KENTUCKY PLANS TO BENEFIT — Gas stations and convenience stores in Kentucky hope to profit of Illinoisiens with the recent increases in Illinois fuel and cigarette taxes. One store, located just across the Ohio River from Shawneetown, displayed this sign in front of their store this past weekend. Illinois motor fuel tax doubled, starting on July 1, going from 19¢ a gallon. Illinois cigarettes have also increased by $1 per pack.
A Spring Breaker dances on a flag pole near Mile Marker 32 on the beach on Friday, March 13.
The ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Horicon elementary and middle school building. The new building is scheduled to open for the 2020-2021 school year. Pictured from left are Bill Robers, Allison Mastel, Becky Rosteing, Clint Selle, Principal Teresa Graven, Amanda Remley, Nathan Hodgson, Meredith Strieff, Mitchell Kidd, Superintendent Rich Appel, Eric Krause-Emerick, Dave Westemeyer, Kathy Carpenter, Katie Schwartz, Jamie Anderson (Horicon student), Tina Streblow, Mayor Jim Grigg, Principal Lisa Sawyer, Charlie Hintz (Horicon student).
A spot fire ignited next to a Cal Fire engine as agencies from across the region responded to a wind-driven vegetation fire that grew to 58 acres in Oakley, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019. The fire was reported just after noon and eventually burned through a vineyard and three outbuildings, though no homes were lost. Two civilian injuries were reported.
Firefighters from four towns—Bethel, East Randolph, Royalton, and Barnard—battle an apartment fire in downtown Bethel in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday morning. (4/4/19)
HEAD OVER HEELS FOR BAND — More than 20 bands from around the state and region descended upon War Eagle Stadium Saturday for the Fifth Annual War Eagle Classic. The event is the largest band competition in the state this year. For more photos from the event, see Page 1C. For even more photos, visit www.thewaynecountynews.com and click on the “Photo Gallery” link on the home page to view more than 400 photos from the competition.
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School District of Horicon Superintendent Rich Appel sings the National Anthem at the July 17 Atlanta Braves/Milwaukee Brewers game at Miller Park in West Allis. Appel is a veteran of the U.S. Army.
Fallon McQuade learned to use a magnifying glass during April’s Big Break Littles program focused on spring flowers at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley, Calif., Monday, April 8, 2019. During the program — intended for children aged 1 through 5 — kids planted seeds, learned about bees and got a close look at plants, flowers and insects in the park with the help of park staff and volunteers.
People gather to photograph the sunset in Morro Bay, California. (10/10/19)
Hiding from the Heat | Bianca Stumpf, Ella Neff, Grace Collins, Ruby Souligny, and Sora Dupras take shelter from the sun, but stretch out their legs while on lunch break from “Footloose” rehearsals at the Chandler Music Hall. (6/27/2019)
CAL FIRE foresters fell a pine tree that was infested with bark beetles. Trees around Lake Gregory have been dying due to the bark beetle.
Chance West has some tough luck during the saddle bronc riding at the Gold Rush Days Rodeo.
Joslyn Overstreet stretches to catch a throw as a Pearl River Central runner approaches first base and a PRC coach watches the play intently during Monday night’s playoff game between the Lady Blue Devils and the Lady War Eagles. WCHS won the game, 8-5, to advance to South State.
Horicon High School senior Haley Wolff extends mid-air during the long jump competition at the Mayville High School quad invite on Tuesday, April 2.
Patriots’ catcher Casey Turturici (26) waits to tag Freedom’s Julian Partida (1) who tried to score from first on a dropped infield fly ball as Heritage shut out Freedom 5-0 in Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The Patriots improved to 9-3 overall and will next face crosstown-rival Liberty Thursday, April 11, while Freedom dropped to 7-8 and will next take on Deer Valley.
A fisherman paddles out to check his line at sunset in Morro Bay, California. (09/19/19)