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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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## Red, White and Blue Days

### Community to celebrate independence, national pride

By Amanda Wilkinson  
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Community members will be able to celebrate Independence Day with music, chalk, a parade and endless ice cream at Morton Park.

Betty Coffrin, a committee member for the celebration, said as many as 10,000 people packed into Morton Park last year for the celebration. "That's a lot of people in a little, tiny park," she said, laughing.

The 23rd annual Red, White and Blue Days will start at 3 p.m. Wednesday with food vendors and music.

Coffrin said charitable organizations will be raising money by selling food such as hamburgers, hot dogs and lemon shake-ups.

The Lemon Brothers Band, a classic/country rock band, will be playing at 6:30 p.m.

The band features three brothers, 10 years old and under, from the Wabash Valley area.

Coffrin said Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker will be crowned and the Farmer of the Year will be awarded after the Lemon Brothers Band plays.

The X Factor 2012 winner, Tate Stevens will be playing at 8 p.m.

Mayor Larry Rennels said many people outside of the Charleston area come to see the celebration's national performer.

"It's not unusual for people who are big fans of the particular entertainer performing that year to drive quite a few miles away just for a free concert," he said. "I think in the past, we've heard of people driving from a couple hundred miles away to go to the concert."



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Richard Smyser, a member of the Charleston Veterans of Foreign War Color Guard plays taps July 4, 2012, at Morton Park for this year's bell ringing ceremony at Red, White & Blue Days.

Thursday dubbed the "Red White and Bluegrass Celebration" starts with a four-mile run/walk for Habitat for Humanity. Registration is at 6:30 a.m. and the run/walk will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The Great Chalk In will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Piece Street, north of Morton Park.

Ashley Henigman, the head of the chalk-in committee, said the chalk in is an opportunity for people to experiment with chalk.

All the chalk drawings will be categorized into age groups and judged, she said.

The most patriotic drawing will be also be awarded.

Foam pit activities and all-you-can-eat ice cream will be featured all day.

"You pay \$2 and get your hand stamped and you can eat all the ice cream you want all day long until you're sick," Rennels said.

A parade will begin at 1 p.m. and a bell ringing ceremony will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Coffrin said at the bell-ringing



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A young fan cheers for musician Jake Owen during his concert during Red, White and Blue days in Morton Park on July 3, 2012.

ceremony, they will be honoring John Morrissey, a founding committee member who died this year.

Flat Mountain Band will also perform at 2:30 p.m.

The bluegrass band is comprised of four members from Casey, Charleston, Effingham and Olney.

The Independence Day celebration will end with fireworks at the Coles County Airport.

Diane Ratliff, the tourism and special events supervisor, said the

fireworks will begin at dusk which could be about 9 p.m.

She said the fireworks last about 20 minutes and are choreographed to music.

Angelia Burgett, Mattoon tourism director, said there will be two shuttle buses in Mattoon and Charleston available for transportation to the airport.

Both shuttles are free and are located at O'Brien Stadium in

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### CITY

## Council to buy cardiac monitor

By Amanda Wilkinson  
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The Charleston City Council will be voting to waive the bidding process on the purchase of a cardiac monitor Tuesday.

The fire department will receive the monitor to provide advanced life support in one of the ambulances.

Mayor Larry Rennels said they are waiving the bidding process because the needed monitor can only be purchased from one vendor, Zoll Medical Corporation.

The current cardiac monitor is 10 years old, he said.

"This particular vendor makes a monitor that has some features in it that we really need," Rennels said. "In addition to that, we already have one just like it in one of the other ambulances. We want them all to be consistent with each other."

The cardiac monitor will cost about \$25,000.

Rennels said to waive the bidding process, the resolution must pass with a super majority or four-fifths vote.

The council will also be voting to change the time in which they meet.

They currently meet at 7:30 p.m. on the the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Rennels said the ordinance will be amended to allow the council to meet at 6:30 p.m.

He said several years ago, the council would have to meet in executive session before the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

About a year and a half ago, Rennels said they changed to meet in executive session after the regular meeting.

"As a result, we'll start a little earlier so if we have an executive session, it won't run so late," he said.

Rennels said the amendment will be placed on file for public inspection until the July 16 meeting and will not go into effect until the August 6 meeting.

The council will also be approving the prevailing wage rates as mandated by the Prevailing Wage Act.

Every year the Illinois Department of Labor updates the wage rates for each county in Illinois.

"Whenever there's work done on a public works project, we have to ensure that the people that do that work are paid the prevailing wages," Rennels said.

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### LOCAL

## Teen movie offered at Carnegie library

Staff Report  
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In the summer months, teens can go see a movie at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library with friends instead of being bored at home.

"Jack and the Giant Slayer" will be shown from 3-5 p.m. in Rotary Room B at Carnegie for teenagers ages 13 to 18 and is free to attend.

Katie Livingston, the adult and teen program coordinator at the library, said she tries to put together a "teen movie" relatively often for the teenagers of the Charleston community.

"I tried to do it every month, but I had hardly any attendance," she said. "I moved toward a family-type movie, but that's gone to the wayside since we're doing our summer reading pro-

gram right now."

Livingston said she is offering the teen movie for June and July, but she is not sure of its reception beyond that.

"I don't know if I'll continue on with the teen movies past summer because of low attendance, but I'm offering it for the summer because they're out of school and it's something to do," Livingston said.

To pick the movie, Livingston checks out what is recently released on DVD.

"When we order it, the movie will go straight to me, so that way it's not out to the public until we've shown it," she said. "It'll be out on the shelf after that."

Teenagers are invited to bring their own snacks and drinks, and more information is available at 345-4913.



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TODAY WEDNESDAY



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# Ludlow travels to Texas

## Women's studies coordinator works with activists to fight bill

By Robyn Dexter  
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During her free time in the summer months, Jeannie Ludlow spends her time continuing the fight for women's rights.

Ludlow, the coordinator of Women's Studies, is spending the first few days of July in Fort Worth, Texas to help spread the word about reproductive rights.

After a lengthy filibuster last week, lawmakers have gathered for a special legislative session at the Texas Capitol to address reviving the Senate bill, aimed at women's abortion rights.

Under the bill, abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy would be banned, clinics would have to upgrade to high-standard surgical centers, along with additional restrictions on abortion-inducing pill procedures.

Groups from around the country have gathered to educate the public and other activists in protest of the bill, with Ludlow among them.

She is a member of the Abortion Care Network and the board of the Abortion Conversation Project, two national organizations that work for women's reproductive rights.

Ludlow was asked to speak at the Abortion Care Network conference in 2010, after which she became a member.

She was invited to be on the board of the Abortion Conversation Project after the Abortion Care Network executive director, Charlotte Taft, read one of her academic articles ("The Things We Cannot Say"), which was based on Ludlow's clinic work experiences.

These networking opportunities have led to more activism on Ludlow's part and are the reason for her trip to Texas.

"Aspects of the law being debated at the special session in Texas are also



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(Center) Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of women's studies, smiles among other Abortion Care Network members. Ludlow and the group rallied at the Texas Capital in Austin, Texas Monday.

being proposed and debated in other states," she said. "In Ohio, the clinic where I worked for 12 years has just closed down because of a targeted regulation of abortion providers (TRAP) law, which is similar to the TRAP law being proposed in Texas."

Ludlow worked at the Center for Choice in Toledo, Ohio from 1996 to 2008.

She said the law is extremely restrictive and prevents many women from having a safe and legal abortion.

"This law in Texas is part of a well-coordinated and well-financed effort to close down abortion clinics all over the United States – to make it so only the wealthiest and most privileged women will have access to safe, legal abortion," she said.

While she is in Texas, Ludlow is helping host a reception and open house at the Whole Woman's Health Fort Worth clinic.

On Monday, Ludlow worked among others with the CEO of Whole Woman's Health, a corporation that owns five abortion clinics in

Texas, one in Minnesota and one in Maryland.

The group, along with about 5,000 other people, rallied at the Texas Capitol Monday in opposition to the bill.

Ludlow said Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, spoke to the crowd, along with Wendy Davis, who went on a lengthy filibuster on June 25 in protest of the bill.

"A sea of people dressed all in orange gathered and were yelling and cheering," Ludlow said.

Ludlow said it is of utmost importance that legislators are not able to make decisions about such a personal part of women's lives.

Tuesday, Ludlow and the group she is with will travel to different Whole Woman's Health clinics in the area.

"A lot of people, whether they're pro-choice or against abortion, are afraid of abortion clinics," she said. "It's a topic people are very nervous in general about, and we want people to see that abortion clinics can be really nice places where people work hard to create a good, professional atmo-

sphere for their patients."

Ludlow said she is looking forward to helping give tours of the clinics to help combat that stereotype and give people a clean perspective.

"We'll also give out the information that was given out at the rally (Monday) along with information about the legislation," she said.

The special session on the bill begins 4 p.m. Tuesday, and Ludlow said they will be streaming it for people to watch in the clinics as well.

"We really just want to get people excited about this issue," she said. "We want people to get excited enough that they'll go out and do something about it."

Ludlow will return from Texas on Wednesday and hopes to take away with her a feeling that she has helped with the issue.

"I feel it is so important to help with this because this issue is so close to my heart," she said.

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ILLINOIS | TEACHERS

# Students receive concentrated experience

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Twenty-six Golden Apple Scholars are on Eastern's campus this month to gain hands-on experience while working with local children.

The Golden Apple organization is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Golden Apple Award started as an award for teachers around the Chicagoland area and was given to Tim McCollum, Golden Apple Summer Institute director, in central Illinois.

Tracy Coon, liaison for the Golden Apple Scholars, is an Eastern graduate and past scholar who is overseeing the month-long experience.

This is the first time Eastern has hosted the event and the women at-

tending will work in the Charleston-Mattoon area to help in the classrooms.

Scholars are working with the Center for Community Development and Continuing Education, the Salvation Army and Emmanuel Lutheran Church by providing help with summer camps and day cares.

All the scholars at Eastern want to be elementary education or early childhood majors.

Becca Siambekos, a junior at the University of Illinois, said she likes the hands-on experience that the camp provides for the scholars.

"We get to be in that teacher role which we wouldn't probably get until our senior year in college," Siambekos said.

The scholars are working with children from 8 to 11 a.m. everyday and

then turn around and become the students themselves in the afternoon.

Past Golden Apple Award recipients and other professionals from Eastern lead the seminars and presentations in the afternoon.

The group also takes field trips to educational places such as the Illinois State Museum, the Abraham Lincoln Museum and the Lincoln Log Cabin.

The scholars then had to discuss how they would run a fieldtrip to such a site if they were teachers.

One requirement for the program is that after graduation, the scholars must teach in an at-risk school in Illinois for at least five years.

"The program is trying to produce teachers who are excited about teaching in the areas that need teachers the most," Siambekos said.

The schools in which the scholars can teach at is determined by the Illinois Interactive Report Card.

Carli Alvarado, a junior from Monmouth College, said PJ Caposey's presentation had her thinking about her life as a future teacher.

"He told us to be conscious of the culture you want to set in your classroom and who you want to be as a teacher," Alvarado said.

The scholars also spend four hours a week in a reflective seminar with 13 scholars to reflect on teaching experiences and how they are growing as teachers as well as individuals.

"We are very proud of them," McCollum said.

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LOCAL

# Five Mile House plans busy day

By Michael Spencer  
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The Five Mile House has a full slate of events planned for July 7.

The state historical site will have craft demonstrations, wool spinning, weaving and the Big Blue Mountain music group will be performing.

Anthony Anderson, a local toy maker, will be making small keepsakes to be given away to anyone in attendance along with samples of 19 century toys that will be on display.

Dick Hummel, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Five Mile House, is in charge of organizing events this summer. He said he was happily surprised at the weekend’s packed lineup.

“The variety of things was almost a shock to me when I realized how many things we’ve managed to schedule this weekend,” Hummel said. “We allow the participants to look at the calendar and choose their own times of appearance and for some reason so many came together on July 7.”

Hummel said that the ultimate goal of this weekend is to educate.

“It’ll bring people out and familiarize them with our Five Mile House site,” Hummel said. “The programs are stand-alone contributions to interpreting local history and showing things that went on in the past.”

The Five Mile House is the oldest standing structure in Coles County.

Hummel said it is a place that many people drive past but never have the chance to visit and learn about.

The coming activities serve to bring people

off the road and into the past.

Rockome Gardens’ blacksmith Eric Gray will also be there Sunday to show off his art.

For Gray, it is an opportunity to show the public a craft that has diminished in the last century.

“I’m just trying to keep the art alive,” Gray said. “As long as you keep it in the public’s eye, it stays alive.”

Gray also said he plans to provide information on the history of the blacksmith profession. Gray said that blacksmithing is the root of a wide range of professions that are no longer considered subsidiary to the ancient profession.

Gray said barbers and hair-stylists are an off-shoot because at one time blacksmiths were the only people with instruments sharp enough to cut hair.

Other professionals that can trace their roots to blacksmithing are surgeons, dentists and jail-keepers.

Hummel said that Gray makes a yearly appearance at the Five Mile House.

“He contributes his time once a year to our program to come and bring his portable forge and heat and hammer to show people what red-hot metal can yield,” Hummel said.

The attractions will be open at the Five Mile House from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Some events for this weekend are contingent upon the weather.

“We’re hoping for cool, sunny weather so that we can have the appropriate events outside,” Hummel said.

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## Golden Apple



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LaNece Downs, a junior from Illinois State University, writes a lesson plans for teenagers about character building Monday. Downs is teaching at the Salvation Army Summer Camp in Mattoon.

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Charleston and the Cross County Mall in Mattoon.

There is also a handicap accessible bus at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

All the shuttles will run from 5 p.m. until the fireworks start and will run back once the fireworks are over. Burgett said people are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs because there is no seating at the airport.

If people want to enjoy the fireworks, Burgett said do not bring alcohol, pets or personal fireworks.

“That’s the first way to get kicked out,” she said.

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The different occupations that are paid prevailing wages are those with trade names such as carpenter, boilermaker, cement mason, plasterer and electrician.

“Basically what it amounts to is the union labor rates for various different trades,” Rennels said.

The council will also be approving an amendment to the fire department code.

Rennels said over the years, the organizational structure of the fire department has changed.

The council must change the code so it matches what the structure is now, he said.

The council meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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**FULL OF PRIDE:** EIU Pride and the LGBTQA resource center will be getting its own office in the Cultural Center on Seventh Street.



**NEW ARM IN TOWN:** Andrew Manley joined Eastern from New Mexico State. The Hawaiian defeated Big Ten competitor Minnesota during his tenure with the Aggies.



**THE HOT BEFORE THE COLD:** The hot weather is an indicator of summer reaching its peak, which really just means school will be back in session before we know it.



**OUT OF THIS WORLD:** Scientists announced in June that three planets orbiting the star Gliese 667C could be able to contain water and may be habitable.

“LET’S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT”

Should the U.S. government drop charges against Edward Snowden? Why or why not?

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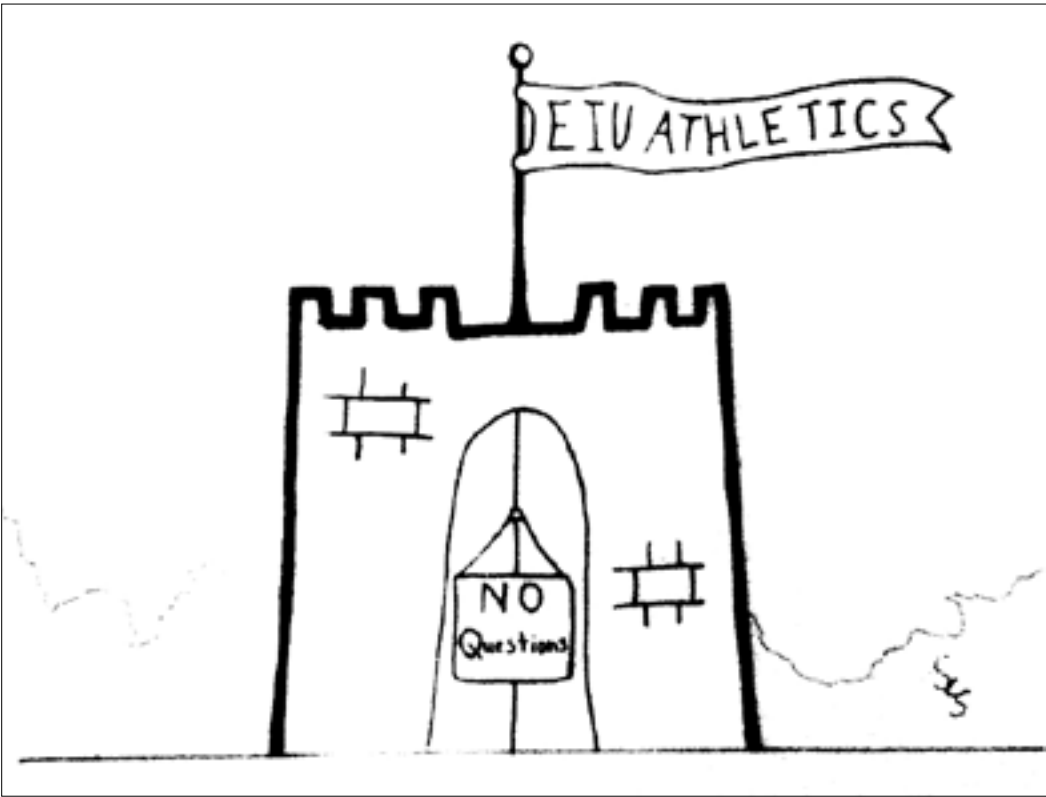
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Old buildings should find a place in our hearts

Old buildings get taken for granted all too often.

We drive by them and often scoff at the seemingly deteriorating condition, but these buildings have a story to tell.

In this summer’s series on historic houses in Charleston, we at The News have aimed to shed a new light on some of the buildings residents drive by every day and may not notice.

We wanted to tell the stories of these houses, especially since some of them have been around for more than 150 years.

Historic buildings are an extremely important aspect of this community, and we should respect them in every way possible.

Helping maintain them as a community while preserving their historic value is key to telling the story of Charleston.

In these buildings, we find so many hidden treasures and quirks – things not seen in modern houses.

Many of these houses have been passed down for generations, from grandfather to father to son to grandson, and will remain a landmark in town for generations to come.

But this is only possible if they are preserved and maintained in the appropriate manner.

In a college town, we understand the need to build new apartment complexes and cater to the needs of the student population.

Sixth street and Seventh street have been designated as Charleston’s Historic District, and they feature more than 100 buildings of historical value.

OUR POSITION

• **Situation:** Old buildings are often ignored or forgotten. Often people do not look at them with any interest.

• **Stance:** We should all take some time and start to notice the little bits of history that exist all around us. People should step back and see history for what it is.

cal value.

On the inside, these buildings tell the story of Charleston’s history, all the way back to its beginning in the early 1800s.

These buildings literally house history, and taking good care of them is of utmost importance.

Many Eastern students live on Sixth street and Seventh street – many of them in houses that are more than a century old.

Knowing the story of their home will give students more of a reason to respect the floorboards they walk on, the walls they pin posters to and the doors they go in and out of every day.

Unfortunately, renters often only worry about what they can get away with and still get their security deposit back at the end of the year.

Regardless of how long a student is here, whether it is two years, four years, or even farther down the road, they should respect and appreciate the history of the town they live in.

Buildings like Old Main are prominent and well looked-after, but lesser-known, older houses need love, too.

Take the time to really get to know and appreciate Charleston and its surroundings.

The houses can be indication enough of all the history this town holds. Students and residents can benefit so much from just stepping back and realizing the beauty and value of the structures around them.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

‘Tell the truth and don’t be afraid’

It is the motto here at The Daily Eastern News. It is the phrase Eastern students hear every year at graduation.

“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”

These are the words spoken by Eastern’s first president Livingston C. Lord — a reminder to Eastern students past, present and future that we should live our lives without fear of retribution for telling the truth.

In current events Edward Snowden, the NSA whistleblower who leaked details of top-secret British and U.S. wire-tapping information to Glenn Greenwald of London’s newspaper The Guardian, is on the run for speaking out and telling the truth about what the government is doing.

He told the truth, was not afraid, and is running from charges by the U.S. government for theft of government property, willful communication of classified intelligence to an unauthorized person and unauthorized communication of national defense information.

He is running for his life because he saw a problem and was not afraid to tell the truth to the world.



Zachary White

It was reckless, stupid and the highest form of honesty that has been seen in a long time.

Was it wrong to tell the truth when he was in no legal position to do so?

No.

Was it illegal?

Yes, but a person who sacrifices what is right for what is legal is not someone who should be revered.

Instead it should be a person like Snowden who we should all look up to. It should be a person who does away with what is legal and instead stands headstrong for what is right.

The motto here at The Daily Eastern News is to tell the truth and do away with the fear that would keep us from doing what is right.

Too often we find ourselves in a situation where we question if something should be covered, should be talked about. All too often the answer is no.

This is true in more than just the news. People have a natural fear of retribution when divulging information they think is important but buried in controversy.

People hide behind their fear and keep the truth to themselves.

But it should not be so.

We should embrace honesty and do away with fear of retribution.

We should say what is true and remove any thought of what could happen if we were to hurt someone’s feelings.

We should look to Snowden and see an American hero, not a whistleblower.

But more than likely we will shut our mouths, and bear the weight of the truth. We will lie without ever saying a word.

Please, prove me wrong.

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# = Monday at the lanes =



Pins are reset at the end of the lane after each frame.



Racks of shoes line the walls behind the front desk.



Personal lockers line are setup on the west side of the bowling lanes.



A pair of shoes lie discarded on a chair in the bowling alley.



Bowling balls lie on a rack near the front desk of the bowling alley.



Bolling balls lie on a rack near the front desk of the bolling alley.



PHOTOS BY ZACHARY WHITE

A boy watches his ball strike pins at the end of one of the lanes at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bowling Lanes Monday.



Employees Ronnie Hellman and John Pogue talk behind the front desk.



University employee Chris Kotula replaces shoes.



Bowling pins are set by an automated machine.



University employee Ronnie Hellman fixes a problem with the bowling ball return.



Christian Dilworth, of Charleston, celebrates his first strike of the day.

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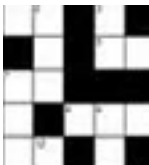


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# Coaches leave questions behind

A great opportunity presented itself to Kim Schuette: the head coaching position of the Purdue softball team.



Aldo Soto

Schuette resigned, Eastern's Director of Athletics Barbara Burke accepted the resignation and Schuette became the third head softball coach in Boiler-maker softball history.

Was there anger among the Panther roster, which for now remains without a coach? Not in the eyes of senior pitcher Hanna Mennenga.

"She had an opportunity too good to pass up," Mennenga said just hours after Schuette's hiring was announced at Purdue.

Yes, there was shock. Mennenga said she did not want to believe it was true, when Schuette called her on June 21 and said she would be leaving. But there was no resentment in the eyes of Mennenga.

The leading pitcher for the Panthers again said it was just too good of an opportunity for Schuette.

Shock? Yes. Anger? No. That's fair. Eastern is no different than any other school affiliated with the NCAA and when a better job offer becomes available I think it's a lay-up. Take it.

I was sitting inside *The Daily Eastern News* newsroom on April 15, looking at a computer screen, reading an article, when a green light began to flash on my phone.

A press release was sent out, the subject line read "Lee Buchanan Resigns as EIU Women's Basketball Coach."

Buchanan spent one year as the head coach after he replaced Brady Sallee, who himself resigned on May 10, 2011 and then became the new head coach for Ball State.

For juniors on the Eastern women's basketball team, Debbie Black, who was hired on May 16, will be their third head coach in as many years.

The green light was flashing on my phone again on June 20.

It was yet another press release.

Summer Perala coached the women's soccer team at Eastern for four seasons. Last Monday, she cleaned out her office.

Schuette's resignation came four days later.

In the past two and a half months Eastern has seen three head coaches resign, one new head coach hired and two job openings still available.

Only one of those resignations made sense, though.

OK, Purdue comes along. We're talking about the Big Ten Conference, no offense to the Ohio Valley Conference, but that's a big step up.

But, for Buchanan and Perala? What's their deal?

Buchanan is still looking for a job either as a coach or a teacher either in high school or at a university.

Eastern found Buchanan's replacement in 31 days, but Buchanan must be taking his time as it's been two and a half months since he's been employed.

Perala finished her tenure with a 25-41-13 record. Now, in the June 20 press release that announced Perala's resignation, Perala said she resigned to pursue other professional opportunities. Seems a tad bit optimistic on her part that job offerings would be coming her way, especially after a 6-12-1 record and a no show at the OVC tournament in 2012.

For the women on the Panther soccer team I can only imagine their frustration. Anger didn't come across the mind of Mennenga when she found out that she would be coached by someone other than Schuette next season, but for being left coachless only two months before the start of their season, I would expect nothing less than anger from the women's soccer team.

Nonetheless, answers will be had eventually. Until then questions still need to be asked.

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# Airin' it out



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Addison Bounds, an incoming freshman quarterback, throws a ball during a pass skeleton drill at an unofficial practice Monday. Bounds is one of five quarterbacks currently on the Eastern football roster.

# Babers serves as rallying point

By Cayla Maurer  
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Second-year head football coach Dino Babers is a rallying point for Eastern players both new and old.

Max Sidney, an incoming freshman, hopes to take away life lessons and experiences through the football program at Eastern.

Sidney, an offensive lineman, started playing football in fifth grade. Eastern took notice of Sidney at the University of Missouri football camp.

"I want to be a part of a team that wins conferences and divisions in a sport that I love," Sidney said.

Xzavier McAllister, another incoming freshman, is looking forward to working with Babers.

McAllister, an offensive lineman, started playing play football at the age of eight. Eastern recruiters visited McAllister at high school football practice.

"When (Babers) came to an official

visit to my house, he came to talk to my mom... it was calming," McAllister said. "It didn't even feel like he was my coach."

Reggie Box, a junior defensive back, started playing football in sixth grade with his father. Box was recruited after sending out a highlight tape of different drills and top plays.

"I can see a clear difference in the staff from when I got recruited to the staff that is here now," Box said. "These guys are extremely lucky because they know what they're doing and what the goal is."

A normal day for players this summer starts at 6:30 a.m. with different running drills that increase agility or endurance. Players then take a break for breakfast and a shower.

Most players are taking summer classes to either get ahead or catch up. Sidney, McAllister and Box are each taking two classes. Both Sidney and McAllister must attend study tables from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All players lift weights from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Later in the afternoon on Tuesday through Thursday, players break into position groups for drills.

Box said, even though his day is filled with practice and school, he is looking forward to winning the Ohio Valley Conference title again this year.

"We all say it's easy to win (the title) one time, but to do it a second time is hard," Box said.

When asked about being ranked No. 18 nationally in the Football Championship Subdivision, all three said they do not pay attention to those things.

"We have bigger expectations for ourselves than people have for us," Sidney said.

"Babers has brought so much unity to this team. It's that unity that has carried us further," Box said.

The Panthers season opener is on August 31 at San Diego at 7 p.m.

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# Buchanan speaks about his future

By Zachary White  
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The former head women's basketball coach is still on the market.

Though unwilling to comment on what jobs he is specifically looking at, Lee Buchanan did comment on what he was looking for.

The six year Eastern coach said he is looking for a job as a coach; yet he has not ruled out the possibility of coaching at a high school level, a college level, or the possibility of teaching at a high school or collegiate level.

"I've had a bunch of people contact me about teaching at a collegiate level," Buchanan said. "I'm trying to weigh everything and do what's right for my family."

With his son Austin having graduated high school is May, Buchanan said he felt it was the right time for a move.

Having accumulated the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year award with a 20-12 record, a regular season OVC Championship and the programs first ever post season win, Buchanan felt it was his time.

"I felt I had done all I could do," Buchanan said. "I used to tell friends if I ever won a national championship I would quit the next day. Obviously I never won one. But we did go far here, and I felt it was time."

Buchanan said it would be unfair to his family if he were to comment on whether he is trying to get a job at the college his son plans to attend.

He said for the majority of his 27-year career as a basketball coach, six of which he spent on the Eastern women's staff, a lot of his life decisions were based on his career.

Buchanan said he has gotten to the point in his career where he feels that needs to change.

"I think that coaches who do this, it's demanding on your personal life," he said. "At some point, when you make decisions, you have to



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The head coach of the women's basketball team, Lee Buchanan, speaks to some of the players during a time out during a game against Southern Illinois Edwardsville on March 2. Buchanan resigned from his position on April 15.

make them for your family."

But his career as a coach has brought Buchanan a lot of enjoyment.

"It's hard, it's demanding, and you have to carry that with you," he said. "You have tremendous memories of what you've gone through, and you can't help but be proud."

In an interview on Feb. 19, Buchanan shared some of those memories.

"I started an NAIA program and got it to be one of the top programs in the country," he said. "We were ranked as high as third in the coun-

try. It took me nine years to get to the national tournament, the first in the school's history; we went three years in a row."

Buchanan said in 1997 his team at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky. made it to the Elite 8.

In memory of that team, Buchanan still wears a watch with the Elite 8 logo on it.

During an interview last Wednesday, he reflected on what his watch symbolizes.

"I still wear the watch, and I have rings I still wear," Buchanan said slowly, choking back emotion. "But

you don't wear them because you want to show off, it isn't to be flashy — it's for pride I guess."

He said that working as a coach brings him pride, but looking at his life there are other things he has to keep in mind.

"I think you always have to sit down and evaluate where you are and where you're going," Buchanan said. "There are a lot of questions you have to ask yourself."

And for Buchanan, his family is currently what he feels is most important to him.

He alluded to the fact that he will

probably be making the news when he makes a move. But for now, he plans to just focus on family.

Buchanan said the idea of continuing his education, like he did when he went back and got master's degree in athletic administration at Eastern when he was 48, is not off the table.

"I have been thinking of possibly going back and getting my doctorate," he said.

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# Volleyball team hopes to build success

Staff Report  
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In 2012, Eastern volleyball returned to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the first time in seven years.

The Panthers completed the campaign with an 11-21 record and finished 8-8 in conference play.

The Panthers rebounded from a slow start in 2012 to win three games in a row in the last week of October, which was enough to see them into the OVC playoffs.

Coach Kate Price and her team's .500 OVC record is evidence of the Panthers steady improvement since she took over as head coach in 2010.

Eastern's OVC tally in 2008 and 2009 was 2-16 and 4-13, respectively.

In Price's first year calling the shots, her team was 7-11 and then 8-12 in 2011.

But the story of the Panthers goes beyond the numbers.

Eastern is led by Reynae Hutchinson and Stephanie Arnold.

Hutchinson and Arnold will return as seniors in 2013. Hutchin-



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The Panthers scream together after a volley during the game against University of Tennessee-Martin on Sept. 22. The 2013 season will start Aug. 30 against Loyola.

son led Eastern with 336 kills and collected All-OVC honors.

The Mattoon-native was also selected to the OVC newcomer team

in her freshman year and has been a statistical leader in each year since.

Arnold had 91 block assists last year and was picked as an OVC

scholar athlete. Additionally, she has been on the OVC Commissioner's honor roll in all four of her seasons on the Eastern roster.

She was forced to use a medical redshirt for her sophomore season and will therefore be a fifth year senior in 2013.

But it will not only be seniors that take the lead for the Panthers this season.

Sophomore Abby Saalfrank gathered OVC freshman of the year honors in 2012 after becoming the all-time leader in hits and number of sets played for a first-year player.

Eastern will play four tournaments in the first month of the season starting with the Toledo Blue/Gold Invitational Aug. 30-31.

The Panthers will see Loyola in the first round of the competition on Aug. 30.

Conference play begins on Sept. 27 against Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau.

Eastern lost to Southeast Missouri at home first conference match in 2012 but defeated the Redhawks on the road later in the year.

Eastern's first home match will be on Oct. 1 when they take on Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

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