

BRIEFLY

LOCAL GOLF

Bise sinks ace at Clear Creek

Jackie "Frog" Bise made a hole-in-one at Clear Creek Golf on Sunday. Bise used a 7-iron on the 145-yard No. 8. Witnessing the shot were Gerry Patrick and Ceell Coleman.

DIZZY DEAN BASEBALL

Jr. Toppers win World Series

Mitchell Wilber pitched a five-hitter to lead the Junior Toppers to a 9-4 victory against Lexington West (Ky.) in the championship of the Dizzy Dean 16-under Southeast World Series on Sunday at Broyles Field.

Daniel Sweeney and Alex Lindsay also recorded victories on the mound for the Junior Toppers. Sweeney allowed two runs while pitching a three-hitter and Lindsay pitched a complete game, too.

Wilber, also a right fielder, went 7-for-14 with three doubles while helping the Toppers win three of four games in the tournament.

Center fielder J.T. Torbett was 5-for-8 with six walks. Other key contributors were short-stop Tackler McPherson (5-for-14, three doubles), third baseman/pitcher Lindsay (5-for-10) and catcher/outfielder Matt Beard (5-for-9, three walks).

The Junior Toppers are managed by former Science Hill and East Tennessee State player Tommy Torbett, and include Harrison Spencer, Nick Misischia, Payton Torbett, Nate Belisle, Harris Galpin, Brad Carter and John Wynd.

All of the Junior Toppers players are rising sophomores and juniors at Science Hill.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Lady Blazers win district title

The Daniel Boone Little League Lady Blazers captured the inaugural 7-8-year-old District 5 Coach Pitch championship by defeating Johnson County in five innings on Sunday.

Greyson Stevens, Jaycie Jenkins, Katelyn Utterback and Alianna Haynes each had two hits on the day. Makenna Dance played a solid second base with six unassisted put-outs. Other members from the team are Hannah Persliger, Hannah Bynum, Lexie Breuel, Emma Robinette, Addison McInturff, Marinda Walls and Riley Brinn.

The Lady Blazers will participate in the State tournament in Charlotte, Tenn.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Hundreds mourn fan's death

Relatives, friends and fellow firefighters are among the hundreds of mourners at a public visitation for the 39-year-old Texas Rangers fan who fell to his death trying to catch a ball thrown by his son's favorite player.

Shannon Stone died Thursday after dropping head-first about 20 feet from the seats at Rangers Ballpark. Josh Hamilton tossed a ball his way and Stone wanted to grab it for his 6-year-old son, Cooper.

Stone spent the last 18 years as a firefighter in Brownwood, Texas, a town of about 20,000 residents some 150 miles from the Rangers' stadium in Arlington.

The public visitation was Sunday night and a funeral service is scheduled for Monday. The tributes already have begun, from flags in the area at half-staff and flowers left at a monument outside the fire department.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees' Romine fuels U.S. win

The Yankees' Austin Romine singled home the go-ahead run against Kansas City's Kelvin Herrera in a three-run eighth inning, leading the U.S. over the World team 6-4 Sunday in the All-Star Futures game in Phoenix. Oakland's Grant Green was selected MVP of the game. He started the go-ahead rally in the eighth with his second double.

Former Science Hill and ~~Williamstown~~ Will Little was the first base umpire.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS

Ferrer, Spain eliminate U.S.

Spain's David Ferrer beat American Mardy Fish 7-5, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-6 (5) to clinch a victory for Spain over the United States in a Davis Cup quarterfinal in Austin, Texas.

Ferrer, who beat Andy Roddick on Friday night, fell backward when Fish's final shot sailed wide, then jumped into the arms of Spain captain Albert Costa. The win gave Spain an insurmountable 3-1 lead.

Playing without world No. 2 Rafael Nadal, Spain went 3-0 in singles. Spain will host France in a semifinal on Sept. 16-18. Spain is seeking its third Davis Cup championship in four years.

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