

**Fourth Quarter 2025**



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# News



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

**Spectators watch logs, tree branches, other debris and more than 3 feet of flood water rush over Garner Field Road the evening of July 14 at the Frio River crossing east of Uvalde. Later, the water completely covered the yellow flood gauge, which bent from the force of floodwater and debris.**



CHLOE NELSON | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

People held various signs protesting President Donald Trump during the “No Kings” rally in Venice on Saturday.



JESS ORLANDO | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

An employee at Glueck's Auto Parts II in Osprey helps maneuver heavy vehicles onto cars in order to simulate a multi-vehicle crash.



JIM HILLEY | ROSWELL (NEW MEXICO) DAILY RECORD

**PICTURING THE DAY** — Kody White of Curry County 4-H, appears to be whispering words of encouragement to his heifer during the livestock competition at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Thursday.



AARON KIRCHOFF | GREENSBURG (INDIANA) DAILY NEWS

**RUSH COUNTY** — Units from surrounding fire departments were on scene shortly before noon Saturday at a barn fire south of East US 52, five miles east of Rushville. Responders found a fully engulfed barn fire and immediately went to work battling the blaze. No additional information about the blaze was available at the time of this writing. Visit [greensburgdailynews.com](http://greensburgdailynews.com) for additional photos.

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## Balancing act



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On May 29, a railroad worker balances high above Main Street in Newcastle to work on the crossing lights.

# Features



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

With white paint still on his hands from a weekend spent refurbishing the 21 crosses he and his family first built in the aftermath of the May 24, 2022, mass shooting at Robb Elementary, Uvalde resident Cujo Rodriguez on May 18 passes a cross for fourth-grade victim Xavier Lopez to his son, Armoni Castro.

## Pretty in the park



Photos by Walter Sprague and Kaelyn Swain/NLJ

**The 19th Fall Festival and Shine and Show were held Saturday at Dow Park in Newcastle. Above, a bright red 1934 Ford Coupe, owned by David and EJ Reid of Custer, shines bright. Above, Troy Cade fills the area with smoke. At right, several booths beckon attendees.**

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FRITZ FREUDENBERGER | BOOTHBAY REGISTER (BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE)

A mother and child share a moment while carolers sing before Santa's arrival Nov. 27 at Boothbay Common.



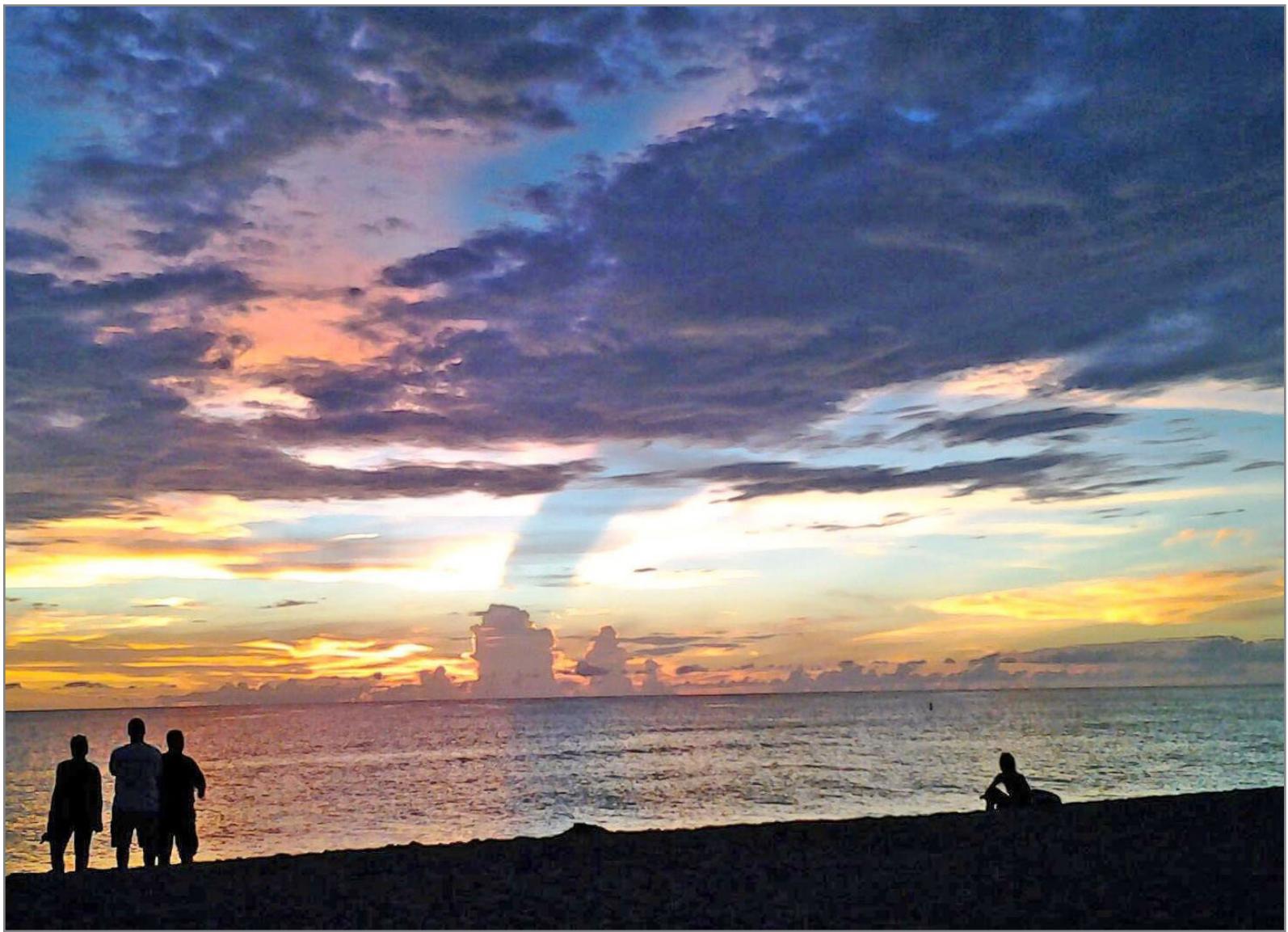
Photo by Emalee Sweet/NLJ

**Michael Lane enjoys the watermelon eating contest during Family Fun Night at the Weston County Fair on July 28.**



NORMA PENNINGTON | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Norma Pennington got this spectacle of nature at the Venice Rookery.



CORKY DALTON | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Cloud “skyscrapers” block the setting sun.

## Riding the wave



Photo by Wendy Laviola/NLJ

On Monday, March 31, the Weston County Concert Association presented the group "Sail On: A Beach Boys Tribute" as part of the 2024-2025 concert season, at the Crouch Auditorium. The group played to a packed auditorium with an enthusiastic crowd to hear the diverse group of musicians as they played music from The Beach Boys. The next and last concert of the season will be "Street Corner Symphony," scheduled for Monday, May 19. Pictured are guitarists Paul Runyon and Matt Thompson.



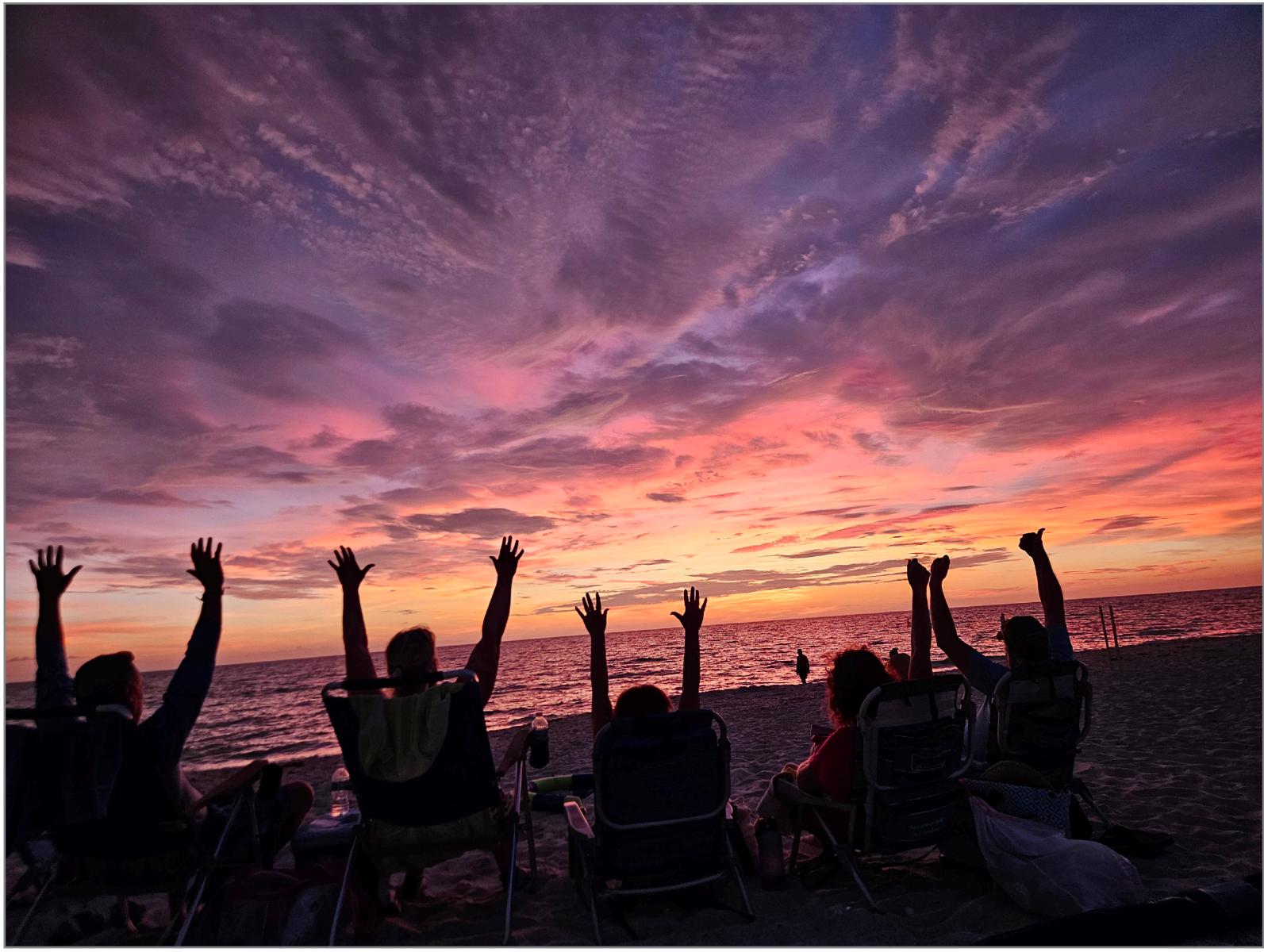
CHLOE NELSON | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Venice High School senior boys bid their graduation caps goodbye after the go-ahead from Superintendent Terry Connor on Thursday.



KENNETH CAHILL | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Kenneth Cahill captured this on a roof at Village on the Isle earlier this year. He wrote, "While I took several photos, I thought this one is symbolic of the continuing growth of Venice with the crane in the foreground, the backdrop of the Venice



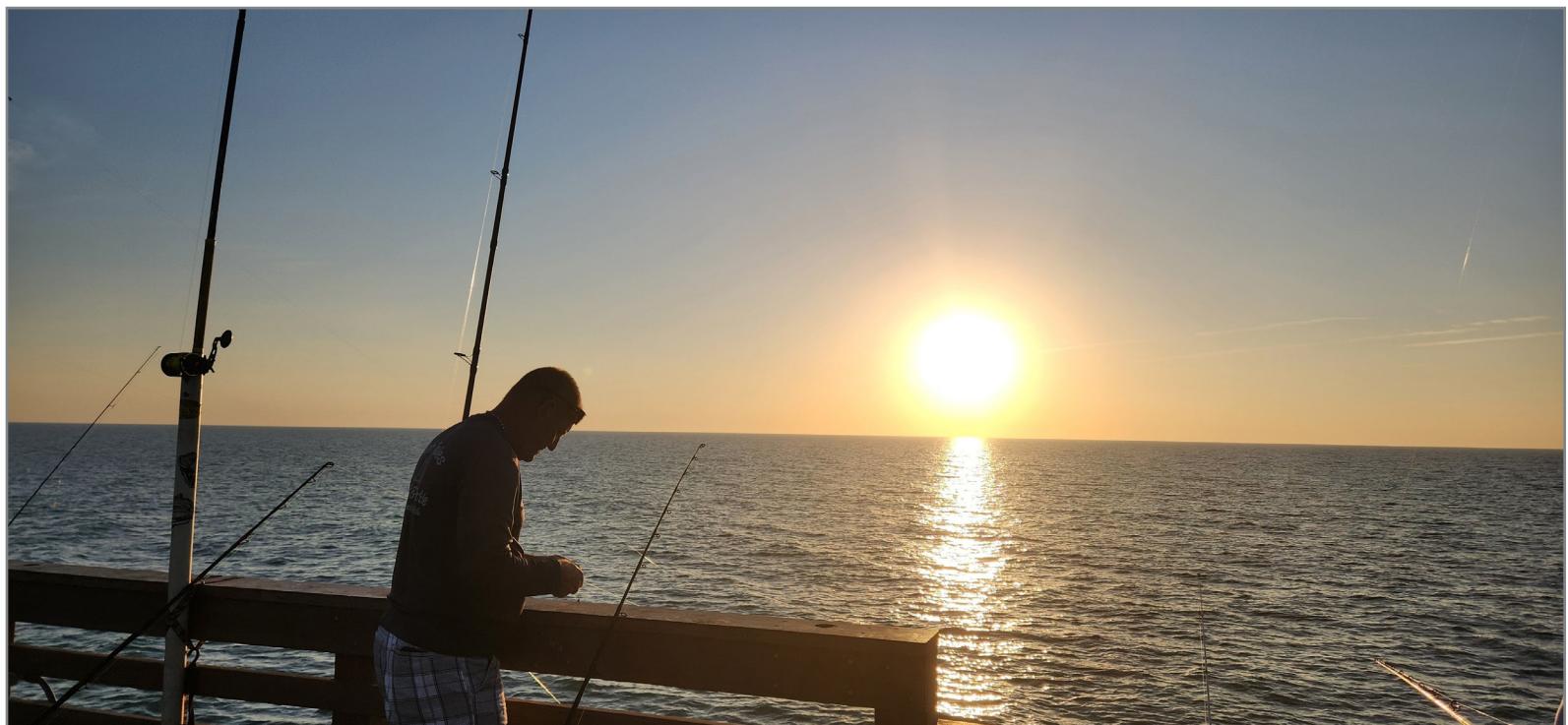
GLENN BRUNO | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Celebrating the beautiful sunsets and off-season crowds at Nokomis Beach are, from left, Tony Weaver, Linda Weaver, Diane Bruno, Leslie Stenbeck and Larry Stenbeck.



JUSTIN FENNELL | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

The sun sets behind one of the flags brought to the ceremony.



JUSTIN FENNELL | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

**A fisherman puts his bait on the hook as the sun sets over the Gulf.**

## *Santa visits Mountain Poppy*

Christmas Street in the Hard District



Photo by Mindy Leary

A darling baby, cradled by Mrs. Claus, looks with wonder at Santa.

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JOSEPH GARCIA | SANTA PAULA (CALIFORNIA) TIMES

Fernando Maya of Santa Paula, who said he has worked about 30 years in the citrus industry, waits for the festivities to begin. Maya attends the Labor Day Parade with wife Blanca and grandson Baker Baker McFerin (reflection visible in the left lens of Maya's dark glasses).



AARON KIRCHOFF | GREENSBURG (INDIANA) DAILY NEWS

\*This ran as a part of the Rush County Fair Photo page\* - Colton Goodwin, 3-years-old

# Sports

# **BIG SECOND HALF PUSHES ARCHBOLD PAST EVERGREEN**

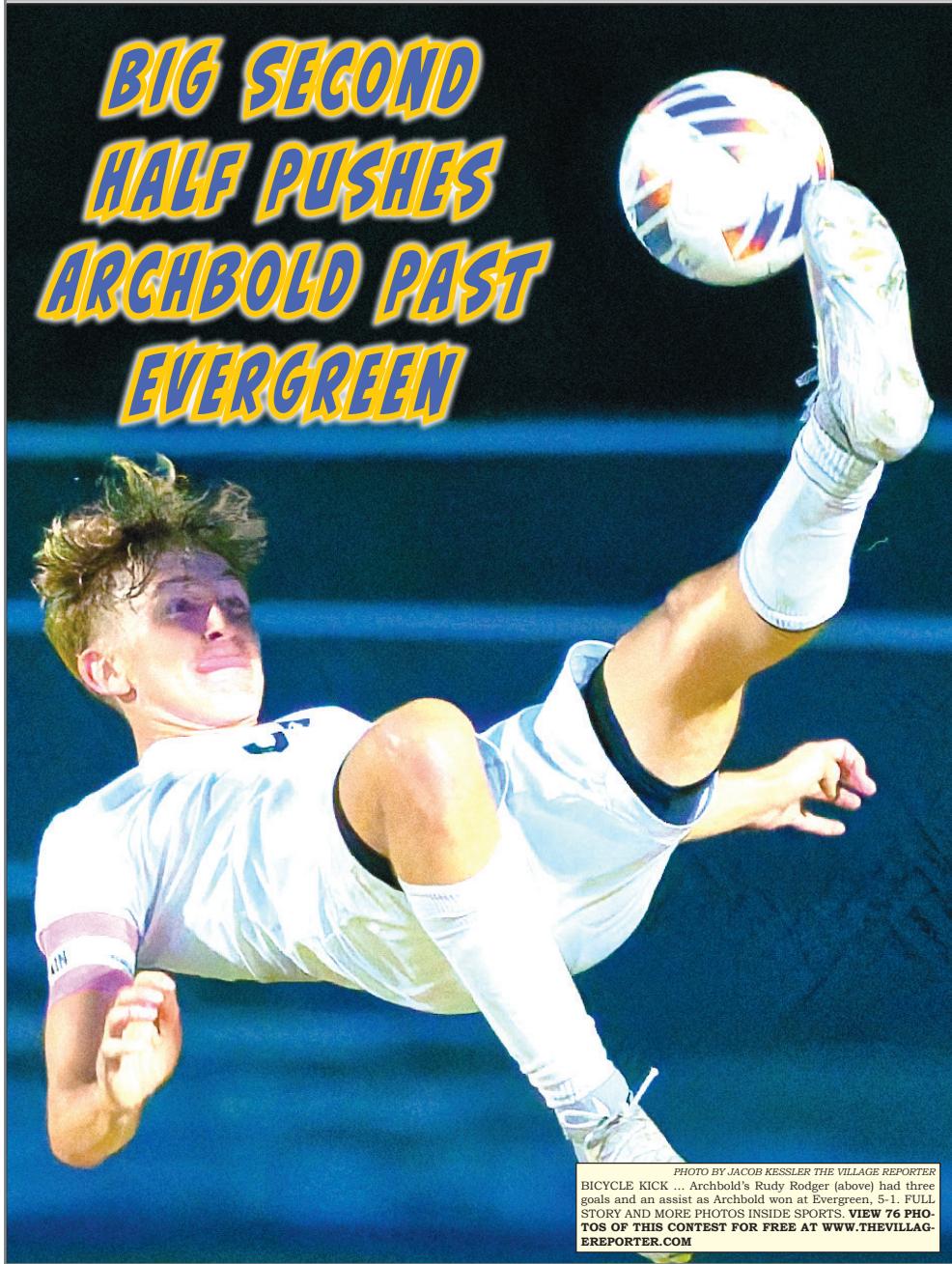


PHOTO BY JACOB KESSLER | THE VILLAGE REPORTER  
BICYCLE KICK ... Archbold's Rudy Rodger (above) had three goals and an assist as Archbold won at Evergreen, 5-1. FULL STORY AND MORE PHOTOS INSIDE SPORTS. [VIEW 76 PHOTOS OF THIS CONTEST FOR FREE AT WWW.THEVILLAGEREPORTER.COM](http://WWW.THEVILLAGEREPORTER.COM)

**JACOB KESSLER | THE VILLAGE REPORTER, MONTPELIER, OHIO**

**BICYCLE KICK** — Archbold's Rudy Rodger (above) had three goals and an assist as Archbold won at Evergreen, 5-1.



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Sabinal Yellowjackets wide receiver Andy Reyes rises above a Brackettville defender for a touchdown catch — one of three he recorded Oct. 10 when the Yellowjackets lost at home to Brackettville, 42-35.



MELISSA SANDERSON | FERNDALE (CALIFORNIA) ENTERPRISE

"Prescott Langer leaps over the Don's defensive line heading in for a touchdown."



JESS ORLANDO | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Emily Chamberlain and her horse Stravinsky Optimus score 70 points during the Hunter Derby competition.



PATRICK OBLEY | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Venice's Winston Watkins Jr. delivers an epic stiff-arm against Lake Mary's Brad Billups during the Class 7A state championship at Pitbull Stadium, Miami.



EVAN LEPAK | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Venice's Zoey O'Leary puts up a shot over the North Port defense during Thursday's 7A-12 district semifinal at Venice High.



JUSTIN FENNELL | VENICE (FLORIDA) GONDOLIER

Venice's Graham Houston stops Jesuit runner Christian Sheffield at second base during Thursday night's game.



AARON KIRCHOFF | GREENSBURG (INDIANA) DAILY NEWS

**Greensburg's Bryson Chilton (7) and New Castle's Jack Bertram (10) get tangled as they battle for the ball during sectional championship action at Triton Central Saturday.**

## Firmly planted



Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ

Collin McConkey had a great week on the track and in the field last week, claiming victory in the 100 Meter Dash at home and in Douglas. He is pictured here earning his sixth-place finish in Long Jump at the Newcastle Quad on the April 22. Read more on page B1.

## Break with a buddy



Photo by Emalee Sweet/NLJ

FFA and 4-H Horse competitors rose early Monday morning to prepare and get their horses to the fairgrounds for the 8 a.m. Junior Horse Show, with the show events inside the Four Seasons arena. Outdoor events included trail patterns and speed events with reining events inside the Four Seasons arena. Here, Teddy Troftgruben takes a break in between his events.

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RODNEY HALTOM | EUFAULA (OKLAHOMA) INDIAN JOURNAL

Rafael Henrique dos Santos gets bucked off the bull known as Hunting Trip at the PBR event in Tulsa. Santos received no score on the attempt.

## Squealing to the finish



Photo by Katie Williamson/NLJ

Pork Butts, first place in the adult division with a time of 30.82 seconds, wrestle their pig into the barrel, butt first, on Sunday, July 27, at the Weston County Fair during the Pig Wrestling event. Pictured are James Stock, Victoria Pehringer, and Amesha Cummings.

## Putting the pressure on



Photo by Ivy Bau/NLJ

Newcastle High School wrestler Scott Larson, competing in the 138-pound weight class, made quick work of his Spearfish opponent in the quarter-finals of the Belle Fourche Invitational Friday. Larson would go on to take home second place on Saturday.

**Deadline for the First Quarter 2026 Pub  
Aux Photo Contest is  
Wednesday, March 18, at midnight CT.**

**Reminder: one photo per photographer  
per category**

**Email entries to Kate Decker at  
[kate@nna.org](mailto:kate@nna.org)**