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There's a season for everything. So it should be no surprise that when it comes to mushrooms, one southern Illinois man has mushroom growing and hunting down to a science.

Michael "Mike" Hatfield is the owner of the Flyway Family Farm, a habitation that organically grows and provides many diverse and nutrient dense gourmet mushrooms, along with a variety of organic vegetables. Hatfield has had an interest in the production of mushrooms for the past 10 years; his business has generated commercially in full sway for two years.
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"Now, after careful deliberation, I have decided that the United States should take military action against Syrian regime targets," Obama said during a press conference Saturday in the Rose Garden. He also said military units are stationed in the area ready to attack at a moment’s notice before surging about the US convention for a congressional approval.

"But having made my decision as commander-in-chief based on what I am convinced is our national security interests, I am also mindful that I’m the president of the world’s oldest constitutional democracy," Obama said. "I’ve long believed that our power is rooted not in our military might, but in our example as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And that’s why I’ve made a second decision. I will seek authorization for the use of force from the American people’s representatives in Congress."

On Wednesday, he received key support from Speaker of the House John Boehner and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor. Obama now seeks international support at the G-20 summit, a meeting of leading wealthy and developing nations held in St. Petersburg, Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin has been a supporter of the government of Syria led by Bashar al-Assad. Meanwhile, Secretary of State John Kerry, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey met before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to state their case for attacking Syria.

"One of the reasons Assad has been using these materials is because he has, up until now, made the calculation that the West will not go and the United States particularly are not going to do anything about it," Kerry said during the meeting. "Impunity is already working to kill a lot of people and to make things more dangerous." On Wednesday, the committee passed by a vote of 10-3 a resolution to allow Obama to take limited military action against Syria. The resolution now moves to the full Senate for deliberation. According to David Yepsen, Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, it is difficult to predict how Congress will act.

"The polls are running against the president in this," he said. "Yet at the same time, the establishments, both Republican and Democrat, are behind the president. It’s too early to tell how Congress will vote."

Two key victories for same-sex marriages

On Aug. 29, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Treasury Department ruled same-sex couples legally married in place that recognize same-sex marriages will be recognized as such for tax purposes, even if they live in a jurisdiction that does not recognize the marriage.

The ruling comes as a huge victory for same-sex couples. They will be able to file jointly on income tax and will receive benefits that hetero-sexual couples now receive. This comes after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the ban on the federal government in recognition of same-sex marriage, the Defense of Marriage Act, declaring it unconstitutional.

According to Andy Pensoneau-Conway, assistant professor of speech communications and assistant professor of public relations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the IRS decision marks a step forward for same-sex couples at the federal level.

"There is definitely a level of legitimacy that has been added to this," she said. "We’re going to see more types of these policies coming-down just because the IRS decision to recognize same-sex marriage at the federal level is a result of the DOMA decision that happened a couple months ago."

That matter, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg presided over the same-sex marriage of two of her close friends. This makes her the first Supreme Court judge to preside over such a marriage.

"This kind of action by institutional figures to recognize love for greater inclusion is both exciting and necessary," Wendy Weinshall, coordinator of the LGBTQ Resource Center. "In order for individuals’ minds to change, institutions have to change, and often institutions have to change first."

Pensoneau-Conway says the events are a good step in terms of public view. These steps, while positive, were only a small victory in terms of acceptance of all sexual identities and relations, she said.

"These certainly are moments to celebrate, but they are just moments, they’re not the pinnacle," she said. "So we have to put them in that context and ask what moments can these types of celebrations engender to help us continue to move forward in acknowledging and accepting all different sorts of people and the relationships those people are in."

Department of Justice to keep hands off Washington and Colorado marijuana laws

Attorney General Eric Holder recently contacted the governors of Washington and Colorado to say that his department will not go after marijuana legalization laws of each state to go into effect. The department of Justice is taking a wait-and-see approach with the new laws, but it is reserving the right to file a preemption lawsuit at a future date. Marijuana is illegal at the federal level.

Deputy U.S. Attorney General James Cole sent a memo to federal prosecutors on Aug. 29 noting that it will not make state marijuana laws or statutes that call marijuana recreationally a priority in drug enforcement. The memo goes on to say that its priorities in marijuana enforcement will be preventing the use of marijuana distribution to minors, preventing-criminal enterprises from profiting off marijuana sales, preventing trafficking of marijuana from states where it is legal to states where it is illegal and preventing marijuana sales from being used as a cover for the sale of other illegal drugs.

"The department is … committed to using its limited investigative and prosecutorial resources to address the most significant threats in the most effective, consistent and rational way," Cole said in the memo.

The Denver Post’s John Hickenlooper said the Department of Justice’s stance is positive for Colorado citizens.

"We recognize how difficult this issue has been for the Department of Justice and we appreciate the thoughtful approach it has taken. Amendment 64 put Colorado in conflict with federal law," Hickenlooper said in a statement issued Aug. 29.

New Veterans Center offers therapy, career resources

A new center will offer veterans services they can’t be found at any-where else in southern Illinois.

Marion VA Medical Center opened the Illinois AMVETS Veteran Center Wednesday to provide veterans with state of the art healthcare. The center includes mental health services, substance abuse assistance, physical rehabilitative services and a career resource center.

Frank Kehus, AMVETS Department of Illinois commander, said he is proud of the center and hopes it can help veterans in the southern Illinois area.

"At the Illinois AMVETS, our motto is veterans serving veterans," he said. "The resource center will house some of the best physical and mental health resources local veterans have access to.

Frank Kehus, Marion VA medical center interim director, said he expects the new AMVETS center to be a crucial part of the medical center.

"This facility will improve the quality of life for veterans, now and for years to come," he said.

Kehus said the veterans center was funded by a $3.9 million donation from AMVETS. The 16,000-square foot building will offer services for post-traumatic stress, mental health intensive case management, prosthet-ics and more, he said.

Aquatics therapy and cardiac rehabilitation will be added to the center in the near future, Kehus said. The Marion Center will also add more facili-ties within several years, creating a new mental health facility and room for more veterans who need to stay at the facility, he said.

Cheryl Weglewski, Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation president, said she is thrilled to see the center’s completion since it took several years to develop the idea and construct the facility.

"I’ve been working with it since its inception and believe me, when you get to go inside and look at what they accomplished, you are not going to believe it," she said. "Our veterans deserve this. Our veterans need this."
Obama says he didn’t draw the red line on Syria, world did

LESLEY CLARK
McClatchy-Tribune

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — President Barack Obama said Wednesday that he didn’t set the “red line” against Syria for the use of chemical weapons.

Speaking at a press conference in Stockholm ahead of an economic summit in Russia, where he will seek support for a U.S. military strike against Syria, Obama said the “red line” he talked about a year ago against Syria’s use of chemical weapons wasn’t his but an international standard.

“I didn’t set a red line; the world set a red line,” Obama said. “My credibility is not on the line. The international community’s credibility is on the line. And America and Congress’ credibility is on the line because we give lip service to the notion that these international norms are important.”

At an August 2012 White House press conference, Obama warned that “we have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculus. That would change my equation.”

Obama is seeking approval from Congress to launch airstrikes against the Syrian government for a chemical attack that did cross the so-called red line. A major argument for granting the authorization is that Obama and the United States would look weak if they did not act.

Obama said Wednesday that he didn’t pluck the idea of a red line “out of thin air,” but was referring to a global treaty banning the use of chemical weapons, “which the overwhelming consensus of humanity says is wrong.”

Yet the difficulty Obama faces in achieving a global consensus was illustrated at the press conference with Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, who described the use of chemical weapons and said he understood Obama’s predilection but said Sweden wants United Nations involvement and a political resolution to the carnage in Syria.

“I understand the problem of not having a reaction to abuse of chemical weapons and what kind of signal that sends to the world,” Reinfeldt said. “But this small country will always say, ‘Let’s put our hope into the United Nations, let us push on some more to get a better situation.’”

Obama, who was asked how he could square his Nobel Peace Prize with a military attack, solemnly defended his push for a strike, evoking the exposure of children to chemical weapons. The Nobel Foundation is based in Stockholm.

“The moral thing to do is not to stand by and do nothing,” Obama said. He later added, “I do have to ask people if in fact you’re outraged by the slaughter of innocent people, what are you doing about it?”

Obama said he expects Congress to give him the support he needs to launch airstrikes.

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Younger Muslim Brotherhood
hoping to revive the group

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McClatchy-Tribune

CAIRO — With the unprecedented arrests of the top and mid-levels of the Muslim Brotherhood, the secretive organization through which Mohammed Morsi ascended to the presidency before he was ousted this summer, the group’s younger members are forming splinter groups that they promise will revive the embattled organization.

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Many of those forming the new groups were in Rabaa on Aug. 14 as part of a six-in protesting Morsi’s ouster, when at least 634 people — estimates run as high as 1,100 — were killed in clashes with security forces, marking one of the deadliest days in Egypt’s history.

Many youths had met during the six-week sit-in that led up to the attack and began communicating after the government broke them up.

The youths said that salvaging the Islamist message was as much about averting the deaths of friends as it was about saving Egypt from a return to military dictatorship.

Using social websites such as Facebook, the Brotherhood’s young members are creating groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood without Violence and Youth Against the Coup to galvanize protests and rebrand the group in the face of its arrested leadership. They said they weren’t the Brotherhood that had defined the Morsi presidency. Whereas Morsi was divisive and sought to carry out the group’s vision of an Islamic Egypt while working with the military, the youths said they were inclusive and that they rejected working with the armed forces.

Among them is Ghaid Khalid, 19, whose husband, an Al Jazeera journalist, was among the thousands rounded up by the security forces.

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Dear Editor,

We attended the most recent Carbondale City Council meeting on August 27, 2013, in order to support a good friend, Randy Throgmorton, who was requesting a Special Use Permit in order to continue to operate his small HVAC business in Carbondale.

His property is located within the city limits, but it is zoned as “Agricultural Property”, and the zoning codes permit him to operate an “At Home Business” without employees. He did this for several years, but eventually needed to hire a full-time worker to assist him with larger jobs.

The fact that he now has one employee places him in violation of the city zoning requirements, and because a few of his neighbors complained that they did not want their neighborhood turned into an “industrial park”, the city council rejected his Special Use Permit.

We are very upset that the city of Carbondale basically has turned its back on a small business that has proven to be viable and has continued to pay city business taxes over the years.

The fact that he is able to employ another person to help maintain service to the clients that depend on him (including several other Carbondale businesses) should not be reason to fire that employee and shut his business down.

This seems in direct conflict with the city’s goal of increasing and maintaining viable small businesses in the community. Randy is a very hard working responsible citizen of the community.

It is a travesty that the city will be forcing him to scale back his business and fire his employee or force him to pay the expenses to relocate his business due to one small technicality in the zoning code. Carbondale should be helping small businesses, not throwing up roadblocks to their success.

There may be issues that the neighbors have which could be amicably resolved, but they should not have the right to put a hard working man out of business because of petty reasons, and the city should not allow that to happen either.

To the city council: we hope Randy appeals your decision, and you decide in his favor.

Councilman Lance Jack made some very strong supportive statements in Randy’s favor. Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw also sided in favor of granting Randy the Special Use Permit.

To Randy’s neighbors: Your actions have placed in jeopardy two young men’s ability to make an honest living. Think about what you have done. No one should have the right to take away a man’s livelihood over small neighborhood issues.

Be careful what you wish for, should Randy leave your neighborhood, you may wind up with a worse situation. Search your conscious, and tell the city to reverse their decision.

Concerned and Disappointed Carbondale Citizens

Jon and Mary Landt
Mushrooms

Hatfield said those searching for Morel mushrooms in the spring might have a difficult time.

“Morels are good, but they’re also hard to find,” he said. “I started learning that there are far more edible mushrooms out in the fall and early winter than there is in the spring, and oyster mushrooms are one of the big ones and they’re really good.”

Hunters might be better off searching for mushrooms now rather than later in the year, he said.

“In the late summer and fall is when the Lion’s Mane’s grow, which are these giant … big white things with tentacles that kind of hang down, they almost taste like lobster, and those are great,” he said.

Hatfield said he became acquainted with mushrooms while in school about eight years ago.

“I just so happened to meet a guy who was growing Shi’take mushrooms, he had brought this big Shi’take in and I said ‘Wow, that’s awesome;’” he said.

Hatfield’s interest was piqued and he visited the man’s farm to learn about his other mushroom varieties.

“I started messing around with Shi’takes and then started doing some oyster mushrooms, too,” he said. “And it’s been a steep learning curve ever since… But it has been fun and rewarding, that’s for sure.”

Hatfield has taken to growing his own mushrooms. The growing process consists of pieces of hardwood timber that have been stacked to reduce contamination from the soil before full colonization, and to expose more of the log so that more mushrooms have the chance to grow. The logs then have many holes drilled throughout their length and each hole filled with mushroom spawn.

“The way we’re doing it, there is not really a ‘processing’ of them,” he said. “[I] just pull it off and they usually come off pretty clean, occasionally there’s a little piece of bark that’s stuck on it and we’ll just pull that off the stem.”

When dealing with his oyster mushrooms, he has developed a different method. He has five gallon buckets, or in another instance long tube-cut cellophane bags, with holes respectively drilled or cut into them that are filled with shredded wheat straw and hydrated lime, along with the necessary mushroom spawn.

“We grow (oyster) in a way that encourages them to form clusters and we just pop them right off of the tubes that we’re growing them in,” he said.

He will soak the straw for up to 24 hours in caustic water, with a basic pH level of 12, before ingrating into bags, or buckets, with the spawns.

“That super high pH, with the (mushrooms) soaking in there, pretty much kills other molds or bacteria, anything that might be growing on that straw and leaves it ready;” he said. “It gives us about a two week window where nothing is going to be growing on that straw except for the spawn that we put in there.”

Hatfield said these mushrooms can be used extensively to help the human body. — Some varieties can be brewed in teas and some even have medicinal effects to help treat arthritis and cancer. Mushrooms also are able to grow in a diverse range of areas.

“They’ll grow on just about any sort of agricultural waste, anything with cellulose in it,” he said. “So you can grow them on shredded newspaper, human hair, coffee grounds, rice straw, wheat straw, corn stalks, just about anything.”

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Michael Hatfield, of Makanda, demonstrates one of the techniques used to grow mushrooms Tuesday at his farm in Makanda. In this process, straw is mixed with hydrated lime and mushroom spawn, and stored in buckets. “By doing it with these holes, it encourages them to grow out like that,” he said.
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, turn each letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Answer:

SAUME
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Newlyweds celebrated

Answer:

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Women’s golf prepares to tee off in Normal

TYLER DIXON
The Weekender

Over the past weeks the Salukis have been preparing for their first tournament of the season, Sunday’s Redbird Invitational hosted by Illinois State.

Despite all the players on the team working on their game all summer, only six players can represent SIU in the first tournament in Normal. The first five players qualified as a team, with the sixth qualifying as an individual. Senior Cassie Rushing shot the best score qualifying rounds with a 372. Head coach Alexis Mihelich said after a former Illinois State player graduated last spring, Rushing is the golfer to beat in the Missouri Valley Conference.

“Now that Katie Jean is graduated, she is the best player in the conference,” Mihelich said.

Fresenius Brooke Cusumano finished with a 392. Kristie Yang, the second freshmen to qualify as a member of the five-person team, shot a 397.

Fellow senior and former John A. Logan standout Alexis Gatton grabbed the fourth spot with a 399. Gatton was a member of the All Region 24 team her freshman and sophomore season as a member of the Lady Vols.

The only sophomore on the roster, Mattie Lindene, has the final team spot finishing with a 401. For the 2012-2013 season, Lindene was named a Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar. She also had the nine and 18-hole record at Lebanon High School her senior season.

Fresenius Ximneen Jin finished sixth with a 403. Jin will compete as an individual in the tournament. Playing as an individual is normal for Jin, since her high school did not have a golf team.

The players competed at Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau, Mo., for four rounds and finished qualifying at their home course, Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

Cusumano said playing at a difficult course like Dalhousie helps, because it makes players hit the ball down the middle. She said if the ball goes left or right it will end up in the tall grass and it will be hard to find.

“It is pretty cool because we are all so young, so we have a lot of time in front of us to get better,” she said. “It shows the depth of our team.”

Despite the Missouri Valley Conference championship being so far away, the team knows they have the ability to win.

Cusumano said the team has to play like they know they can and everything else will fall into place.

“If we just play our game,” she said, “we will win.”

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TENNIS

“Since they never played doubles until they got here, it has taken them a while to improve in that part of their game,” Anderson said. “But now that they’re juniors, they have a very solid doubles game.”

As much as the twins are used to playing together as a team, Anderson said they are excellent together on and off the court.

“They are some of the hardest workers on our team,” Anderson said. “They are also some of the most dedicated athletes that I have ever had.”

During the off-season, the twins have dedicated themselves to conditioning work outs. Former teammate Anastasia Simons said the twins are fierce competitors.

“Ati and Gisela are very dedicated and hard working,” Simons said. “In matches or any other events they never give up.”

Simons is now a senior coach assistant, and she believes the twins can make a very big impact this year.

“The experience that they have on the team will benefit them this season,” Simons said.

“They have been working on different things during the off-season, and they can apply them to the matches this year.”

Gisela and Ariadna have been out on the courts everyday of the off-season.

“We practice when we don’t have to,” Ariadna said. “All summer we have been working on our volleys for doubles while conditioning.”

Anderson said the twins are very good role models, and are the epitome of what a student athlete should be.

Gisela said doing the extra work off the court coincides with working hard on the court and as a leader.

“Veterans take more of a leadership role on the team,” she said. “This year, I think Ariadna and I can become leaders because we have a lot of experience.”

This year the women’s tennis team will have a total of four new freshmen on the team, and Anderson expects this season to be just as good as the last.

Individually, the twins are expecting improvements in their game to show this year.

“There is always something in my game to improve on, and I know that I can be better in many different ways,” Gisela said.

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At 6 p.m. Saturday, the Salukis will take on Eastern Illinois University at Saluki Stadium in their home opener. For live coverage of the game, tune in to Saluki Sports Network (WVZA 105.1), you can also follow @TPeacock_DE for live tweets throughout the game.
**Twins make transition to SIU tennis**

**SYMONE WOOLRIDGE**
The Weekender

Although the Cairo Baza tennis twins miss their home and family in Spain, they continue to go strong in preparation for this season. Gisela and Ariadna are juniors from Barcelona, both with majors under the College of Science. Last season Gisela won 14 out of 16 singles matches, while Ariadna went 13-10 in the overall singles competition. SIU was one of the first schools that offered both Gisela and Ariadna a tennis scholarship. The two refused to accept an offer that did not include their most important condition — either both of them, or none of them.

Arriving from Spain to the United States, the twins said they experienced a huge culture shock. The two transitioned from eating lunch at 4 p.m. and dinner at 9 p.m. to eating three hours earlier in the United States. Gisela said transitioning has become an emotional change, but having her sister here has helped tremendously. "We really miss our family, but we do speak to them about three times a day on the phone or Skype," she said. "Having my sister here definitely helps." Not only has a cultural and environmental difference affected their personal life — sports differences have led the twins to switch up their game, Ariadna said.

Ariadna said doubles games are not played in Spain; athletes only compete in singles matches. Both have been practicing their game everyday this off-season. "In Spain we only play singles matches, but playing here is easier because I get to play with my sister," Ariadna said. "We know each others' game, so we do not have to tell each other what to do."

Over the last few years, Coach Audra Anderson said the twins have gradually improved in their doubles game.

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**Saluki Sophomores Bring Home Bragging Rights**

**AARON GRAFF**
The Weekender

Two Saluki athletes have achieved international success instead of using their track and field skills. Sophomore Joss Freeman and Brandon Shemonia competed Aug. 25 in the Pan-American Junior Athletics Championships in Colombia, and both came away with something to brag about. Even though pouring rain made it difficult for Freeman to throw, he said it was not that big of a deal — Freeman ended up bringing home a gold medal.

"I do not think it was that big of a game changer," he said. "You still have four more throws outside of those two (during the rain). It came down to who took advantage of their four throws, and I happened to have the longest of those four." His best throw was 20.2 meters, which ended up being more than half a meter farther than the next best thrower.

Throwing coach John Smith said he was happy to have multiple people make it on international teams this year. Freeman and Shemonia are still young, and it is usually the younger athletes that make it to big tournaments who go on to do great things, he said.

"It is always good when you have people make international teams and they medal," Smith said. Shemonia finished seventh in the 18K run at the games this year. He finished with a time of 32:22.75, slightly slower than his qualifying time of 30:37.36. Shemonia strained his calf about four miles into his race after a great start, Freeman said.

"(Shemonia) was looking really good," he said. "I thought he was going to do really well, he was seeded highly, he was pumped up about it, he was ready to go, and his calf just could not hold up for him."

Freeman said his training and hard work over the summer is starting to pay off — this is his biggest accomplishment so far. Even though the gold medal means a lot to him, he wants to keep moving forward; he has goals to win the MVC in both indoor and outdoor shot put, as well as be a first team All-American in both indoor and outdoor shot put.

Freeman qualified for the Pan-Am games with a second-place finish at the USA Track and Field junior championships in shot put. Shemonia qualified for the Pan-Am games with a fifth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference championships in the 18K run.

Head coach Connie Price-Smith and John Smith said they have high expectations for the season. John Smith wants to have the number one ranked throwing team in the country, to win at least seven of ten titles, and to have three or four All-Americans. He also said that Freeman is going to have to be a leader this year.

"I expect for (Freeman) to come in this year and probably make nationals as a sophomore and just continue to get better and better," Price-Smith said.

The track team has their first meet Dec. 7 in Carbondale.

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Welcome to the Fandom

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The Weekender

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Vineyard to provide blues, barbecue

JAKE SAUNDERS
The Weekender

The sound of blues accompanied by the tastes of barbecue and wine and an overall feel for a good time out — will emanate Friday and Saturday from the Pheasant Hollow Winery.

The Blues, Burns and Nuts festival, now in its second year at the winery, will feature bands such as Carbondale music legend Tawl Paul and Big Larry, as well as St. Louis band The Deciders.

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Bruce Morgenstern, a co-owner of the Winery for about the last 15 years, said last year’s event met with some poor weather but was still a success.

“It was a really good turn-out for the weather that we had, but we backed out festival a couple of weeks,” he said. “We originally had it the first week in October and now we’re doing it the first weekend in September.”

But a festival wouldn’t be complete without the barbecue. Uncle Joe’s Sauces has been in business for about 3 years, run by Joe Wilkerson.

Wilkerson’s business has been in cooperation with Pheasant Hollow Winery for the past several years, working with one another on several events in the surrounding area.

One of Uncle Joe’s sauces, a red sauce, which is a marinara, is even prepared from one of Pheasant Hollow’s prolific wines, and the wine is that of a creation with an aromatic taste from blackberries and blueberries, known solely as the “Black and Blue.”

Wilkerson said he invites everyone out to have a good time out — will emanate Friday and Saturday from the Pheasant Hollow Winery, will feature bands such as Carbondale music legend Tawl Paul and Big Larry, as well as St. Louis band The Deciders.

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Cast faces final season of ‘How I Met Your Mother’

RICK BENTLEY
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

LOS ANGELES — There will be 59 series starting their new seasons on the five network this fall to go along with the 26 new programs being added to the lineups. All but one of those shows will start the year hoping to have a good enough year to get brought back next season.

The cast and crew of “How I Met Your Mother” start their ninth season on Sept. 23 knowing that this is the last year. After being teased for nearly a decade, viewers will finally get to find out how Ted (Josh Radnor) met the woman he would wed. How that plays out through the final episodes isn’t clear, but it will all take place in what’s supposed to be the weekend leading up to the marriage of Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) and Robin (Cobie Smulders).

If that’s the case, Smulders had better like the wedding dress her character will be wearing because she’ll be in it for a big part of the year. The only break will come, as has become the norm with the Monday night CBS comedy, during episodes that will include flashbacks.

The end of “How I Met Your Mother” is bittersweet for the Canadian actress. She’s excited about the opportunity to move on to other projects, but she’s been on the show for so many years that it feels like home.

“The reality is that this is the end. Just like fans of the show, Smulders got to see the ‘Mother’ when Cristin Milioti appeared in the last moments of the season eight finale. There have been a lot of different candidates for the “mother” job over the years.

“In the first year, I thought I was going to end up being the mother,” Smulders says. “But that went away in seasons two or three. There still have been a lot of people who wanted to offer their theory. For me, all I cared about was what I was doing.”

Smulders is glad Milioti will be on the series all season and get to interact with the cast. Her greatest fear was that the character would be revealed in the last scene of the very last episode with Bob Saget — whose been the narrator as the voice of future Ted since the start — saying “and that’s how I met your mother” and the screen going black.

After this season, the cast will go their separate ways. Smulders has been thinking about future work that could include stage or even another series, although she’s leaning more toward work in films.

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GaGa For Sales:
Twitter: Smart marketing or skewed sales attempt?

Haley Petre
The Weekender

Lady GaGa is known for being outrageous. If she isn’t walking around in a dress covered with Kermit the Frog’s happy mug, she’s wearing meat or being delivered to awards shows in giant eggs. After a yearlong hiatus because of complications with her hip, GaGa has come back with a toned down image and “Applause” — her new single dedicated to her fans. But lately, it isn’t GaGa’s fashion that’s turning heads.

She tweeted to her 40,019,531 followers — which she calls “Little Monsters” — on her official twitter Aug.13, asking them to participate in a contest to attend the iTunes festival with her. “What’s making headlines is the fact that she asked her Monsters to buy multiple copies of her new single.” She said that the two Monsters who bought the most copies would get to attend the iTunes festival.

Megan Kaley, a senior from Naperville studying graphic design, said she has been a fan of GaGa’s since 2007. She said she saw Gaga at Lollapalooza in 2007 and considers herself a Little Monster.

Kaley said that this is a way for GaGa to reconnect with fans and give back to them after being away from them for a year.

“The song ‘Applause’ is about how she had this hip problem. Last year she had to cancel a bunch of shows on her tour and she had to have hip surgery. She was suffering throughout her past, like, twenty concerts,” she said. “And she’s saying that the applause was the only thing that kept her going, that’s what the song is about.”

Kaley said she believes the media is biased in the way that they are reporting on the twitter contest. She said that many articles didn’t mention the other messages she tweeted.

“Seconds after she sent that tweet, she tweeted that you don’t have to purchase the song multiple times to win the contest. She says in her tweets, true fans will win,” she said. “Like, It’s about being creative, it’s not just about the purchase.”

Kaley said she also views GaGa’s use of social networking as a smart business move. “She’s an expert at getting attention and she wants them to see and she hides what she doesn’t want them to see. Her personal life is completely in the dark to media because they’re so interested in what she is going to do next,” he said.

Lay said he views her use of social media as masterful. “Lady Gaga is the master of social media. She controls media to see exactly what she wants them to see and she hides what she doesn’t want them to see. Her personal life is completely in the dark to media because they’re so interested in what she is going to do next,” he said.

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Sophomore studying photography from High Ridge, Mo.

Social media has just made a complete change (to the music industry),” he said. “A band can become popular and develop a fan base simply off of YouTube or off of Facebook without being signed to a record label.”

Professor Jim Wall, a senior lecturer in the Radio-Television department at SIU who teaches digital media with a business perspective, said social media is huge in all types of markets.

“Social media has become a necessity in any type of success in marketing a product, whether it’s a record album or a new brand of soda pop or whatever it happens to be. It’s a must,” he said.

Wall said social media has been accepted as a major marketing tool. “Because everybody has suddenly embraced the whole concept of utilizing social media it has evolved beyond just being a chat room or a blog, to interactivity with the stars and helping to promote that star or appearance on their record.” Wall said.

“So those that are utilizing and going through the trouble of interacting and being very active in social media, we’re suddenly realizing that there’s a market there,” Wall said.

Wall said as a researcher, he understands why GaGa’s tweets are causing issues, but as a marketer, she sees her move as strategic. “Artists have done this all the same time. They do tours, they do radio shows, they do interviews. A star promoting their record is nothing new,” he said “so, the question is, is this promotion above and beyond or over the edge? As a marketer I say no, I think it’s genius. As a consumer I say, gee I don’t know. Maybe it is over the edge. As a researcher I say, you bet. I don’t want this going on at all.”

Lay said it’s important to remember that GaGa isn’t forcing her fans to do anything that they don’t want to do.

“I think it’s pretty strategic considering she isn’t making her fans buy multiple copies or any copies at all in order to be entertained,” he said. “Those superfans that want to meet her will spend that money on buying singles to meet her and that’s their personal decision. I’d love to meet her, but this isn’t the only way it is possible.”
Thursday

Pkg's: Secondary Modern/ The Heat Tape/
The Copyrights 10 p.m. Free

Tres Hombres: The Bankesters/ The Whistle Pigs
9 p.m. $5

Fat Patties: Jon Rector/ The Voyagers/ Jenny Johnson
8 p.m. Free

Hangar: Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band and Soul Glo
9 p.m. $5

The Grotto Lounge: Marbin 9 p.m. Free

Long Branch: Back room at the Branch Film Screening
7 p.m.

Craft Shop: Raku Pottery Weekly Workshop & Firing
6-8 p.m.
Cost: SIU students $30, Others $40 (4 weeks)

Friday

Pkg's: Stacie Collins/ Slobberbone
10 p.m. Free

Hangar: Kentucky Knife Fight
Black Shades 10 p.m. $5

Tres: Alex Kirt/ Cedric Burnside
10 p.m. $10

Fat Patties: Rob Streit/ Charles Tabing/ Bob Streit & Friends
7 p.m. Free

Friday Night Fair: Town Centerfold
8 p.m. Free

The Grotto Lounge: Spare Parts
10 p.m. Free

Pinch: 17th Floor (Jack Daniels Girls w/ prizes and giveaways) doors 10 p.m. $6

Walker's Bluff: Swamp Tigers
7 p.m.

Rustle Hill Winery: Ivas John

Saturday

Pkg's: Slappin Henry Blue/ Luella & The Sun
9 p.m. Free

Hangar: Carbondale Rocks Revival Fest w/ Fest Woodbox Gang Afterparty w/ Mountain Sprout & The Big Idea
9 p.m. $8

Fat Patties: Cane & The Moon/ Bob Streit & Friends/ Joe Swank
8 p.m. Free

Cellar: The Swamp Tigers Cd Release Party
9 p.m. Free

The Grotto Lounge: New Arts Jazztet 7 p.m. Free

Tres: Carbondale Rocks Revival Fest w/ Curtis B
10 p.m. $5

Varsity Theater: Jenny Johnson/ Marshall Crenshaw
4 p.m. $15

Shyrock: Carbondale Rocks Revival Fest w/ The Woodbox Gang feat. The Bottle Rockets
7 p.m.
Floor-$15 / Balcony $10

Blue Sky: Dan Barron 2 p.m.

Walker's Bluff: Howl at the Bluff 5K Walk/Run
9:30 a.m.
Dogs & Children welcome to join!

Fiddlerick Johnson (Live at the Tasting Room) 3-6 p.m.

Chris Slone (Live at the Tasting Room) 7-10 p.m.

Starview Vineyards: Larry Dillard 3-7 p.m.

Orlandini Vineyard: The Well Well Wells 2-6pm

Sunday

Pkg's: The Late Rounders tickets $3

Pinch/Copper: Jungle Dogs show @ 9pm tickets $5

Hangar: Orismo w/ The Blue Fruit Snacks @ 9pm tickets $3

Starview Vineyards: Ivas John Band 4pm - 8pm

Orlandini Vineyard: The Well Well Wells 2pm - 6pm

Kleniau Theater, Comm Building 2nd Floor:
Metaphysique D'Ephemera @ 8pm-10pm tickets $7 public/ students $5

Student Center: The Hangover Part 3 7:30pm

Rustle Hill Winery: Bill Harper 2-5 p.m.

Dave Clark Trio 6-9 p.m.

Von Jakob Vineyard: Jeff Baston 3:30-6:30pm

Pinch: Hot Sauce Committee $5

Football Game vs. Eastern Illinois kickoff 6 p.m.

SPC Film: The Great Gatsby 7 p.m. 

Tres Hombres: The Late Rounders tickets $3

Pinch/Copper: Jungle Dogs show @ 9pm tickets $5

Hangar: Orismo w/ The Blue Fruit Snacks @ 9pm tickets $3

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**Tres Hombres:** The Late Rounders tickets $3

**Junior’s:** Jungle Dogs show @ 9pm tickets $5

**Hungry:** Orismo w/ The Blue Fruit Snacks @ 9pm tickets $3

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**Hangar:**

- **Carbondale Rocks Revival Fest w/ Curtis B**  10 p.m.  $5

- **Spare Parts**  10 p.m.  free

- **Kentucky Knife Fight/ The Flowers of Evil/ The Black Shades**  10 p.m.  $5

**Fat Patties:**

- **Cane & The Moon/ Bob Streit & Friends/ Joe Swank**  7 p.m.  Free

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**Starview Vineyards:**

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- **Dave Clark Trio**  6-9 p.m.

**Von Jakob Vineyard:**

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**Pinch:**

- **Hot Sauce Committee**  5:30

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**PINCH/COPPER:**

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**SPC Film:**

- **The Great Gatsby**  7 p.m.  & 10 p.m.

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- All Shows start at 10 p.m.

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- **Tanqueray & Tonic + Corners Original Bottles $2.25 + Rollie Pollie Bottles $2.75**

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Spicy Grilled Meatloaf

Ingredients
- 2 pounds ground beef; 80 percent lean or higher
- 1 cup of chopped onion
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup Spicy Sriracha chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons brown or Dijon mustard (Don't have either mustard? Use the mustard recipe below.)

MUSTARD RECIPE
2 1/2 tablespoons yellow mustard
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 tablespoon apple cider vinegar (apple cider is recommended but can be substituted)
A few drops of Tabasco or Louisiana style hot sauce
Pinch of salt
Pinch of pepper
Pinch of onion powder
Pinch of garlic powder

Combine all ingredients for the mustard in a small bowl and mix well.

Prepare grill for direct cooking at medium heat. Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl mix together all ingredients. Place on a 12 inch by 18 inch sheet of aluminum foil and shape into a rectangular shape one and a half to two inches thick. When grill is ready carefully in an oven safe dish. Let bake for 60 minutes; 10 minutes until the end of baking moments,” he said. “It takes you back to a time, a style, or a generation.”

The quality of sound of a vinyl also seems to also be indisputable in the music world. “Some define the sound as ‘warmer’ quality or a ‘filled-out’ sound,” Brown said. “The argument in favor of vinyl is that unlike digital formats, there is no loss whatsoever of audio information.”

If they are taken care of properly, vinyl records can last much longer than CDs. An original Abbey Road record can still have a perfect sound as if it were 1969. Maybe the boom in vinyl sales can be traced back to the comforting sense of nostalgia of an old record. Record stores, such as Plaza-Wuxtry Records in Carbondale, are doing well in the business of selling both new and old albums.

David Brown, manager at Plaza-Wuxtry Records, said they buy, sell and trade vinyls. He said most of their records are older, but they get new album releases from present day artists.

“If nothing else [vinyls] have been a way for smaller labels to thrive and succeed,” he said.

Many smaller labels have taken advantage of the growing number of vinyl sales. Electro music artist Pretty Lights recently released his album on vinyl under his label. 8 Minutes 20 Seconds. Within a month, all the vinyls were sold out on the website — but CDs still were available.

David Brown said owning a vinyl can be more of an artifact or collector’s item, instead of the simplicity of a CD. “If you’re going to own a physical piece of music, it seems more attractive to own a larger, handsome packaging of an album,” he said.

If anything, vinyl records are making people buy music again. Depending on if the record is new or used, prices can range from $5 -$30. David Brown said the sales of records have increased in the last year.

“We have a lot of customers that are in high school with record collections that probably rival ours,” he said. “As long as labels keep putting [vinyls] out intelligently and the price is low, then the culture of the vinyl record will continue.”

Like fashion, the music industry goes through fads and is ever changing, but it seems the tradition of vinyl records will keep rocking on.

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Recipe for College Life

Hello all!

This week recipe can be done on the grill or in the oven. The recipe is ideal for a meal that my family came up with a few years back. Please note the more Sriracha you use, (on or in the loaf,) the dish will be spicier.

Side dishes: vegetables are great for grilling; corn on the cob is week’s recipe can be done on the grill or in the oven.

Recipe: SUGAR & SPICE

Spicy Grilled Meatloaf

Ingredients
- 2 pounds ground beef; 80 percent lean or higher
- 1 cup of chopped onion
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup Spicy Sriracha chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons brown or Dijon mustard (Don’t have either mustard? Use the mustard recipe below.)

MUSTARD RECIPE
2 1/2 tablespoons yellow mustard
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 tablespoon apple cider vinegar (apple cider is recommended but can be substituted)
A few drops of Tabasco or Louisiana style hot sauce
Pinch of salt
Pinch of pepper
Pinch of onion powder
Pinch of garlic powder

Combine all ingredients for the mustard in a small bowl and mix well.

Prepare grill for direct cooking at medium heat. Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl mix together all ingredients, form into a loaf and place the in an oven safe dish. Let bake for 60 minutes; 10 minutes until the end of baking spread Sriracha or ketchup or a mix of both on the loaf. Slice then serve when done baking.

Serving: 8

Time: 70 minutes if baking; 45 minutes if grilling
Cost per serving is less than $5.
LOS ANGELES — We have five words for you: Bill Nye the Waltz Guy.

The embarrassment of riches in reality-TV land keep coming. “American Idol” on Tuesday boosted us to a “dream team,” of a judges panel. Now Wednesday gives us the roster of celebrity fans of the ABC Family drama rally around social media, be ready to get to know his name. He’s paired with Peta Murgatroyd.

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Every summer Hollywood inundates theaters with blockbusters. This year box office receipts are up 10.2 percent from last year, not accounting for inflation; overall attendance is up 6.6 percent. However, the season was frontloaded; the highest grossing film of the summer, "Iron Man 3," was also the first film of the summer.

And in the summer of successes like "Iron Man 3" and "Despicable Me 2," little releases tend to fly under the radar. Audiences who seek out indie films are likely to be much more satisfied than those who settled for "White House Down" and "Pacific Rim." The specialty box office was filled with great movies this summer; even though they may be a bit harder to find than "Star Trek Into Darkness," here are a few that you should seek out, whether on DVD or in their last weeks at the theater:

"The Bling Ring" (On DVD Sept. 17)

This true-crime story concerns the title group, several teenagers who, over the course of a few months, broke into the homes of some of Hollywood’s richest celebrities, including Paris Hilton and Orlando Bloom. But they didn’t have to case the joint; they simply paid attention to when their targets were out of town using social media and made themselves at home. Emma Watson plays one of the teenagers, and she nails the narcissistic “gimmie” attitude these kids sported.

Director Sofia Coppola could have made a simple black comedy about these kids; instead, she uses the true story as a meditation on our celebrity-obsessed culture. These kids weren’t simply satisfied with the thousands of dollars in merchandise they took; they were in love with the fact that they were so close to these untouchable stars — they were desperate to be famous. Coppola lucked out that this story was available as a cautionary tale of what happens when teens have unlimited access to info and very little control from any authority figure.

"The East" (On DVD Sept. 17)

Ellen Page and Alexander Skarsgard led a great cast in this eco-thriller, which never came to Carbondale area but will soon be on DVD. The film follows Sarah (Brit Marling), an undercover operative working for security firm focused on protecting the interests of its rich clients. Sarah infiltrates The East, an eco-terrorist group bent on making industrialists pay for their crimes against the environment. But as Sarah digs deeper, she finds herself drawn in to the group’s mindset.

From time to time, "The East" can be preachy; especially during the climax, and the movie does drag during its second act. For the most part though the film is an involving thriller with some stellar performances. It’s the thriller summer deserves, but its limited release kept it from being in the public eye too long.

"The Way, Way Back" (Now Playing at the University Place 8)

In a column a few weeks ago, I said critics use too much hyperbole, naming movie "The best film of the summer" with two months left to go. But now that summer is over, I feel I can now accurately make this statement: "The Way, Way Back" is the best film of the summer.

"Way" follows Duncan (Liam James), a teenager who visits his mom’s boyfriend’s (Steve Carell) beach house for the summer. At first he has no connection to the small town; eventually he meets Owen (Sam Rockwell), the owner of Water Wize, a small water park on the outskirts of town. Owen gives Duncan a job and becomes the father figure Carell’s character Trent could never be.

"Way" hits comedic notes and dramatic notes perfectly without becoming sappy. The teenager actors only let their angst simmer; nothing is over the top. The scenes at the water park are gold — Rockwell steals the show and gives a performance worthy of at least an Oscar nomination; Carell plays the jerk, a different role for him. Yet he does a great job stepping out of his comfort zone.

This is still playing here in town. My advice? Put down your Weekender and go see it now. Well, finish reading. Then go see it.

Diamonds in the Rough: Summer Indies to Seek Out

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