament, until Sunday brought in over 200 lbs. of fish in just one boat.

Eberlin said weekend rain had the tournament looking pretty grim, but as fisherman took to their boats on Sun-

(See, RECORD, A2)

Local woman hopes for finals in national modeling competition

By RACHEL MCGLASSON

Jersey County Journal

A Fieldon woman is one step away from making the finals in Maxim Magazine's 2017 Maxim's Finest contest.

Tiffanie Shea Haug, 22, is looking to make her big break into the modeling world through the competition, where she currently sits in the top five in the Midwest Group Four. With finals beginning Wednesday, Oct. 5, Haug is asking for all the help she can get from friends and family to vote her into the number one position.

"I would be named one of Maxim's Hot 100 if I make it into this next round," Haug said. "Honestly, I would be in awe. I can only imagine what it would feel like."

Haug's current position has already won her an invite to Maxim's Superbowl After Party. Haug said she hopes to use the event as a networking opportunity for her future career.

"Just imagine all of the A-list people I will encounter," Haug said. "It will be a good time to network and communicate and get my name out there."

The ultimate winner of the contest will receive a two-page



Photo courtesy of John Metcalfe

Tiffanie Shea Haug, 22, of Fieldon is only one stage away from being named one of Maxim's Hottest 100 in this year's Maxim's Finest contest. Haug is hoping the contest will help launch her modeling career.

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8th Annual Meals on Wheels Benefit Concert
Featuring: Michael Dale & The Desert Wine Band
\$10 per ticket! Please bring your own seating. Tickets available for purchase at: Senior Services Plus, Alton Farmer's Market, Harman Auction Service & Storage

Feed the Need
Saturday, October 14th, 2017
Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater
Gates opens at 5:30pm - Opening Act at 6:30pm - Headliner at 7:45pm