

SPORTS

# GOLDEN SHINE

Sporting new uniforms, the Quincy Notre Dame girls basketball team looked like a two-time defending state champion in dismantling Harrisburg 94-33 at the sixth annual Rumble on the River. ▶ PAGE 1B

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### GAS PRICES SET TO DROP

Gas prices soon will drop to their lowest level of the year. By Monday, the national average should fall below the \$3.28 a gallon that drivers paid on Jan. 1, according to analysts.

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### 24-HOUR FORECAST

Today ... Gusty, mostly cloudy then partly sunny, 30 percent chance of showers, high in the upper 50s. Tonight ... Breezy, partly cloudy then mostly cloudy, low around 40. Sunday ... Breezy, mostly cloudy, high in the upper 40s.

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### SCHOOL SHOOTING

# Hundreds pack church for vigil

## Residents of Connecticut town gather to mourn 28 who died during gunman's rampage

By PAT EATON-ROBB  
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Twenty-six candles — one for each of the victims — flickered on the altar Friday as hundreds of grief-stricken residents gathered for a vigil in memory of the children and staff killed in a shooting rampage at a school in this Connecticut town.

With the church filled to capacity, hundreds spilled outside, holding hands in circles in the cold night air and saying prayers. Others sang "Silent Night" or huddled near the windows of St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic church.

"Many of us today and in the coming days will rely on what we have been taught and what we believe, that there is faith for a reason," Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said at the vigil Mass.

The residents were gathered to mourn those whose lives were lost when a 20-year-old man killed his mother at their home, then descended on Sandy Hook Elementary School, opening fire as youngsters cowered in fear amid the sounds of gunshots and screams. Twenty children were among the 26 dead at the school.

The shooter, Adam Lanza, armed with at least two handguns, committed suicide, authorities said.

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A crowd of hundreds overflows the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church in Newtown, Conn., on Friday during a healing service after a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School earlier in the day, killing 26 people, including 20 children. (AP Photo)

### ON WHIG.COM

Keep up to date with the latest events concerning the Newtown, Conn., elementary school shooting and view a multimedia slideshow of scenes from the aftermath of the rampage at [www.whig.com](http://www.whig.com).

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- Since the Columbine shooting in Colorado in 1999, the Quincy Public Schools have been proactive about making its schools as safe as possible. ▶ PAGE 4A
- Nobody knows why 20-year-old Adam Lanza killed his mother or why he then took her guns to the school and killed 20 children and six adults. ▶ PAGE 4A
- Shootings renewed debate over why mass shootings keep occurring and whether gun control can stop them. ▶ PAGE 4A
- Friday's massacre was the latest in several mass shootings in recent years. ▶ PAGE 4A

### QUINCY EQUESTRIAN



Stephanie Fimmen shows Replica during the 2-year-old amateur division of the American Paint Horse Association World Championships Show in Fort Worth, Texas. Replica won both the amateur and open divisions. (Submitted Photo)

# Owner watches as horse wins twice at world championships

By DON O'BRIEN  
Herald-Whig Staff Writer

For the past few years, Quincy's Stephanie Fimmen has made a habit of attending the American Paint Horse Association's World Championships Show in Fort Worth, Texas. She never had a winning entry, though.

Her luck changed last month when her 2-year-old mare, Replica, swept both of the divisions she was entered in to give Fimmen her first wins at the competition.

"I think it was a combination of having a good horse and

good training," Fimmen said. "Everything just fell into place this year."

Fimmen, who works as an assistant at Klingele Veterinary Clinic in Quincy, has loved horses her entire life. She's been showing horses since she was 12 and has worked her way up to showing horses at the World Championships.

"We've had some good horses, but it's a hard show to win at," Fimmen said. "Some people go for 10 to 15 years and never win."

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### RURAL MEDICAL CARE

# Community eyes feasibility of Shelby County hospital

By MAGGIE MENDERSKI  
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BETHEL, Mo. — Lucy Beville was forced to endure more than 90 units in blood transfusions before she lost her battle with leukemia on Nov. 30.

Traveling from her rural home east of Bethel to Columbia to get those treatments because Shelby County does not have a hospital or medical specialists meant spending thousands of miles on the road.

Meanwhile, her husband, Gary, still makes the 80-mile round-trip to Macon regularly to see a cardiologist.

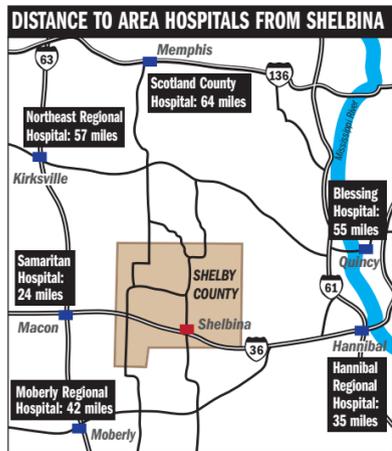
The Bevills' daughter, Roxy Stevens-Latta, is among a group of community members and economic development leaders exploring the possibility of building a hospital in Shelby County, or luring more specialists to open offices there.

While Shelby County has several physicians, it lacks specialists.

"It's not only about my mother," Stevens-Latta said. "It's about all these other families that I know are trying to get health care."

Residents of Shelby County's largest town — Shelbina, with a population of 1,704 — must travel 24 miles one-way to the nearest hospital, Samaritan Memorial in Macon.

They also can drive 42 miles to Mober-



ly Regional Medical Center, 57 miles to Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, 35 miles to Hannibal Regional Hospital or 55 miles to Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill. — depending on the medical condition and specialists needed.

Those living in the more remote areas of the rural county with 6,373 total residents may have even farther to drive.

"For some, it's quite a jaunt," said Teresa Keller, director of Shelby County Economic Development.

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