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All systems go at airport

FAA clears money for Edgar County Airport; improvements schedule ready to resume

BY NED JENISON AND GARY HENRY

Future improvements at the Edgar County Airport have been cleared by federal review and are ready to resume.

This was the welcome news announced Thursday, June 7, at the monthly meeting of the Edgar County Airport Advisory Committee, held at the airport lounge.

The official announcement was received earlier in the week by the Edgar County Board from Alan Mlacnic, Bureau Chief of Airport Engineering for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

His statement reads: "We've just received word from the FAA (Federal Aeronautics Administration) that the zoning complaint initiated by Mr. (Robert) Bogue is cleared of any potential federal grant assurance violations,

and the airport may again resume work on projects."

Joe Shiner, advisory board chairman added, "At this moment, we are moving forward again."

Projects held up for more than two years include relocating and modernizing the airport's aviation fuel storage and sales and improvements to the tie down paved apron area in front of the main hangar.

The next step is a meeting between county board members, the county's airport engineers Hanson Engineering and IDOT. Edgar County board chairman Jeff Voigt said the meeting is scheduled for the week of June 18 in Springfield. At this time, both Voigt and the county board's airport committee chairman Derrick Lorenzen expect to attend, as well as airport manager Tom Tuttle.

Improvements at the airport are primarily financed through federal aviation funds created by taxes on aviation activities. County funds contribute a small portion — generally 10 percent or less.

Paris resident Bogue challenged the use of federal funds at the airport claiming state law requires all tax-supported airports be zoned for such use. Edgar County does not have zoning.

Bogue's complaint caused IDOT to withhold money until the matter was resolved. Throughout 2016 a two-member committee of Robert Howerly and Jake Payne worked on the problem. What they crafted was a resolution by which the county recognizes the existence of the airport and also recognizes the airport property and a buffer zone around it are subject to FAA

regulations preventing hazards to aviation. The resolution claims the FAA regulations controlling how the space is used amounts to zoning for the property.

The county board passed the resolution in January 2017. IDOT's legal counsel accepted it as satisfactory.

Bogue subsequently filed a complaint with the FAA arguing the airport is not in compliance with state law and therefore cannot meet federal grant assurance requirements.

An FAA statement explaining the recent decision notes it is outside the FAA's authority and purpose to determine if specific state laws are being followed. The statement also rejects the grant assurances argument because nothing in the federal grant

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TYLER OWEN EXCELS FOR SYCAMORES

Chrisman's Tyler Owen has found a home at Indiana State, competing on the Sycamore track and field game in his specialty, the high jump. **SPORTS, 9A**

Green thumb cooking

Living in the country has its advantages. Check out the garden tips and recipes for growing your own delicious salads. **C'EST LA VIE, 1B**

Helping kids be busy bees

Bee Well hopes to improve Edgar County's overall health with summer athletics for kids. **NEWS, 8A**

SUCCESS IS BUBBLING UP



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An interest in home brewing beer prompted friends left to right, Doug Smittkamp, Bruce Young and Steve Coombes to start a craft brewery in Paris. They are shown in the brew house of the business where they make all of the beer served in their Lot 50 Brewing.

Lot 50 is a destination

Local brewery welcomes families with a friendly atmosphere

BY GARY HENRY
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After a series of unavoidable setbacks, the newest business in Paris, Lot 50 Brewing, is open and getting high marks from customers.

Business partners Steve Coombes, Doug Smittkamp and Bruce Young took their love of home beer making to the next level by creating a craft brewery on lot 50 of the original plat of Paris — hence the business name. A soft opening was held May 27 to test systems.

"It didn't feel soft," said Smittkamp, adding the business was slammed with people coming to try the craft beers.

One of the selections served — 3 a.m. Porter — shows their creativity in naming their beers. It was 3 a.m. when they finished with that batch



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Lot 50 Brewing sets itself apart from other drinking establishments by striving to create a welcoming atmosphere for families. While adults enjoy one of the craft beers created at the brewery, underage family members have a choice of soft drinks and all are encouraged to connect by playing games and spending time together. Clockwise from lower left, Sarah Mitchell, Angie Adams, Mary Beth Walls, Curtis Walls and Piper Mitchell are engaged in a spirited game of Uno.

during the first brewing cycle. All three men work full time elsewhere, and while the brewery is time consuming, it is also a labor of love.

Lot 50 is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The business serves 4-10 p.m. Thursday, See **LOT 50, Page 8A**

Chrisman mayor: Derelict houses go

BY GARY HENRY
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CHRISMAN — A brief Chrisman City Council meeting Monday, June 4, touched on several issues.

Mayor Dan Owen questioned city attorney Rich Kash regarding the city's ability to demolish several buildings that are deteriorated to the point of falling down.

"I don't know if we can go after them for safety," said Owen.

Kash explained the best approach is for the city to wait until the properties are listed on the county tax sale and then buy them. As the legal owner, the city can raze the buildings without any complications. Attempting to demolish a building without ownership gets into a legal process of condemnation and property rights issues that can end up with court challenges.

Water superintendent Matt Shelato reported the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) recently did an inspection at the water treatment building

"It was the first one since 2013, and they did a walk around inspection," said Shelato.

The inspection resulted in three must-do projects and a list of suggestions.

Shelato said the must-do list is small and for the most part relatively easy to address. He noted the city was dinged for not having safety glasses or face shields available in the building.

"I usually have a supply there but for some reason they were missing," Shelato said.

The mandate to install a door equipped with an interior panic bar or crash door latch to the chlorine room seemed unnecessary to Commissioner Rick Jenness. He noted the current door does not lock except by an exterior pad lock so there

is no risk of anybody getting trapped inside.

Shelato replied he made the same argument to the inspector, but it was an unsuccessful effort.

The final requirement for a cross-connection survey involves more effort than the other two.

According to Shelato, the survey involves obtaining information from at least 50 percent of the city residents regarding plumbing in their homes and water usage.

The final topic for Shelato's report dealt with residents' complaints about yellow water. He explained the problem resulted from putting a heavy concentration of chlorine in the tanks to combat the iron and arsenic in the raw well water. The minerals bound with the chlorine and passed through the filter instead of dropping out, resulting in the yellow color.

Shelato said a new treatment pro-

cess should reduce the discoloration.

Fire Chief Mike Marvin discussed a problem with a dry hydrant located on Washington Street, near Centennial Park. The hydrant is there to draw water from the North Fork of Brouillette Creek, if needed for fire fighting purposes.

The problem, Marvin said, is mud collects at the hydrant site, which requires frequent cleaning to keep it in service for emergency use. He proposed moving the hydrant closer to the creek at a spot near the pedestrian bridge. Some design changes should eliminate the mud problem and ease the maintenance issues.

Marvin said the fire protection district will pay to relocate the hydrant but did ask if the city can help by providing a city employee and backhoe to assist with the excavation.

"He's available when you need him," Owen told the chief.



Horace hosts missionaries

Horace Baptist Church opens its doors to a missionary family serving in Italy. **GRACE, 5B**

The ghost of Marley Station

Another community disappeared as Marley Station in Elbridge Township can only be found on paper. **HISTORY, 3B**

Counterfeit 100s circulating

Counterfeit \$100 bills are circulating in the area and were passed this past weekend at local garage sales. **NEWS, 3A**

TODAY'S WEATHER

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LOCAL FORECAST NORMAL: High: 81 Low: 61 More weather: go to www.prairiepress.net and click on weather.

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 87 68 Prec: 40%	 88 69 Prec: 50%	 89 70 Prec: 30%	 88 67 Prec: 30%	 85 63 Prec: 30%	 86 64 Prec: 0%	 83 62 Prec: 30%

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Temperature
High/Low 81°/61°
Record High 98° in 1895
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Precipitation
Month to date 0.10"
Normal month to date 1.30"
Year to date 21.76"
Normal year to date 17.59"

SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	5:23 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:17 a.m.	2:34 p.m.
SUNDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:48 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
MONDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	3:20 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
TUESDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	3:56 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	4:37 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
THURSDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
FRIDAY	5:23 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	6:19 a.m.	9:21 p.m.

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SUNDAY

FARM EXHIBIT OPENS
The Vermilion County Museum Society is celebrating a new yearlong farming exhibit, "Down on the Farm," with a special opening 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, June 10. The exhibit highlights the agricultural history of Vermilion County and honors the 100th Anniversary of the Vermilion County Farm Bureau. Artifacts, photographs and documents tell the various aspects of the rich farming history of the area as well as information on related agricultural businesses and enterprises. The open house is free of charge and includes both the Museum Center and the Fithian House. Parking is available in the museum parking lot, 116 N. Gilbert, Danville, or at the nearby First Midwest Bank lot and the north end of Big Lots parking lot.

DON'T MISS

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH
June is Men's Health Month and the Edgar County Health Department has special activities to raise awareness and help men lead longer and healthier lives. The health department staff encourages men to schedule regular checkups and receive screenings according to American Cancer Society recommendations for prostate and colorectal cancer. As a result, the ECPHD is participating in the Wear Blue Day Friday, June 15. Created by Men's Health Network, Wear Blue Day is an effort to raise awareness about the importance of male health. July starts with a bang for UV Safety Month and learning how to protect ourselves from the sun and stay healthy. Health department employees are excited to participate in various summer programs in collaboration with our community partners, with a few being HRC, and the REC Center. Activities include providing Sun Safety Education, and some fun activities for the kids. Check out the Edgar County Public Health Department Facebook page for sun safety tips throughout the month of July. The Health Department also creates and illustrates wellness boards every month for clients to view in our lobb. Members of the public are also encouraged to stop by and view the displays.

SHARE YOUR EVENT
Community events are published for free as space allows. For inclusion in the community calendar, submit the name of the event, a brief description of it, location, cost to attend (if any), a contact name and phone number/email for the public. To submit: Email: nzeman@prairiepress.net Mail: Community Calendar, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944 Questions? call 217-921-3216.

at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park as part of the 2018 Music in the Park concert series. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

YOGA BOOK CLUB
Yoga Book Club for ages 5-10 is at Paris Public Library 1-1:45 p.m. June 14. Children will learn basic yoga poses and calming breathing techniques as inspired by an age-appropriate fun read-aloud. Free, no registration needed.

UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

REPTILES AT PARIS LIBRARY
Reptiles Around the World is a special event for ages 5-10 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 20 at Paris Public Library. The event includes activities, crafts and a chance to meet several reptiles during a live animal visit. Space is limited and advance registration is required by calling 217-463-3950.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

MARTINSVILLE MOB MYSTERY
The Clark County Historical Society is hosting a special program 6:30 p.m. June 21 in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room at the Marshall Public Library about the enigmatic Martinsville character Jack Fasig. According to legend, four men wearing suits and driving a black limousine left Fasig in Martinsville in 1955 with a warning to never show his face in Chicago. Researcher Carolyn J. Stephens has researched Fasig's life attempting to sort out truth from fiction.

MUSIC IN PARK

The Rhythm Relics play a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. June 21 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park as part of the 2018 Music in the Park concert series. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

4-H PORK CHOP DINNER

The annual 4-H Pork Chop Barbecue fundraiser benefiting all Edgar County 4-H'ers is 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Paris. The cost of a two-chop meal is \$8 in advance (\$8.50 at the door) and a one-chop meal is \$6 (\$6.50 at the door). Guests can choose to dine-in or use the convenient drive through. All visitors need to enter through the county fairgrounds north entrance. To purchase tickets in advance, contact a 4-H member or call Edgar County Extension at 217-465-8585.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Let's Go to the Drive-In is a creative activity designed for children five and under 10:30-11 a.m. June 26 at Paris Public Library. This is a child and parent/caregiver activity to create a car from a cardboard box and enjoy a story or two. It is free but advance registration is required by calling 217-463-3950.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

LIVE ANIMAL AT PARIS LIBRARY

Would You Rather? is a live animal visit by Douglas-Hart Nature Center 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 27 at Paris Public Library for ages 5-10. Choose an adventure by making choices to steer the animal and create a story. The event is free, but advance registration is required by calling 217-463-3950 to sign up.

STEM NIGHT AT PARIS LIBRARY

Paris Public Library is hosting a Family STEM Night 6-7 p.m. June 28. This event is for ages 5-12 with a parent or adult family member. Participants will discover the fun in science, tech, engineering and math through hands-on activities. This is a free activity, but advance registration is required by call 463-3950.

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN
The community kitchen serves from 4:30-6 p.m. every Monday, weather permitting, and exclusive of holidays, at the Human Resources Center, 118 E. Court Street, Paris.

TUESDAY

ACT-IT-OUT STORY TIME
Act-It-Out Story Time is at Paris Public Library 10:30-11 a.m. June 12. Participants will have fun acting out an exciting story, plus other picture book read-alouds

with a common theme. Free, no registration required.

EVENING TOPS MEETING

TOPS Illinois #2318 meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Weigh-in starts at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting is 7 p.m. Contact Janice Stevens at 217-808-0078 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING

Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Edgar County Farm Bureau building, 210 W. Washington, Paris. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Information about the Weight Watchers system is available at www.weightwatchers.com, or by attending a meeting.

WEDNESDAY

MS. DRIZZLE VISITS PARIS

Ms. Drizzle and the Magic Book Box visits Paris Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 13 or ages 5-10. Join Ms. Drizzle for an adventure to far away places to discover a solution to a mysterious creature problem. The event includes a live animal visit presented by Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Free, no registration required.

THURSDAY

MORNING TOPS MEETINGS

TOPS #IL 1563 meets every Thursday morning at the Highland Manor Community Room with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting

at 9 a.m. More information is available by attending a meeting or calling Jo Ellen Edmonds at 251-4722.

ADULT COLORING NIGHT

Adult Coloring Night is 6-7:30 p.m. June 14 at Paris Public Library. The event is an evening of coloring and friendly conversation. Participants are welcome to bring personal coloring supplies or use material provided by the library.

FW AUXILIARY DINNER

The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is a steak dinner. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1. Proceeds support the work of the VFW Auxiliary as well as community projects.

EUCHRE NIGHT

The monthly euchre night at the Red Oak Inn, 219 W. Madison, Paris, is 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14.

WE LI KIT FARMSTAND

The annual Marshall Public Library member's program is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the McConchie Meeting Room. The event is for new and renewing members for a fee of \$5 at the door. A program about the We Li Kit Farmstand's ice cream is the topic for the meeting. Call 217-826-2535 or email marshallpubliclibrary@gmail.com to register.

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The Dave Frisse Band plays a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. June 14

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Counterfeit bills passed at garage sales

BY GARY HENRY
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At least two Paris residents are out some money because they accepted counterfeit \$100 bills during their June 2 garage sales.

Machelle Murphy said a man stopped at her garage sale, made a \$30 selection and gave her a \$100 bill as payment. She briefly questioned why he was using such a big bill.

"He said he just got paid," Murphy said. "I just put it in my money pouch and never thought a thing about it. It's not unusual to have people carry hundred dollar bills around here because they don't make enough to open bank accounts."

The man departed with his purchase and \$70 in legitimate cash from Murphy. She got suspicious after checking on the garage sale the neighbors behind her were having. Her neighbors also got a \$100 bill as payment.

"They said it doesn't look right," Murphy said.

Her neighbors took their suspect bill to Rural King where a cashier agreed to check it with a currency-testing pen. The bill was bogus.

At that point, Murphy and her neighbors started comparing memories about the transactions. The description of the two men matched her recollection of the two that stopped at her house. Her transaction occurred during a lull in the sale and she got a good look at the pickup truck they were driving.

Her neighbors made the assumption the suspects would eventually go to a local bar and went from establishment to establishment looking for the truck.

Murphy said they found the truck and located the two men inside Shooters on the square. One was using the video gaming machine.

Her neighbors left the bar, called the police and watched the bar's two exits until an officer arrived.

Paris Police Chief Mike Hen-

ness confirmed an arrest occurred after contact was made with the two suspects in the bar, but it was not for passing counterfeit bills.

"An arrest was made on an outstanding warrant," said Henness.

According to Henness, the department is not submitting a counterfeit investigation to Edgar County State's Attorney Mark Isaf seeking charges for that offense.

"With the use of counterfeit bills, you have to prove intent," said Henness, adding the suspect insists he received the bills in good faith as part of a personal transaction and used them without suspecting they were invalid.

For police, it is a somewhat dubious claim since the bills are obviously fake upon a close inspection.

"They are all made in China and they have pink or purple Chinese writing stating they are not legal tender," said Henness. As Henness understands

the process, China prints huge quantities of the fake bills ostensibly for the purpose of training Chinese bank tellers in handling large denomination foreign bills, without giving the trainees access to real currency.

The Chinese printed \$100 bills are in circulation all over the country, Henness said. Retailers are aware of them and train clerks not accept the bills, which leaves their use up to small time operators trying other methods to pass the fake money.

In such cases, the burden falls on the people agreeing to accept the \$100 bills.

"People at the point of sale have to look out," said Henness. "They are easy to spot."

It has been a costly and sad lesson for Murphy. She will continue having garage sales but will change how she does things.

"I won't be taking hundreds at future garage sales, or I'll get one of those testing pens," said Murphy.

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Quick jury verdict

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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It didn't take an Edgar County jury long to return a guilty verdict against Richard D. Budd, 46, Paris.

A two-day jury trial May 31 and June 1 resulted in the successful prosecution of Budd on a Class 1 felony aggravated driving while intoxicated with this being his fifth such offense and a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license is revoked for a DUI conviction and this being his second such offense.

The jury went into deliberations at 10:36 a.m. and came back with the guilty verdict at 11:01 a.m.

Based on the guilty finding, the court granted the state's motion to revoke bond, and Budd was taken into custody of the Edgar County Sheriff's Department.

A presentence investigation was ordered, and the matter was continued for a sentencing hearing.

One trial does not end Budd's legal problems. He still has multiple unresolved charges in other cases including a Class 1 felony aggravated driving under the influence, a Class 4 felony driving while license revoked for a DUI conviction and a Class 4 felony unlawful possession of certificate of title.

Budd has an extensive criminal history in Edgar County and in the past has received prison sentences for a Class 4 felony resisting a peace officer, a Class 2 felony burglary, a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine precursors and a Class 2 felony aggravated battery of a police officer.

May marriage licenses

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The Edgar County Circuit Clerk and Recorder's Office issued the following marriage licenses during May: Jonathan Edward Bialeschki of Atwood and Kendall Riley Alexander of Tuscola; Anthony Ray Grimes and Sherrie Kay Wilson, both of Paris; Kendra Leann Miles and Jennifer Kristine Strathmann, both of Chrisman; Andrew William Hutson and Tessa Nichole Thompson, both of Paris; Keithen Lee Remlinger and Paige Alexis Stuart, both of Greenup; Nathaniel Allen Harrison and Brooklyn Ashley Brock, both of Clinton, Ind.; Jacob Daniel Lee Scott and Lori Camille Speece, both of Paris; David Anthony Lawlyes and Michelle Lynn Sanquetti, both of Hume; Jason Paul Nicholson and Jasmine Lynn Camp, both

of Paris; Gary Leon Hutson and Edna Elizabeth Artibey, both of Clinton, Ind.; Trenton Douglas Tossier of Paris and Brianna Nicole Gilbert of Rockville; Seth Christopher Pfeil of Lewis, Ind., and Lydia Diane Mood of Paris; Charles Eugene Buchanan and Mary Louann Black, both of Westfield; Austin Stewart McNulty and Cayla Deandra Galloway, both of Chrisman; Jacob Edward Scribner and Kara Ann Williams, both of Tuscola; Justin Andrew Tomaska of Charleston and Amber Kristine Miller of Tuscola; Gary Richard Zeigler and Debbie Sue Gill, both of Paris; and Jordan Levi Urbain and Cassidy Kelly Herman, both of Rosedale, Ind.

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Man is accused of drug felony

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A local man is accused of one of the most serious felony drug charges in Illinois. Joseph L. Kauffman, 44, Paris, appeared for the May 31 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court and was charged with a Class X felony delivery of methamphetamine, a Class 1 felony possession of methamphetamine more than 15 but less than 100 grams and a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs. He told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

The Class X felony is, short of first-degree murder, the most serious felony offense on the books in the state. Kauffman faces a mandatory prison sentence of no less than six years, if convicted on the Class X charge.

COURT

Other individuals appearing before the bench for the May 31 and June 4 criminal and traffic calls included:

IN CUSTODY

■ Ronald G. Amerman Jr., 37, Marshall, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance related to his Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, Class 2 felony possession of ammunition by a felon and Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. He advised the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing. He was remanded pending posting of \$10,000 bond.

■ Joshua T. Bewley, 31, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony domestic battery

with prior convictions. He waived his right an attorney and his oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. He appeared again four days later and made another motion to reduce bond. Bond was reduced to \$2,500 from the original \$3,500, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

In another matter, Bewley pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor theft charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled and he was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ Vernon R. Buchanan, 42, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Clifford W. Cunningham II, no age provided, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 2 felony and a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$20,000. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing and Cunningham was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Jeffrey P. Eskew, 28, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$5,000. His bond conditions include he is to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. The matter was continued for a first time appearance with counsel. Eskew was remanded to custody pending posting of \$20,000 bond.

■ Jimmie E. Kelley, 70, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$5,000. His bond con-

ditions include he is to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel and Kelly was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ John E. Marshall, 34, Paris, appeared in custody. He has hired an attorney to represent him for unresolved charges of a Class 2 felony burglary and a Class 3 felony theft. The oral motion to reduce bond was denied. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Abbey M. Parrish, 42, Paris, appeared in custody. She was granted a furlough to attend mental and drug counseling. Her release conditions include she is to reside at her mother's residence and to be on electronic home monitoring. Her convictions for a Class 4 felony domestic battery, a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, were continued for a sentencing hearing.

Parrish's unresolved Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, two counts of a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions, a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property, a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor battery, a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges were continued for pretrial conferences. She was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ Robert J. Pembor, 37, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. A sentencing hearing was scheduled for a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs conviction and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction.

In another matter, Pembor was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer conviction. The public defender was appointed and the petition was denied. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

His unresolved Class A misdemeanor retail theft charge was continued for a pretrial conference. Pembor was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Ciera N. Prouse, 26, Paris, appeared in custody and pleaded guilty to a Class 4 felony theft charge. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days previously served and 90 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, two years probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. She was also banned from entering Citgo Gas Station for the duration of the sentence. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor retail theft charge.

In another matter, Prouse pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection after being served. She was sentenced to one year of probation to run concurrently with her felony conviction, a \$300 fine, 10 hours of community service work, court costs and various state fees. She was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ William J. Raymer, 34, Sullivan, Ind., appeared in custody for missing a previous status review hearing for his Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer conviction. He was found in default of payments and the matter was referred to the collection agency. Raymer was released on

personal recognizance bond.

■ Leroy J. Schmitt, 34, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions. He told the court he will hire an attorney. A bond hearing was held and bond was set at \$2,500. His bond conditions prohibit contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. A preliminary hearing was scheduled and Schmitt was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Jacob K. Wernz, 26, Marshall, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe. He waived his rights, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days previously served and the remaining time subject to a motion to vacate, one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ John F. White, 28, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance and a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.

CHARGES

■ Dylan W. Breeding, 24, Paris, was charged with two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. The public defender was appointed and a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■ Chad E. Daily, 45, Chrisman, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Kalee L.M. Ford, no age provided, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Sarah L. Hall, 30, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing to land. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Shameika R. Hughes, 30, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Nichole J. Jones, 39, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Melinda Marie LaBaume, 41, Paris, was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor unlawful possession of wildlife parts. She was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Michael D. Presslor, 30, Chrisman, was charged with a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing.

■ Gregory L. Snyder, 45, West Union, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor

or driving on a suspended license. He told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ David M. Woodworth, 27, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■ Laura A. Baty, 23, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct and was sentenced to one day in jail with credit for one day served, 18 months conditional discharge, a \$200 fine, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the plea, a Class A misdemeanor theft charge was dismissed by the state.

■ Whitney S. Pitts, 21, Hume, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■ Timothy A. Aubert, 43, Dalton City, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand following a preliminary hearing confirming probable cause exists to sustain a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license is revoked and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Dustin C. Craig, 37, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor violation of an order of protection charge. He told the court he is still hiring an attorney. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Beth N. Moore, 25, Paris, denied a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Kasey N. Razmus, 35, Chrisman, pleaded not guilty with a bench trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Jacob M. Richards, 19, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor retail theft conviction. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■ Warrants were quashed for the following individuals: Sean Abel, 29, Terre Haute, Ind.; James D. Adams, 43, Livingston, Tenn.; Imer Balazhi, 51, no address provided; Kevin O. Barker, 50, Terre Haute, Ind.; Jackie Berry, no age provided, Clinton, Ind.; Charles A. Bergdorff, 26, Paris; Tracy F. Blanton, 42, Paris; Corey L. Jackson, 39, Blandford, Ind. and Jennifer E. Jackson, 31, Paris.

■ Megan N. Eads, 28, Paris, failed to appear for a motion to vacate jail time attached to her Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction and a Class A misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident conviction. The court imposed a 14-day sentence and issued a no-bond arrest warrant.

■ Jessie R. Woodmansee, 40, Oakland, failed to appear for a motion to vacate jail time attached to his Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The court imposed a 30-day sentence and issued a no-bond arrest warrant.

ARREST WARRANTS

Warrants were prepared and issued when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Clint D. Cline, 41, Paris; Anita Christina Collins, 43, Paris; Joseph W. Griggs, 45, Paris; Cory W. Hampsten, 40, Paris; Scott David LaBaume, 36, Paris; Joshua A. Nieves, 25, Paris; Michael A. Swinford, 39, Hindsboro; Corey D. Weaver, 29, Redmon; and Kurtis A. Wilson, 29, Terre Haute, Ind.

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REV. JAMES HAUGHT

The Rev. James Emanuel Haught, 93, of Paris, passed away at 5:45 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the home of his daughter in Venice, Fla. He was retired after 31 years as a pipefitter at Illinois Cereal Mills of Paris, and also enjoyed farming locally for a number of years. An ordained minister, he also served many years as pastor of several local churches including Trinity Church in Shepardsville, Ind., and New Hope Baptist Church in Paris.



HAUGHT



A service celebrating his life is 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery, with military rites provided by American Legion Post #211 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the funeral home. The Rev. Haught was born Oct. 6, 1924, at Paris, the son of the late John L. and Addie E. Kidd Haught. He married Shirley Jones Sept. 9, 1945, at Charleston. She preceded him in death Jan. 11, 2013. Survivors include a son, David R. (Carol) Haught of Dayton, Tenn.; two daughters, Gloria J. (Michael) Thorne of Bel Aire, Kan., and Joy M. (Greg) Oldfield of Venice, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two

great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Costelic. The Rev. Haught served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of Horace Baptist Church and enjoyed traveling, writing poetry, welding, memorizing scripture, playing guitar and accordion and antique tractor pulling. He had an outgoing personality and never met a stranger. He will be remembered as a devoted husband and proud father who supported his children in all their endeavors. Memorial donations may be made to Horace Baptist Church. Online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

JIM RYAN

MARSHALL - Joseph James "Jim" Ryan, 90, of Marshall, passed away June 8, 2018, at his daughter's home in Fairland, Ind. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon Monday, June 11, at St. Mary's Church. Burial in



RYAN



St. Mary's Cemetery is accompanied by military rites. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Pearce Funeral Home followed by a recitation of the rosary. Another visitation is from 7-11:45 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Marshall Community Foundation or St. Mary of the Woods College Annual Fund. More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

JOYCE HALEY

MARTINSVILLE - Joyce Kay Haley, 77, of Yale, and formerly of Martinsville, passed away at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the home of her daughter. A funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday, June 11, at Greenwell Funeral Home, with the Revs. Ivan Bennett and Terry Blanchard officiating. Burial follows in the Butternut Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until the service Monday at the funeral home. More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.



HALEY

JAYNE MAERZ

Jayne A. Maerz, 90, of Paris, and formerly of Macomb, Mich., passed away at 11:21 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018, at her residence. At her request, no public services are planned. Private interment is at a later date. Templeton Funeral Home in Paris is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Lincolnland Hospice or to the Horizon Health Care-giver's Support Group. Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

PEGGY SAWYER

CASEY - Peggy Jean Sawyer, 67, of Clinton, and formerly of Casey, passed away at 5 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2018, at Liberty Village of Clinton. A graveside service was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Washington Street Cemetery, with Pastor R. David Stogsdill officiating. Markwell Funeral Home of was in charge of the arrangements. More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

LILLIAN MORGAN

MARSHALL - Lillian Laverne Morgan, 97, of Seal Beach, Calif., passed away June 1, 2018. A graveside service is 10 a.m. Monday, June 11, at the Marshall Cemetery. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements. More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

Newman Freedom Festival is June 15, 16 & 17

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

NEWMAN - The town of Newman in Douglas County is preparing for a three-day shindig featuring a variety of activities and entertainment. It starts 4 p.m. Friday, June 15, when craft booths and vendors open. Also starting at 4 p.m. is the Shiloh Little League sponsored Jonah Fish Fry. Service continues until 7 p.m. Live music is scheduled from 5:30-7:40 p.m., and that is followed by a teen dance in the city park from 8-10 p.m. The Corn Crib is the venue for more live music in an adult setting starting at 8 p.m. The first tractor pull of the weekend starts at 6 p.m. in Memorial Park. Saturday, June 16, is a full day starting with a 6:30-7 a.m. registration for the SK and biathlon. Runners take the course at 7:30 a.m. Craft booths and vendors

open for business at 9 a.m. A scavenger hunt is from 9-10 a.m. Parade registration is 10:15 a.m. and the Freedom Parade starts down Broadway Street at 11 a.m. Multiple things happen once the parade is over. Food service in the city park starts at noon; the free inflatables for children operate from noon to 3 p.m.; Sarah Bush Lincoln is doing a blood drive in the Longview Capital Building from noon to 3 p.m.; and the Hometown Band performs an hour concert starting at noon. An event called Games for All Ages, featuring a potty-chair race is 1-3 p.m. Another tractor pull in Memorial Park is underway at 1 p.m., and also in Memorial Park is a 2 p.m. Antique Tractor Show. The American Legion's annual pork chop supper is served in the city park from 4:30-7 p.m.

A kiddie pedal tractor pull is 5 p.m., and it is followed at 6 p.m. by the Little Mr. and Miss Newman event. Steve Allen's Jubilee Band plays at 6:30 p.m., and Longview State Bank supplies ice cream to the crowd starting at 7 p.m. The long day concludes with a fireworks show at 9 p.m., and another street dance gets under way also at 9 p.m. A 10:30 a.m. Sunday community church service in the park closes the festival. Special features for the 2018 festival include the presence of Abraham Lincoln both Friday and Saturday. Joyful Bubbles is in the city park 5-6:30 p.m., Friday. The Edgar County Farm Bureau is selling commemorative plat books Saturday, and also Saturday, the Douglas County Health Department is present with safety presentations.

Financial professional aid is a must

Given the complexities of the investment world, you might consider working with a financial professional to help you move toward your goals, such as a comfortable retirement. You'll want to establish



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Changes in the investment environment - It's a good idea to establish a long-term investment strategy based on your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Stick with this basic strategy regardless of the movements of the financial markets or economic changes. This doesn't mean you should never adjust your portfolio. For instance, if interest rates were to rise steadily over a year's time, you might want to consider some changes to your fixed-income invest-

ments, such as bonds, whose value will be affected by rising rates. In any case, it's another thing to talk about during your annual review. These aren't the only elements you may want to bring up in your yearly review with your financial professional - but they can prove to be quite helpful as you chart your course toward the future. (Gregg Whitkanack is a certified financial planner with Edward Jones. Email him at gwhitkanack@edwardjones.com.)

good communication with whomever you choose, and you should meet in person at least once a year to discuss your situation. At these annual reviews, you'll want to cover a variety of topics, including these:

Your portfolio's progress - Obviously, you will want to discuss how well your investments are doing. Of course, you can follow their performance from month to month, or even day to day, by reviewing your investment statements and online information, but at your annual meeting, your financial professional can sum up the past year's results, highlight areas that have done well or lagged, and show you how closely your portfolio is tracking the results you need to achieve your long-term goals.

Your investment mix - Your mix of investments - stocks, bonds, government securities and so on - helps determine your success as an investor. But in looking at the various investments in your portfolio, you'll want to go beyond individual gains and losses to see if your overall mix is still appropriate for your needs. For example, is the ratio of stocks to bonds still suitable for your risk tolerance? Over time, and sometimes without you taking any action, this ratio can shift, as often happens when stocks appreciate so much that they now take up a larger percentage of your portfolio than you intended - with a correspondingly higher risk level. If these unexpected movements occur, your financial professional may recommend you rebalance your portfolio.

Changes in your family situation - A lot can happen in a single year. You could have gotten married, divorced or remarried, added a child or moved to a new, more expensive house. Some, if not all, of these moves could involve your financial and investment pictures. Changes in your goals - Since your last annual review, you may have decided to change some of your long-term goals. Perhaps you no longer want to retire early or ruled out a vacation home. These choices may well affect your investment strategies, so it's wise to discuss them.

The family of Bill Roll would like to thank everyone for their support at the time of his passing. The cards, flowers, meals, donations, and prayers were very appreciated.

From the family of Kathleen Brimmer Cash
A heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls, flowers and prayers during Mom's illness, and all the memorial contributions given in Mom's name. Thank you to Dr. Sutton and the care and compassion shown by the nurses in the swing bed unit of the hospital. Thank you Pete Templeton for the care given to us and the beautiful service. She was a blessing to her children and will be missed greatly. Terry, Jerry, Rex Brimmer and daughter Sharon Dye

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Cox has a shot at governor

California's crazy jungle primary elections came to a blessed end on Tuesday.

I lost count, but I think there were 32 candidates running for U.S. Senate and 27 for governor.

In my troubled blue state's goofy primary system, the top two vote-getters in any given race — even if they are both Democrats or socialists — get to face each other in the fall general election.

Everyone east of the Sierra Nevada has heard by now that Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the ex-San Francisco mayor and 2020 Democratic presidential wannabe, won the most votes in the governor's contest.

But the big news — the good news — is that Republican multimillionaire businessman John Cox came in second.

Cox won easily despite spending little money and getting almost zero major media attention other than from Fox News.

Though Cox was endorsed by President Trump, about the only time his name was mentioned in the local media was when Newsom attacked him in one of his TV ads.

My son Cameron, a stay-at-home dad with two young kids, sent me a text that summed up what was glaringly missing in the primary race.

"Where is the governor that's running to lower taxes?"

"Where's the governor that's running to lower the cost of health care? To lower gasoline prices? Or to make our communities safer or our schools better?"

"Everything is emotional," he wrote. "If you're an immigrant, this person loves you. If you're a woman, this person loves you. Is the next governor just going to give away free hugs?"

"What could a governor that loves women possibly do to make women better than they already are? Are women oppressed? I'm so confused."

My son is one of California's forgotten voters who are ready to revolt.

Millions of them are trying to make ends meet in a place where Democrats in Sacramento have produced the country's highest income tax rate (13.3 percent), made new houses too expensive for the middle class to afford and turned what used to be the country's best school system into one of the worst.

No wonder nearly half the people of San Francisco said recently they want to move to another state.

My son wanted to hear candidates for governor address problems that concerned him and his neighbors in the San Fernando Valley — high taxes, criminal gangs, broken schools, spreading homeless camps, a reservoir for Los Angeles.

But Cox and his conservative message were virtually invisible. And every Democrat campaign ad for state and local offices was running against Donald Trump.

"If you want open borders, vote for me and I'll protect you from Donald Trump."

In its coverage of the primary results, The New York Times casually said that "Mr. Newsom should coast to victory in November in a state as blue as California."

That's the usual conventional wisdom in the liberal media, but I think Cox has a good shot at winning. He got a lot of votes on Tuesday. About 1.1 million to Newsom's 1.35 million.

This will be our best chance in a long time to elect a Republican governor.

When Cox called me to thank me for supporting him, I told him there was only one ad I thought he should run in the fall:

"If you like \$5-a-gallon gas, if you like sanctuary cities, if you like illegals pouring across the border, if you want four more years of the progressive tax-and-spend policies that have destroyed what used to be known as 'The great state of California,' vote Gavin Newsom. You'll be sorry."

(Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant and the author of "The New Reagan Revolution." He is the founder of the email service reagan.com and president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation. Email him at reagan@caglecartoons.com.)

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Cleared for takeoff

Edgar County Airport gets green light for maintenance, renovations

The Federal Aviation Administration delivered welcome news this week, clearing the way for maintenance and improvements at the Edgar County Airport.

The decision allowing for the release of funds by the Illinois Department of Transportation means the airport — which has been bogged down in recent years with complaints by an Edgar County resident — can finally move forward.

Contrary to what some will try to tell you, our airport is a vital and important part of our Edgar County economy. Corporate planes — including corporate jets — have utilized the airport to bring industry leaders to our community for meetings. It also serves as a homebase for crop dusting planes during the busy summer.

OUR VIEW

This editorial reflects the views of The Prairie Press' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

The truth is transportation networks and facilities play a critical role in the economic development of all communities — especially rural ones like Edgar County. These airports serve as important links to new or emerging markets, and sources of materials and services needed for processing for existing and new businesses in a community.

According to a 2017 study by the University of Washington, rural airports improve the quality of life in rural communities. The study found individual benefits of rural airports range from improving the quality of health care, to supporting

local businesses, providing critical emergency and disaster response, strengthening community, providing opportunities for recreation, military training, economic development and much more.

Airports are in several cases a symbol of hope for rural communities fighting for their economic life. Having a constrained or diminished airport would decrease the quality of health care, decrease the odds of a viable economic future, reduce the ability of local, state and federal agencies to respond to disasters and emergencies, lower the viability of rural businesses and lower the image these communities have of themselves.

It's time for our Edgar County Airport to move forward, without any further delay.



YOUR VIEW

Cracking open a century-old sports guide

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 I saw the one hundred years ago article in The Prairie Press this past Saturday about the high school Arena. So I got out my 1918 Paris High Arena.

The class of 1918 had 80 graduating seniors. There were 86 in the junior class and 126 in the sophomore class and 120 in the freshman class. Total 421 classmates in 1918 (a war year). Many letters in the Arena were from Paris soldiers at war.

Paris wasn't very good at sports that year. The football and basketball teams both had losing seasons.

I found it interesting in the local advertisements. Some are below. Also, some advertisements would be considered racist today.

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The 1918 Arena only has senior individual pictures. All other classes are group pictures. The kids back in those days didn't sign the yearbooks.

David Wilson,
 Paris

President spouting conspiracy theories

Editor, The Prairie Press,
 Speaking like a fringe candidate, Donald Trump has now been elevated to the king of the sideshow. Saying outrageous claims with no proof about a deep-state involving the D.O.J., is our proof there is no deep-state, or Trump wouldn't be president.

Creating a new made-up crisis every week, his tactics are to bombard and overload so no one can come up for air. But it won't work. Just because you say something doesn't make it true.

Congress and the president's supporters are the enablers of Trump, and what they do is spread the stink, uphold Trump no matter what, even if he acts like an insecure little boy, who never grew up.

And it is for this reason the world takes Trump with a healthy dose of cynicism and disdain.

Anita Griffith,
 Vermilion

Respect for President's diplomatic methods

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 So often these days the Democrats and other sufferers of "Trump Derangement Syndrome" seem to embarrass themselves by hurrying to condemn the president for some statement or action before all of the facts are in. Examples include, of course, the "prison bus for children" which turned out to be a bus set up for a field trip, and pictures of children President Trump had supposedly put in cages but which were in fact taken of children in cages during President Obama's watch in 2014.

Ms. Griffith joined that number of overly enthusiastic Trump

deriders when she said in a letter to the editor last week, "So much for Trump diplomacy" in response to the president cancelling the June 12 meeting in Singapore with North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un. How unfortunate that she did not wait 24 hours before sending her letter, or even more unfortunate, that she did not have confidence that a tough former CEO of a construction company did not make his billions by backing down in the face of union bosses, corrupt city officials, and mob threats. This man has dealt with bullies before and come out on top.

His cancellation of the scheduled meeting came as the result of comments from one of North Korea's officials who called the Vice-President of the United States stupid and threatened us with nuclear war. This tough talk leading up to a summit meeting in past administrations would have sent the Secretary of State hurrying to North Korea, hat in hand, with profuse apologies, and intense groveling. President Trump simply said, in so many words, "Talk like that to us and the meeting is off. If you change your mind, let me know." And let him know, they did. Within 24 hours North Korea had expressed dismay at the cancelled meeting and assured the United States that they would meet when and where we wished. Within days, the second in command to Kim Jong Un was dispatched to the United States to meet here with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and to hand deliver a personal letter from Kim Jong Un to President Trump. And so, the meeting is on again.

So much for Trump diplomacy.
 Jane Witmer,
 Paris

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Durkin keeps his cool

He's not a household name like Mike Madigan or Bruce Rauner, but

House Republican leader Jim Durkin played an outside role in delivering the first on-time budget in four years.

Durkin

claims to this day that he was able to convince, cajole and drag other legislative leaders and the governor 90 percent of the way to a budget agreement last year until it all blew up in July. Ten of his GOP members broke ranks and voted to override Rauner's vetoes of the state's first full-year budget since before Rauner took office and an income tax hike to pay for it.

When the smoke cleared, Durkin had a problem. Some of his conservative members blamed him for not being tough enough on the members who bolted. And the insurgents were furious about all the pressure that Rauner had put on them about their votes. Mutiny was in the air.

Durkin had to pull his caucus back together quickly because a vote on a massive education funding reform bill would happen a month after the budget blowup.

But then Durkin had another problem. Some of the people Rauner hired after firing his top staff were conservative ideologues who wanted to use the education funding reform talks to advance their own agendas against Chicago.

Durkin knew there was no way to get a deal if Chicago was punished, so he and Senate Republican leader Bill Brady got to work on the governor while they were negotiating a deal with the Democrats. They eventually convinced Rauner that even though he wasn't getting everything he wanted, this was a historic win and his members wanted it even if Rauner vetoed it. Rauner signed the bill.

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SHRINE BBQ IS TODAY



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Edgar County Shrine Club members were busy Friday, June 8, slicing and shredding roast beef for converting into barbecue. Left, Gerry Williams, past potentate, and Doug Gough, right, worked one of the slicing stations. Shriners were back out at work around 2 a.m. to start the slow cooking barbecue. Meal service is 11 a.m.-7 p.m. featuring dine-in, carry out and bulk purchase at the Edgar County Fairgrounds.

MILLER

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A month later, Rauner signed HB 40 to provide state funding of abortions, and all heck broke loose again. The annual fall veto session was just weeks away, and anti-abortion House Republicans were up in arms.

Some of Durkin's members who bolted on the budget were saying they planned to retaliate for HB 40 by voting to override Rauner's veto of a bill to prevent municipalities from establishing their own right to work zones. Operating Engineers Union Local 150 was pushing the legislation.

Rumors swirled the wealthy, anti-union governor was threatening to walk away from funding Durkin's campaigns if his members helped override his veto. Durkin has never confirmed the rumors, but the story undoubtedly helped him keep his caucus together.

The bill was basically meaningless anyway, because state law already

appears to preclude those local zones, and Durkin said he stressed that fact over and over. Why risk destroying the caucus over essentially nothing?

Once again, Durkin kept his people in line.

While all that was going on, one of Durkin's own members, Rep. Jeanne Ives, announced she was running for governor against Rauner, partly over the HB 40 issue. And conservative activist Dan Proft, who was helping Ives' campaign, backed a Republican primary candidate against Durkin himself. After Durkin stopped the right to work veto override, Local 150 joined Proft's effort against Durkin.

Durkin went on to win an overwhelming primary victory, but Rauner just barely survived his. Again, Durkin had to patiently stitch his caucus back together because several of his members backed Ives.

And then it came time to work on a budget.

Rauner has never signed a

full-year budget, and he can be very difficult to deal with. Durkin said he decided early on the four legislative leaders shouldn't meet directly with the governor because of all the hard feelings. Instead, he and Brady regularly met with the governor to keep him up to date on their meetings with the Democrats and to get his input and to remind him that he risked

an override if he didn't make a deal.

The budget passed overwhelmingly and Rauner signed it.

Durkin has earned a long vacation.

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President might be the Anti-Christ

Editor, The Prairie Press:
Could Donald Trump be Anti-Christ? Yes.

If the United States is the Little Horn of Daniel 7, the Anti-Christ will be a U.S. President. But please keep in mind that we won't know for sure the identity of the Anti-Christ until we are with God. That is, of course, if we don't hear the audible voice of God first.

I have heard the voice of God. Before Mr. Trump announced his plan to run for the greatest office in the land I heard the audible voice of God tell me that Mr. Trump would be out next U.S. President. People in Paris heard me witness that I heard the voice of God tell me that

piece of news.

The Anti-Christ will conquer the world through diplomacy. That is what Mr. Trump is already doing. All the world will follow after the beast. That will happen during the tribulation period.

Anti-Christ will be CEO of the world's economy. We can already tell that Mr. Trump could be that CEO. Don't be shocked if Mr. Trump is a military strategist of genius proportion. That will also happen during the tribulation.

Immediately after the rapture of Jesus' church, Anti-Christ will make a peace treaty with Israel.

Mr. Trump is already talking about such a peace treaty. When this happens the tribulation period will begin. This period will last seven long years.

Evil will flood the Earth. New Christians will be

slaughtered. They will have their heads cut off.

At the mid-point of the tribulation Anti-Christ will take over the newly built temple and proclaim to be God. It is known as the Abomination of Desolation.

Anti-Christ will be indwelt with the spirit of Satan and his true nature will come to the surface.

The Battle of Armageddon will begin. It will be the war of good vs. evil. Jesus the Christ will come back to this Earth with his army of saints to defeat Anti-Christ. It will be a decisive victory. Good will win and the Millennial Kingdom will begin.

The motto of a Boy Scout is Be Prepared. Let's all be prepared for the coming of our Lord. Until then let's all keep a watchful eye on politics and Anti-Christ.

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NEWWAVE COMMUNICATIONS

Bee Well strives for active community

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Bee Well of Edgar County has several projects in the works.

The coalition of health professionals, educators and others is trying to reverse Edgar County's status as one of the more unhealthy counties in Illinois to a healthier place to live.

One of the organization's successful endeavors is the summer fun run for young children. The weekly event features 30-yard, 50-yard and 100-yard dashes plus longer races of half-mile and mile lengths.

Building on that success, Bee Well has partnered with the Paris Pacers for Dashing to the Doc.

Leighsa Cornwell explained the new program during the Thursday, June 7, Bee Well meeting.

"It's an eight-week training program for kids in third through seventh grade," said Cornwell. "They are going to start on the high school track and move to the cross-country track there."

The end goal is to get participants conditioned and trained to run in the three-mile Doc

Acklin Race later in the summer. The first session of Dash for the Doc is 6:30 p.m. July 5 at Paris High School.

Cornwell said the \$25 fee covers the entry fee and a participant T-shirt for the Doc Acklin Race. There may be some financial assistance to help children who cannot pay the \$25 fee.

"This isn't replacing the Fun Run," Erin Frank said about Dash to the Doc.

Bee Well is finalizing plans for the 2018 Fun Run program, which will likely start closer to the beginning of

school in August.

A goal to install outdoor exercise equipment at Twin Lakes Park in the vicinity of Tiger Falls Splash Park and the All-Abilities Playground is stymied by the search for funds.

"The exercise equipment will give parents a way to work out while their kids are playing rather than sitting there and being on their phones," said Cornwell.

She added the exercise area could be as big or as small as funding dictates.

"Our plan is to start small with three pieces of cardio

equipment," Cornwell said.

Equipment can be costly since it is constructed for outdoor use and exposure to all kinds of weather. A stationary bike from one manufacturer is \$1,000 and an elliptical machine is more than \$4,000.

Christina Hoffman is doing the legwork of researching grants to fund the project.

"The problem is the grants I'm finding won't pay for equipment," said Hoffman, adding she is still looking.

Something on the drawing boards is the placement of yard signs with brief sayings to en-

courage a healthy life style. Similar to the candidate placards that popup every election season the Bee Well signs will serve as a reminder for everyone to take charge of their health.

Again the issue is finding the money to pay for printing the signs and also locating people willing to place them in their yards. Hoffman suggested seeking sponsors to pay for a set number of signs and in return the signs will feature a sponsor's corporate logo.

"We need to find a point person to work on this," said Mar-Liz Wright.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

John Conner, one of the founders of the Chrisman Farmers Market, grills hot dogs on the grill for opening night. The farmers market is every Friday from 4-6:30 p.m. through the Chrisman Days Celebration in early September. The Chrisman High School FFA sponsors the event.

AIRPORT

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regulations require airport land be zoned for airport purposes, and the January 2017, county board resolution prevents the establishments of airport hazards as required by the grant assurances.

The statement concludes by confirming the county, as the airport sponsor, is in compliance.

Bidding for the fuel farm

project and apron expansion was scheduled for earlier this year but did not happen because the FAA had not resolved Bogue's complaint. It is unlikely the project can occur this year and will likely be added to IDOT's project list for calendar year 2019.

"We'll be able to speak with more clarity here in a couple of weeks," said Voigt, noting the money for the airport project remains in IDOT's accounts.

"Our allotment is still there, and every year we've gotten additional allotments."

In addition to clearing the way for the stymied construction project, Voigt said the FAA decision means the airport now qualifies for new federal grant programs designed specifically for areas of lower population density and economic need.

"I would hope that we can move forward now," said Voigt.

LOT 50

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4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-7 p.m. Sunday. The first full week of operation was May 31 to June 3.

All expectations were exceeded in that time frame. Coombes said business was steady Thursday and Sunday with booths and tables full.

"It was standing room only Friday and Saturday night," said Coombes.

The business gets high marks from customers for both the quality of the beer and the environment. The Lot 50 taproom is more akin to a friendly, neighborhood British pub than it is to an American bar, which can be off-putting to outsiders.

John Sanchez and Doug Hasler were at Lot 50 after work on Thursday, June 7, sharing a beer and catching up. Both men said Paris has long needed a place like the brewery where people can meet and spend some time in a relaxed atmosphere to talk and enjoy good beer.

Sanchez was drinking a wheat beer.

"What the Hef?, a German-style wheat beer.

"It's got a great taste to it - very smooth," said Sanchez. "I'm a wheat beer drinker, but IPAs are unbelievable, too."

The Towhead Blonde in front of Hasler is one of the IPAs Sanchez referred to.

Hasler prefers IPA style beers but said during a previous visit he tried a Lot 50 Belgian ale and gave it high marks.

"The Belgian I tried was sim-

ilar to what I had when I was in Belgium," said Hasler. "What I appreciate is it is a place to bring the family and feel comfortable."

Children are welcome at Lot 50 because the partners are all family men. They encourage families to make use of a variety of board games and have some quality time together. Adults are welcome to sip their pints and a variety of soft drinks are available for those who can't drink alcohol. Wine is also served.

James and Marie Wimsett brought some games from home to play during their visit. They opted to use the outside seating area. He had an Amos's Lot Ale, and she selected the 3 a.m. Porter. They made an informed decision after sampling a flight during their first visit.

A flight provides the opportunity to sample several beer varieties at one time using small tasting glasses.

Marie Wimsett said the porter is her favorite.

"Every beer here is good," she said. "That is not something you can say about every brewery."

James Wimsett likes the beer but he also appreciates the friendly atmosphere of the place.

Young noted many customers have told him how easy it is to hold a conversation without the need to shout and not have talk at nearby tables bleed into other conversations.

"What I'm proud of is how conversational it is," said Young. "Look around, you see people talking and engaged. What you

don't see are people on their cell phones."

Lot 50 has a 10-tap system to pull beer from a cold room in the basement of the building. Nine of the taps are for beers made on site, and the last tap is a guest tap for a product not made at Lot 50. The guest tap Thursday featured an Angry Orchard cider.

The other taps provided Citra Fuse, Towhead Blonde, Slap Happy IPA and the Wheat Is On, which fall into the IPA and Pilsner categories. These are the beers people not familiar with craft beers will find most familiar.

Young said The Wheat Is On is a good place to start because it is probably the most similar to lite beers that tend to dominate the mass-market retail sales.

What the Hef? and Amos's Lot are fuller body beers than lite styles and IPAs. People with a more adventurous palates gravitate to It's 3 a.m. Porter, Court Street Stout and Clurichaun Red Ale.

Lot 50 does not serve food but customers are welcome to bring food from home or take out from local restaurants.

A special service only today, June 9, is the Edgar County Shrine Club occasionally delivering Shrine barbecue sandwiches for sale at Lot 50.

Another unique feature is how Lot 50 disposes of brewers spent grains. Some is given to a couple of farmers as cattle feed, but there is another unique use.

"We give some to Betty Jane's Kitchen and they bake bread with it," said Young.

Gill conducting Paris City Band concert

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The next Paris City Band performance is 7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, in Spicer Pavilion at the West Lake Park.

In a departure from past custom, a series of guest conductors are in charge of individual concerts.

Retired educator Joe Gill is conducting Sunday. Gill taught music in Paris 95 for 32 years and another six years at St. Mary's.

All city band concerts open with the "Star Spangled Banner." The national anthem is followed by a 1920 K.L. King march "Hosts of Freedom."

Other pieces for the first half

of the concert include "Sinfonians" honoring the professional music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia; "Exaltation" by James Swearingen combines shifting meters and highlights the band's precision; "On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss," is a reflective composition of the hymn "It is Well with my Soul" from a Philip Bliss Chorale; and concluding the first set is "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" by John Philip Sousa in honor of Shrine Weekend in Paris.

After a small intermission, the band plays a composition to honor men and women who died in the Vietnam War titled "Black Granite" by James Hosay; "Funiculi, Fu-

nicula," by Luigi Denza commemorates a new funicular railway in 1810; "Big Band Signatures" lets the band swing with a tribute to the Big Band Era; "Prairie Songs" by Pierre LaPlante is a melodic tune intended to convey a sense of beauty of the land; and the concert closes with "Sweet Land of Liberty."

Sunday evening in the park is a family affair with adults listening to the concert and children playing in the adjacent Tiger Falls Splash Park and the All-Abilities Playground. Seating is at the picnic tables in Spicer Pavilion although audience members are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Residents want to keep geese at home

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KANSAS — The annual appropriation ordinance was unanimously approved during the Wednesday, June 6, Kansas Village Board

"There are not a lot of changes," said board member Susan Saxton. "It is basically the same. The appropriations income increased by \$21,600."

Kansas residents Chris and Catherine Frevele asked the board to consider adopting a geese ordinance similar to the village's chicken ordinance. The Freveles have four domesticated geese for egg production. He noted the animals are tame and are currently housed in a large pen.

Board members tabled the request for discussion with the village attorney regarding liability issues and the necessary procedures to adopt such an ordinance.

Trustee Steve Hood asked Chris Frevele to canvas his neighborhood to determine if nearby residents have any issues with the geese. In the meantime, Frevele told the board members he will move the domestic fowl

to a location outside the city limits and not violate the village's ordinances.

The board approved salary adjustments for 2018. Full time employees will receive a three percent salary increase.

The board directed water superintendent Andrew Henn to resume installing remote water meters. The water department was installing the upgraded meters before work began on the water treatment plant. During the improvements to the treatment plant, installation ceased.

Henn also is working on gathering the water department's cross connection surveys passed out to Kansas residences. He hopes to get a 75 percent response rate.

Kansas Police Chief Jeff Goodwin announced the rear window kick guards were installed in the village's Ford Police Interceptor automobile. The equipment was purchased after the Interceptor was damaged earlier this year while transporting an individual to the Edgar County Sheriff's Department.

He also reported dash cameras were installed in the Interceptor and the second police squad car.

"They are working great," said Goodwin.

The department issued 12 citations, 16 written warnings and 10 verbal warnings during May. KPD made three criminal arrests and resolved two criminal complaints and two non-criminal complaints. In addition, the department helped recover stolen property in Dudley, assisted the Eastern Illinois University Police to collect evidence in a mutual case and assisted with a commercial vehicle rollover accident near Borton.

During the public health and safety report, Henn said he will start spraying for mosquitoes and other insect pests next week. He has already treated the village twice with larvicide to help combat mosquito infestations.

In addition, the village employees installed the new fall protection areas around the playground equipment in the village park. The employees also tilled the existing compacted sand surrounding the play equipment.

As part of the village's beautification efforts, Hood said the village's large flowerpots were distributed throughout the community and 12 volunteers have pledged to weed and water the pots filled with flowers. The plants were donated by the 18th Street Garden Stop of Charleston.

911

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be concerned about the public safety there."

Question about costs to the 9-1-1 system and setting precedent for adding other backup services to the Edgar County Computer Aided Dispatching system were raised.

Eric Shaughnessy of the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance expressed concern emergency telephone system money is needed to program pagers the Horizon Health ambulance personnel will carry for dispatching and does that mean ETSB will also have to supply pagers and pay for programming for the Ashmore and Oakland fire services in Coles County since those agencies provide mutual aid back up on the western side of Edgar County?

One action does not necessarily follow the other, said Nanette Crippes, 9-1-1 director.

Crippes said the direct cost to the local ETSB is programming the dispatch console at the jail. Preparing the pagers is Horizon Health's responsibility. McCarty noted the hospital has the pagers for distribution to the ambulance crews once permission is granted by the ETSB.

In addition, Crippes explained the emergency telephone system does not dictate how agencies are dispatched but complies with what each organization prefers. Currently, Ashmore and Oakland want dispatched through the Coles County system, which means contacting Charleston to relay information when help is needed in Edgar County.

Eads said Horizon Health is located in Edgar County and the request seemed reasonable.

"I think voting no for this would be a huge disservice," said Eads.

Board member Merle Clark objected to continuing a decision until the actual cost for programming the console was known, describing the delay as moot.

"Our policy has always been to do the best things for safety," said Clark. "We are going to do this."

Emergency dispatching for Horizon Health is no different than adding other agencies as needed, according to Eads. He said when the village of Hume created a police department that was added to the 9-1-1 dispatching.

"We get money from phone service to maintain and provide equipment," said Eads. "It's what we receive our user fees for."

Horizon Health will only receive emergency dispatch when the Northern Edgar County Ambulance is unable to respond. The two requests were approved with board members Eads, Clark, Brian Gates, Karl Farnham Jr., Duane Fidler and Dave McCrocklin voting yes. Shaughnessy abstained from voting as the owner of the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance Service. Board member Cindy Belt also abstained because she is a Horizon Health employee.

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Good year for Paris

This past school year for Paris athletics saw some strong regular season performances followed by some tough playoff losses. With the spring season wrapping up in May in baseball, softball, tennis and track, all the teams fared well in the LIC.

The baseball team rolled through the regular season schedule, with multiple 10-run rule games. The Tigers made it a point to schedule tough teams that are relatively local and possible playoff foes in stature. Sure enough, after scheduling perennial favorites Teutopolis for a contest late in the year and facing off with Mattoon in a freezing March contest, the Tigers ended with the Mattoon Green Wave again in their opening regional game, falling 2-1. The team graduates a load of senior players, several of whom will be playing at the next level.

Paris tennis had a second straight winning season for the first time in nearly a decade and looks to build upon it next year. Though it was tough being sorted into a northern sectional, it provided valuable experience for the team.

Boys track had a solid year, as the group set several more school records thanks to DJ Fessant placing 10th in the state in triple jump. The girls team has a few freshmen who won multiple field events and should be strong competitors in the years to come.

The softball team used a wave of talented underclassmen to push the record over .500 for the year. A few early season one-run losses helped build the mental toughness for the team, and the girls smacked the ball around the yard as the weather warmed up.

Being the second biggest school in the conference has its advantages. The great facilities at the high school help the mindset and confidence of the players in creating state champion teams. Sheer numbers might not always be the answer, as quality usually thrives over quantity. Building that quality involves creating a culture not just in the junior high levels, but at all levels in the city.

All the sports are available on the campus and getting behind them in person is the biggest thrill for a high school athlete. Even though the new building is north of town, it shouldn't keep fans from showing up. The walk inside is just as far from the gravel of the old school as it is from the parking lot and the front door of the current one.

Even with size and quantity at Paris' disposal, See **DUNDAS**, Page 10A

Post 211 begins season

American Legion baseball returns after one-year absence; 24 games on the schedule

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DANVILLE — The Paris Post 211 Junior Legion baseball team kicked off their season last weekend in Danville in the Frank Atwood Memorial Tournament.

American Legion baseball in Paris returns this year after a season on the sidelines. Fourteen local players compose this year's roster, with the team scheduled to play 24 games throughout the summer.

This season got off to a rocky start, as the Paris squad was placed in a pool with the host team (Danville), Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 246, and Mattoon. Paris fell to Danville on Friday morning by the score of 10-5; lost to Terre Haute (eventual champion) 17-2 and lost to Mattoon on Saturday by the score of 10-0.

In the opener, JT Johnson led the offense with a pair of doubles, a single, and three RBI's. Blayne Roberts also

doubled and drove in one; and Layne Gill added an RBI single.

Against Terre Haute, Johnson added another double and drove in the only run for Paris. Roberts and Holden Watters each added a single.

On Thursday night, Post 211 hosted Clay County, IN in a nine-inning contest played at Laker Stadium. Paris gave up a pair of runs in the top of the first inning, but came back with a run in the second on an

RBI single from Reese Wagoner. Paris left seven runners on base the rest of the way and could not muster up any more offense on the night.

Eric Speicher started for Paris and went four innings. He allowed three runs (one earned) on six hits; he walked one and struck out one. Johnson came on in the fifth and went four innings as well, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits; he walked three and struck out two. Mitchell Worrell pitched

the ninth and allowed one hit. Roberts had a double to lead Paris in hitting. Newlin had a single and scored the only run for Paris. Wagoner had an RBI single, and Justyn Allen and Speicher added a single each.

Paris will be back in action on Wednesday as they host Mattoon at 6:30 p.m. at Laker Stadium. Other members of the team include Weslee Morgan, Karson Martin, Bryan Kohlmeyer, Nick Fomera and Braylon Nugent.

CHRISMAN NATIVE FINDS SUCCESS AT ISU



Tyler Owen clears the bar during the high jump competition at the Missouri Valley Conference championship. Owen, of Chrisman, specializes in high jump for the Sycamores but also competes in other events like triple jump and javelin.

Photo courtesy Indiana State University

Owen clearing new heights

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Just over two years ago, Tyler Owen was walking across the stage with a diploma from Chrisman High School. Now he struts the gritty surface of the Sycamore Athletic Complex at Terre Haute, Ind.

Owen, a sophomore at Indiana State University, is a member of the ISU Track and Field team. He is a consistent performer in the high jump for the Sycamores and is excited about the team.

"My favorite thing about the team has been the family atmosphere that it created for me," Owen said. "The coaches really encourage everyone to be close and that makes a big difference."

The years of training at ISU have proven fruitful for Owen, as he has managed to excel on the track. The 2017 season saw Owen bring in an eighth place finish in the high jump at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, and he also competed in several other events. He recorded a season-best mark in the triple jump of 12.48m (40-11.50) at the Gibson Invitational, as well as a season-best mark in the javelin throw of 30.03m (98-06.00) at the Pacesetter Sports Invitational.

The 2018 Indoor track and field season yielded an All-Missouri Valley Conference finish for the sophomore with a leap in the high jump of 2.08m (6-09.75) at the MVC Championships. Owen finished the indoor season having competed in six meets for Indiana State.

"The competition is good in the valley (MVC)" Owen said. "I have seen some of these guys in high school but a lot are new faces."

Despite all of his success on the track for the Sycamores, there were times when being away at college was tough and not having friends or family nearby to turn to made it even harder for the Sycamore.

"The hardest part about adjusting



Tyler Owen confers with Indiana State University high jump coach during a meet. Owen, a champion high jumper for Chrisman High School, is a sophomore at ISU and developing into a serious competitor for the Sycamores.

Photo Courtesy Indiana State University

to ISU was my freshman year," Owen said. "It was just accepting that I was going to be away from friends and family for a bit. My friends and the coaches at ISU have always been very supportive of me and that made the transition easier."

One of the biggest impacts on Owen's career at Indiana State was the late John McNichols. McNichols recruited him out of Chrisman High School and followed Owen's high school athletic career sincerely, ending his watch with an offer to run and compete at the highest level at the university.

"He always believed in me, always had faith in me and my abilities. Even at times when I didn't," Owen said. "He was a great coach and person."

Another important figure shaping the future of Owen at ISU is assistant coach John Gartland. After a career of more than 27 years as the head women's cross-country coach and women's

head track and field coach for 21 years, Gartland returned to the Sycamore staff in 2016 as an assistant coach in high jump.

With success early in his athletic career, Owen has also excelled in the classroom for the Sycamores. The sophomore is a physical education major who has made strides in his schoolwork. After graduation from ISU, he hopes to find a career in insurance.

With two years left to compete for the ISU track and field team, there is a lot of time for Owen to keep growing and adapting to the world around him. He is ready and excited for his future with the program.

"Competing at the collegiate level has taught me many things, but the biggest thing is that you will always get knocked down at some point in your career," Owen said. "How you handle it, however, is what defines who you are and what you are capable of."

LL action continues

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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Little League play was up and running again this week as several teams met on the diamond in mid-season form. Now six weeks of play in, teams are fighting for positioning within their groups.

The Feeder League is led by IWD with a record of 9-2. They are followed by State Farm at 5-5 with KC and the Elks bringing up the rear at 4-7 and 4-8 respectively.

The Litton League is led by State Farm, who sits atop the pack at 10-2. In second place is Legion with a 7-3 record while the Elks sit a half-game back from them at 7-4. KC is 6-6, Chrisman 4-7 and Dirt Poor is 0-11 on the year.

The Little League is led by the Dimond Bros with a 9-2 record. They sit well ahead of the second-place First Farmers who are 5-7. Legion is 4-6 in the league and Prospect Bank is a half-game back from them at 4-7.

DIMOND BROS VS LEGION

On Tuesday, June 5, Legion beat the Dimond Bros 8-7. Dimond Bros jumped off to a hot start with five runs in the second inning, ending it with a 5-2 lead. However, Legion rallied back in the closing innings. The team managed to score three runs in the fifth and sixth, capturing the lead and subsequently a win.

Legion was led in hitting by Underwood, who had a double and a triple, and Trapp, who brought in a homerun. Staley and Underwood were the leaders for Legion in the circle. Miller had two singles across the stretch, heading the offensive efforts for Dimond Bros. Pitching for Dimond Bros came from Edwards, Bartos and Sanders.

ELKS VS KC

The Elks beat KC in dominant fashion, 11-1. Parker Sanders was just one of those that led the team in hitting with two doubles in the game. Sylus Crippen and Andrew Scott each had two singles, while Sean Dunn had a single. Grant Hoover had a double on the day and Mason Barrett hit an inside the park home run. Dunn pitched four innings for the team and gave up one hit on 67 pitches.

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State Farm beat the

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ISU grad joins the PP staff

BY GARY HENRY
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Jeremy Patterson, a May 2018 graduate of Indiana State University, is working for The Prairie Press part-time.

His main assignment is local sports but he will also do some news and feature writing.

Patterson brings a love of sports to the position. He played football and track for Terre Haute South High School and was a punter for the ISU Sycamore football team. During his last season with the Sycamores, Patterson also threw and touchdown pass and made a tackle.

He was a communication major with a concentration in journalism.

"I've always loved and enjoyed reading and writing," said Patterson.

Trying to decide to pursue English of journalism was a tough choice.

He found a preference for journalism while writing sports for the ISU Statesman student newspaper.

Most communication majors tend to focus on broadcasting but Patterson prefers newsprint and hopes to someday be a sports editor for a newspaper.

"There is something special about what people can do with a pen and paper," said Patterson. "You don't get on TV the experience of holding a newspaper, the smell of the paper or the personality of the writing."



PATTERSON

SUTTON PLAYING IN TEXAS



Special to The Prairie Press
Brady Sutton, left, of Paris is playing with the Grand Prairie Pilots this summer. At right is Coach Chase Kearney. The Pilots went 4-2 the first week. Sutton went 2 for 5 Friday with an RBI double and a single.

Weather cancels games

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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NEWMAN — A busy week of action was scheduled for the teams of the Shiloh Little League summer baseball and softball programs this past week. With two teams looking towards the start of the post-season and four others just getting warmed up for their seasons, excitement for the matchups tinged the air.

Back to back days of rains on Wednesday and Thursday forced stoppages and cancellations of several games. The Softball C #1 team was supposed to have hosted Philo 2 in Newman on Wednesday before rain disrupted it. The Softball C #2 team managed to get only one inning of their contest in on Thursday against Philo 1 before a heavy downpour also made their field unplayable, resulting in a cancellation. The Softball A team was supposed to have hosted Sidney in the night cap on Thursday. The Majors team was tied with Sidney 1 at 3-3 going into the bottom of the third inning before weather forced the game to be called. Opting not to wait it out, Sidney 1 decided to forfeit, giving Shiloh the win.

The Minors team was able to get playing on Tuesday night taking on Tolono 3 in Brocton. The bats were quiet on this night as Shiloh was unable to get a hit as Tolono 3 cruised to a 12-2 win via run rule in four innings. Will Dudley and Taren Borntrager each had an RBI walk in the loss.

The Softball B team has played two games since their opener two weeks ago. Shiloh was in Tolono on Friday, May 25, for a contest against Tolono 2. The team kept it close, but was unable to close the gap with a 9-6 loss via time limit. Allowyn Nichols had an RBI and a run scored in the loss. Softball B was then at home on Friday, June 2 in Newman hosting Tolono 3. Shiloh started off strong, jumping out to a 3-2 lead after one inning, but Tolono 3 went on a 9-5 run en route to an 11-8 win.

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Local drivers fare well at Crossroads

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The Crossroads Dragway in Terre Haute, Ind., hosted the NHRA All-Access Challenge Saturday, June 2.

The competition was divided into five subcategories including professional, super professional, sportsman, high school and junior dragster, with the winners receiving a Wally. Drivers from across east central Illinois and west central Indiana came together to compete at the event.

In the Bryan & Connie Lovellette Junior Dragster Class, Mark Spires III of Denison was the winner over Ali Phillips of Bruceville, Ind. Spires won in a 2005 Halfscale Junior Dragster with a final time of 8.909. Michael Smith was the lone semi-finalist for the junior dragster class.

The Sportsman Class winner was Jed Veach of Tuscola over Bill McCarty of Bloomington, Ind. Veach drove a 2003 Ford Mustang with a final time of 9.103 to get the win. Semi-finalists for the Sportsman class were Brian Bennett and Chad Eaton.

Republic Services High School Class winner was Kar-

son Kuhn from Marshall over Will Edington from Terre Haute. Kuhn drove a 2005 Chevy Suburban, finishing the race with a time of 11.019.

The PINK Ladies held their second race of the season at the Crossroads Dragway Friday, June 1. Sara Cassidy of Mattoon was the winner over Brandi Eaton of Paris. Cassidy drove a 2001 Chevy Camaro with a time of 9.021 to hold on for the victory. Ramona Knoblett was the semi-finalist for the race.

The Scheid Diesel Friday Night Series was held during the afternoon of Friday, June 1, with Josh Rogers of Reelsville, Ind., beating out the competition to win first place. Rogers, the defending 2017 Scheid Series Champion, was defeated runner-up Ramsey Hardman of Rockville, Ind. He drove a 1999 Dodge Ram 2500, finishing with a time of 11.080. Rogers has been a mainstay at Scheid Diesel Friday Night Series for several years now and is enjoying recent success.

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some classes every year will be thin with both boys and girls sports. Once or twice a decade, a strong class will roll through and carry a program. It doesn't happen every year, but sitting around waiting for it to blossom isn't a win-win scenario.

Boys basketball may have a similar issue to softball, as the upper classes are thin in athletes. Basketball had a decent run at the JV and freshmen

levels. It will be fun next year to watch the transition of these younger players as they file through the ranks. Seven years ago, a group of young athletes were thrown into the fire, and that same group ended up winning sectionals three years later.

However one looks at it, it was a strong year for nearly all the teams.

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while Brody Bishop hit a single. Roush and Eastham led State Farm from the circle. hit on 67 pitches.

LEGION VS FIRST FARMERS

On Thursday, June 7, Legion held off a late rally by the First Farmers team to win 15-9. The team was led in hitting by Underwood, who had three singles and a double, Trapp, who had two singles and a triple, King, who had

made the playoffs for the first time since 2010 and are ready to take the next step. Volleyball in the fall had a solid year with some of the young players already setting the tone.

Summer goes by quick so be ready to check out the games this upcoming year. It certainly won't hurt to create the environment and culture that the fans want to see.

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Hope Gillaspie, Chrisman, shows her horse in the halter class at the Brocton Spring Festival Horse Show.



Kevin Ludington drives a 1947 Farmall and Brody Partenheimer has a John Deere 4320 in the Brocton Spring Festival Parade.



One of the Edgar County Shrine Club Clowns had some extra help for the Brocton Spring Festival Parade.



Amanda Ash, Farmer City, sticks the flag in a bucket of sand during one of the games during the Brocton Spring Festival Horse Show.



Jessica Ash, Farmer City, shows how to switch horses, fast, in the pony express game at the Brocton Spring Festival. She won the event.



Paris resident Becky Step drives one of her miniature horses during the Brocton Spring Festival Horse Show.



Larry Carroll, Paris, uses the front tires on his 1950 John Deere tractor to maneuver a keg as part of the Brocton Spring Festival Tractor Games.



Tinley Luth competes in the pedal tractor pull at the Brocton Spring Festival.



Rhonda Bayless, Indianapolis, Ind., rides a Belgian during the horse show at the Brocton Spring Festival.



Josie Carroll, left, and Baylee Rhode, right, enjoy ice from one of the vendors at the Brocton Spring Festival.



Ed Goad, Mattoon, wipes down the whitewall tires on the 1939 Studebaker Commander for the Brocton Spring Festival Car Show.

Messing with the wrong woman

Had Gertrude resided in the Ukraine, I can picture her clad in overalls and work boots, driving a dusty tractor plowing the extensive steppe lands. Either that or carrying a heavy bag of feed on her shoulder to dump into a cattle trough. She was a large-framed husky woman, six feet tall, solidly built and sturdy.

No one knew much about Gertie. She moved to Illinois from the Texas panhandle. Rumors connected her with inheritance of a couple of good oil wells. With money to spend, she built an impressive log structure, complete with rustic inside décor with a cozy fireplace, and established the Longhorn BB-Q Restaurant. Open in the evenings, it became a huge success that was attributed to her background as a talented chef. If raw looks mattered, she was homely, but applied makeup, appealing western-style dresses and a Stetson hat atop her head, plus a contagious friendly personality, created an attractive lady.

The food was plentiful, southwestern style, and delicious. Usually the reservation-only crowd kept the tables full. Cute waitresses, attired like cowgirls in boots and western outfits, were a feature, as well as guitar-playing singers who provided country and western songs for entertainment. No bar for drinks, but beer and wine were available on the menu. Gertrude spent most of her time in the kitchen. Occasionally though, you'd see her managing the cash register and even mingling with customers to chit-chat. Nothing regarding her behavior suggested a rough-tough woman. Instead she seemed like a lovable teddy bear, always pleasant with jokes and laughter, quick to hand keepsake souvenirs to children.

One night a burly drunk entered the place, somehow slipped past the hostess, seated himself in a far rear corner, and requested a draft beer. The waitress, realizing he was inebriated, consulted Gertie, who paid him a visit. Very professionally and politely, the kind lady asked him to leave, explaining that he needn't be drinking any more. He grumbled and departed. Few people noticed.

Apparently the sozzled man was treated the same way at a bar or two because he returned in a half-hour. This time he rudely brushed past the hostess and again located an empty seat at the back. No asking for a beer this time. He demanded one. His pesky conduct irkingly attracted attention of several customers. Per usual, Gertrude was informed, only she didn't approach him with subdued manner. The boss lady commanded him to depart.

"You've had too much to drink, sir," she stated. "Now go." His response was to protest, which prompted immediate action. Gertie grabbed the hair of his head with one

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Special to The Prairie Press

A visit to a home garden this time of year will provide all the makings for a fresh, healthy salad, including spring onions, radishes, butter crunch lettuce, spinach and romaine lettuce.

Country living is great

There is no traffic noise and you can wake to the wonderful singing of birds early in the morning. At night — without artificial light — the stars are magnificent.

There are disadvantages though and one of those is that you need to be prepared and have a well-stocked pantry as the nearest store is never within walking distance. This is exactly why having your own garden is great if you want to have a fresh salad.

A few days ago I wanted to make a special salad to take to a potluck and found everything I needed. The ingredients were either in my garden or in my kitchen. I didn't have to get in the car and drive 17 miles to pick up necessary ingredients.

My garden is now producing fresh spinach and romaine lettuce. I picked what I needed, washed it and used my salad spinner, truly a must have kitchen necessity.

Since it was too early for fresh garden tomatoes, I needed to search in my kitchen for supplies to make the salad a little more special. To add color and make the fresh salad interesting, I decided to add some fruit. Canned mandarin oranges are used frequently in salads but I had some of those easy to peel, "cuties" — tiny oranges — in my refrigerator and decided to use those. Not being canned and in a syrup made them even better as fresh is always more flavorful in my opinion.

Dried cranberries and thin sliced red onion made a nice addition of red to the green and orange and I had a colorful salad. A homemade vinaigrette dressing and homemade toasted sugar coated almonds were added. My combination was popular and seemed to work as the salad was all consumed at the end of the meal.

A vinaigrette salad dressing is so easy to make it amazes me many people still buy them instead of making their own. Homemade is certainly cheaper and most people have the necessary ingredients on hand.



RUTH PATCHETT
COOKING IN EDGAR COUNTY

SUGAR COATED ALMONDS

1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla
1 pound nuts-walnuts, pecans, or almonds

Combine sugar, sour cream, and vanilla in a saucepan. Boil for

5 minutes stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir till mixture sugars. Add nuts of your choice and stir till thoroughly coated. Spread onto a jelly roly pan lined with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Bake in 350* oven for 10

minutes. Turn off oven and leave pan in for another 5 minutes. Remove and spread nuts on waxpaper. Cool completely and store in airtight bag. These nuts make a yummy snack just by themselves in addition to a nice salad ingredient.

RUTH'S SALAD DRESSING

1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup orange juice
1/3 cup red wine vinegar, apple cider works

well also
3 tablespoons sugar or Splenda (amount can be adjusted to taste)
1 tsp dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. sea salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

1/3 cup chopped onion
Put all ingredients in blender and blend for 30 seconds. Pour into jar and chill.

RUTH'S GARDEN SALAD

1 pound fresh, cleaned spinach torn in bite sized pieces
1 pound fresh cleaned romaine torn in bite sized pieces

3 "cutie" oranges peeled, separated into sections and cut in half
2/3 cup dried cranberries
1/2 red onion sliced thin and separated into rings
Toss together torn

greens, oranges, cranberries, and onion rings and chill in covered bowl at least two to three hours before adding dressing.

A good rule of thumb is three parts oil to one part vinegar. Personally I do not like to use as much oil so I will substitute juice for part of the oil. Add some fresh herbs — dried works — also salt and pepper, shake, and you have an easy salad dressing.

Use fresh basil, parsley, rosemary, tarragon, or whatever herbs you have in your garden for interesting flavor additions. Sometimes I use ground mustard instead of the prepared and 1/4 tsp. turmeric makes for a nice yellow color. Balsamic vinegar is also tasty and I think a must have in your pantry.

When making the salad, toss the dressing with the greens and fruit combination about one hour before serving. Add the nuts just before serving and stir to combine. Crumbled feta or goat cheese can be added, but don't make a special trip into town if you don't have it. Your salad will still

be just as delicious without it.

If you have not planted a few tomato or pepper plants, even squash, it is still not too late. If you've no space for a garden, use a large pot and have a patio garden.

Last year while visiting in downtown Chrisman, I was amazed to see a beautiful tomato plant growing in with flowers in each of the planters on the west side of the square. What a great use of soil.

Several years ago on a trip to Anchorage, Alaska, there were cabbage plants and decorative kale among the flowers in their city parks. In one of the parks, someone took advantage of the beautiful cabbage as one cabbage head was missing. I hope the thief enjoyed some delicious cole slaw from it.

Our son Matt plans to plant some squash along Colorado Boulevard in

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When the hoax claim also is a hoax

Thanks to the brilliant research, and a compelling demonstration of a United States Senator, the ridiculous claim by over 90 percent of the world's scientists that global warming climate change is real has been proven false.



HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

Up until Sen. Jim Inhofe brought a snowball to the Senate floor, I believed the scientists.

In a gripping, earth-shaking appearance on Feb. 16, 2015, Inhofe delivered the death-blow in a stunning tour de force. Spectators in the gallery gasped, several people fainted.

"Do you know what this is? It's a snowball," Inhofe said, holding the snowball aloft. "It's just from outside here, so it's very, very cold out ... very unseasonable. Mr. President, catch this," he said, tossing the snowball away. A page caught it in mid-air.

Let your question Inhofe's credentials, he is the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. The senator opposed the Obama administration's efforts to reduce carbon emissions, calling climate change a hoax.

"We hear the perpetual headline that 2014 has been the warmest year on record, but now the script has flipped," Inhofe said.

Flipping the snowball was a flipping good way to flip the debate.

Still, scientists continue to insist they are right, and Inhofe does not know what he is talking about. And how did he ever become head of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee? Obviously, of course, it is always best to put a person in charge of something they have preconceived notions about.

Several months ago, I read an article about a backyard rocket man, a member of the Flat Earth Society, who planned to launch into space to prove the world is flat. Hopefully, we will soon know one way or the other.

I told my doctor a few months ago that I did not believe in vaccinations. Before I go to the doctor with some affliction, I check on the Internet to find out what I have. If he disagrees, and starts pulling his hair out in frustration, I leave

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As science looks for answers in stars, we admire Venus

"Our Sun is a second-or third-generation star. All of the rocky and metallic material we stand on, the iron in our blood, the calcium in our teeth, the carbon in our genes were produced billions of years ago in the interior of a red giant star. We are made of star-stuff."
— Carl Sagan, 1934-1996



TERRY SULLIVAN
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

For the last few weeks after sunset Venus has lighted up the western sky and Jupiter beams down in the east. These are the two brightest planets of the solar system.

Venus is a rocky planet about Earth size. Jupiter is

1,300 times the size of Earth and made of gas. Both planets are visible for a couple more weeks, but as bright as they are, there's no comparison

to other celestial events.

The Kavli Prizes were awarded at the end of May. Awarded every two years, the Kavli is given to scientist who made the greatest advancements in astrophysics, nanosci-

ence and neuroscience.

The 2018 astrophysics Kavli was awarded to Ewin van Dishoeck, who has a long career and founded the field of astrochemistry. Her work explains the makeup of interstellar clouds and the formation of stars and planets. As recently as the 1960s, scientists believed interstellar gas consisted primarily of non-reactive individual atoms. It is much more complex.

The matter we understand is composed of protons, neutrons and electrons forming atoms. The basic particles formed 13.8 billion years ago

when the universe began.

It started an explosion just called the Big Bang because its scale defies description.

Building blocks of matter all formed in the first three minutes when matter won out over antimatter leaving subatomic particles. It was another 380,000 years before it cooled enough to form atoms. Everything was completely dark because the first stars did not form for another 400 million years.

Our solar system did not form until 9 billion years after the Big Bang. Our sun is probably a third generation

star reaching midlife.

In the beginning, the only elements were hydrogen and helium. These are the smallest possible atoms. The universe is still 75 percent hydrogen and 25 percent helium, with other elements making up only an infinitesimal fraction of the universe. All elements beyond the smallest were produced as stars fused hydrogen into helium through nuclear fusion making heat and light.

The basic reaction continues until a star reaches the end of its life by running low on fuel.

A star's death depends on

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COUNTRY

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Denver. His residence has a privacy fence surrounding his backyard next to a public sidewalk. According to city ordinance, he is responsible for the care of the three feet of space on the opposite side of the sidewalk next to the highway. It is a busy street and difficult to mow which prompted him to plant squash last year.
Gardeners say that one

zucchini can feed a nation. He hopes someone will take advantage of his growing squash this year and harvest some.
Plant your own fresh vegetables this summer and create a fresh salad without making a trip to the grocery store.
(Ruth Patchett is a resident of rural Brocton, a retired teacher, a traveler and is famous for her pies. Email her at rpweib1@gmail.com.)

CODGER

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hand, applied a firm grip of an arm with the other, and yanked him to his feet. The next move was to quickly spin him around and apply a hammer lock. Still pulling the drunk's hair, her right hand exerted painful pressure from behind. Despite his curses and objections, she marched him quite forcefully past the crowded tables.
"Open the door," she said to the aghast hostess. "This man and I are going outside."
An impactful whump thudded against a log wall, rattling a nearby window. The drunken customer didn't return. Gertie did. Much to her surprise, a loud ovation greeted her from appreciative, sympathetic customers. She smiled and nodded thanks.
Careful thought deemed the drunk to be a potential driving hazard who could kill someone in an auto accident, so Gertie called the police. Her fears were unfounded, however. The distraught man was discovered prone and semi-conscious where she had slammed his head into the wall. I reckon the moral of the story is don't mess with big women.
It's also supremely excellent advice not to become drunk in the first place.
(Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired schoolteacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

REYNOLDS

FROM PAGE 1B
him to ponder the inadequacies of his four-year undergraduate degree, four years in medical school and three, seven years of residency before he was eligible for medical licensing.
As for mathematics (which I hate), it is clearly deficient. Two and two is not four. It is 100. As for history, there was no Roman Empire, and the pyramids were not built by human beings – aliens did the job.
The Revolutionary War was staged; the Civil War, a fight in a bar that got out of hand; Abraham Lincoln, clearly he was a chimney sweeper (why else would he have worn a stove-pipe hat); World War I, merely, a bad case of indigestion; and that guy, Adolf Hitler, he was a clown with a mustache.
What I do believe is we live on a small planet in an incomprehensibly huge universe, and this is it, folks, the only planet we have. We can believe, or not believe, in global warming. We can treat our home like a trash can, or not. It is up to us.
(Harry Reynolds is a retired editor and columnist from the Mattoon Journal Gazette and Charleston Time-Courier. He recently started writing occasional columns for the fun of it, in which he offers a different look at life and aging. Email him at reynoldsharry1943@gmail.com)

Honors announced

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Ninth grade: honors, Emily Hall.
Tenth grade: All A's, Isabella Carroll and Gwen Morris; honors, Emily Barrow, Lillie Cox, Madelynn Dudley, Michelle Michaels, Mitch Pollock, Samantha Skinner, Cody Weber, Kaitlyn Williams and Lola Wood.
Eleventh grade: All A's, Brianna Barge, Harley Barry, Kaitlyn Cary, Ema Fulopova and Logan Richardson; honors, Rachel Milburn, Meredith Smith and Holly Scales.
Twelfth grade: All A's, Andrea Benner, Krista Hayes, Cody Richardson and Kayla Thurston; honors, Mitchell Abbey, Jordan Compton, Camryn Donithan, Seth Eads, Matthew Holmes, Joseph Keske, Gretchen Milburn, Jacob Neill, Matthew Rideout, Abigail Skinner, Amelia Tracy, Dillon Tweedy and Hali Wenglarz.

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Please watch for an upcoming announcement

The Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

SULLIVAN

FROM PAGE 1B
These great gas and dust clouds are called nebulae. They make beautiful shapes framed among the stars. It takes millions of years but eventually matter in the clouds begins to pool up. Gravity eddies causes matter to concentrate in some areas the same as algae in a river is concentrated by whirling currents.
These matter pools generate their own gravity and begin to sweep up mass near them leading to a great central mass with some smaller masses orbiting. These are the protostar and protoplanets of a newly forming solar system.
Most stars have planets orbiting with each system being the remnant of a super nova. They are second, third or fourth generation stars.
How is it possible to figure out what chemicals are out there? In 1835, Auguste Comte stated humans could never understand the chemical composition of stars, but he was proven wrong. Near the end of the 19th century astronomers

Evening TOPS meets

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ly loser, Pam Waller, top walker; and Verna Smith, top exerciser.
Sherry Fellers delivered a program called "My Weight Loss Journey."
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embraced two new tools, spectroscopy and photography.
Every element has a unique set of electron orbits. The color light given off by an element depends on the energy changes as electrons jump between orbits. It creates a unique fingerprint for each element. A spectroscope separates the light captured in a telescope and a camera to reveal the patterns, and astronomers have identified the substances making up the universe since 1861. In the last 25 years, the Hubble telescope has expended our database by analyzing the makeup and chemical reactions everywhere in the universe.
Astronomers identify one or two new supernova every year in distant galaxies but nothing closer to home. In recorded history, the only supernova observed clearly on Earth was in 1054. That year the explosion of a star only 6,500 light years away was seen. Of course, the actual explosion occurred more than 5,000 years prior to the observation.
On a spring morning in the year 1054, Chinese astronomers spotted a blazing new star in the daytime sky. It appeared out of nowhere, shining six times brighter than Venus and slowly faded from daytime view after three weeks. What they observed was a supernova when a massive star suddenly collapsed upon itself and then exploded with as much energy as an entire galaxy for a couple minutes. The explosion lit up the daytime sky. Had it been in the night sky the intensity of the light would have washed out most stars.
Several Asian civilizations kept detailed records of the event. In the New World, the

Pueblo's ancestors also depicted the supernova through rock drawings in Chaco Canyon with their astronomical calendars. It was the dark ages in Europe and no written record has ever been found.
It has been almost 1,000 years and the remnants of that explosion are visible as a faint glow as the Crab Nebula and easily visible with a pair of binoculars. The Crab Nebula is still glowing and expanding at 3,400 mph. It will someday begin to collapse and form a new solar system.
The giant cloud glows above the horns of Taurus the Bull, a winter constellation so it is up during the daytime in the summer. Taurus includes several stellar nurseries. Its bright red eye is really a dying Red Giant star called Aldebaran.
A little back are the Pleiades, a cluster of newly formed stars. In mythology, they are the seven sisters for the seven bright young stars riding on the back of Taurus across the sea.
Ewin van Dishoeck devoted her life to experimenting with a universe-sized chemistry set. She helped explain how we formed. Currently astrochemists are focusing on organic molecules in space and the origins of life itself.
We can explain the chemistry of normal matter but still lack good theories to explain dark matter and dark energy. More work and time are needed to unravel those mysteries.
(Terry Sullivan's fascination with science started as a child watching Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" and James Burke's "Connections" on PBS. He is the technology and curriculum director for the Shiloh School District. Email him at sullivan@shiloh1.us)

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OUT OF THE PAST

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Paris Beacon-News

The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of June 3-9, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

NOTICE TO LOAFERS

NOTICE: To all men in the city of Paris between the ages of 31 years and 60 years of age, who are not usefully employed in producing for industry or agriculture, or the necessities for the armies of the United States and its allies, are hereby notified to get a job and produce, or vagrancy charges will be brought against them in compliance with the Illinois Department of Labor order.

Signed: J. E. Bacon, Chief of Police.

ELKS ENJOY FISH FRY

Members of the Elks lodge and quite a number of applicants were enjoying a fine time at a fish fry in the grove opposite the Sulphur Springs woods east of Paris.

Many automobiles carried the members to the picnic grounds and the event proved a grand success.

CHILDREN WORK WAR GARDENS

The War Gardens Club of Paris was organized during the first week of April. 350 boys and girls representing about 300 homes are members, the purpose of which is to promote in the home interest in gardening, and thereby save wheat. It is expected that the surplus produce will be canned.

The Edgar Co. Fair Association has promised a ticket to each boy and girl who perseveres in the care of a garden and who exhibits at least three things from the garden.

50 YEARS AGO

GROUP ON SENIOR TRIP

A group of 28 Paris High School graduated seniors left early Sunday morning from Indianapolis by air for the traditional post-graduation trip to the East coast.

The trip is not school sponsored but is enjoyed by those who wish to participate. The seniors will visit Washington, D.C., and New York City prior to return by air Wednesday.

LAST MAN'S CLUB

Seventeen of the 21 active members of the American Legion Last Man's Club attended the annual dinner Monday night.

The club was organized in 1931 with 108 members from Legion posts in Edgar County. Four members who have not missed a meeting since are Joe Duck, William Knoepfel, Laurence Langford and Burl Redman.

BARGAIN HUNTERS FILL SQUARE

The first of the summer's big double feature attraction in downtown Paris opened to a full house, hot weather and jammed sidewalk display space Friday. Sidewalk Sales Days will continue Saturday as the second major featured attraction, the giant Shrine Barbecue and Parade, comes to town.

PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Paris High School principal Ralph Marshall has submitted his resignation effective Aug. 1. Paris school superintendent John Stabler announced. Marshall has accepted the position as principal of the Greenwood, Ind., high school, six miles south of Indianapolis.

Mormons sought refuge

(Editor's note: The weekly Illinois Bicentennial series is brought to you by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors and Illinois Press Association. More than 20 newspapers are creating stories about the state's history, places and key moments in advance of the Bicentennial on Dec. 3, 2018. Stories published up to this date can be found at 200illinois.com.)

BY EMMA BAKER

Of the Hancock County Journal-Pilot

For the Mormons, Quincy appeared to be a beacon of hope and safety during tumultuous times.

Members of the Mormon faith began arriving in Hancock County about 1839 looking for security after having encountered hostility elsewhere, according to Thomas Gregg, a Hancock

County settler who wrote about the Mormon faith in his 1880 book "History of Hancock County, Illinois."

But in the Quincy area they were welcomed. They established their own town, Nauvoo, about 50 miles north of Quincy. Gregg's book describes early Nauvoo, before the building of the Mormon Temple, as a picturesque site on the east side of the Mississippi River, about 10 miles north of Keokuk, Iowa.

"The origin, rapid development and prosperity of this religious sect are the most remarkable and instructive historical events of the present century," Gregg wrote about the Mormons in Nauvoo.

Illinois was a new home where members settled after being driven out of New York, Ohio and Missouri.



Hancock County Journal-Pilot photo

A statue of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum stands outside the Carthage Jail where the two were killed in 1844. The historic jail is still open for tours.

Unfortunately, the Mormon followers would eventually be driven out of Illinois, too.

The founder of the religion, Vermont native Joseph Smith, was living in New York in 1820 when, at age 14, he read a passage in the New Testament and went to the woods to pray. It is there where Smith said God and Jesus Christ appeared to him, according to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints website. This vision is known now to Mormons as the "First Vision."

"I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head," Smith wrote, "above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me."

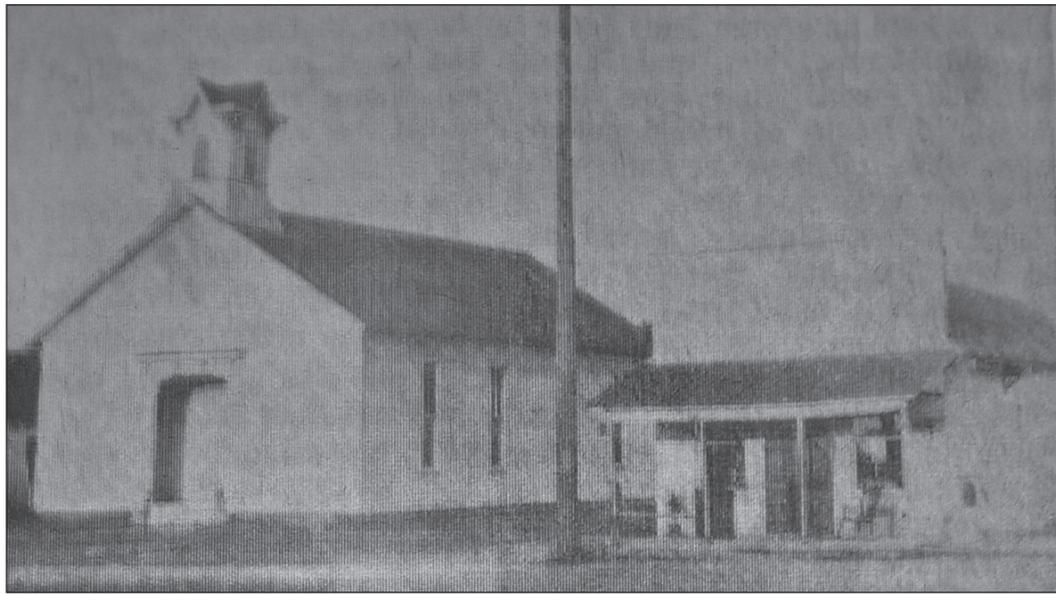
That experience inspired him to found Mormonism. Church members believe Smith was led in 1823 to a hill in Palmyra, New York, where he received, from an angel known as Moroni, an ancient record, engraved on gold

plates, that gave the history of the people who lived on the American continent during the time of Christ, according to the Mormon website. He used those to write the "Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ."

Smith - along with Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris and David Whitmer - then began spreading the word of the book and created a new religion. Cowdery, Harris and Whitmer were known as the "Three Witnesses" and were the only other people to see the plates.

Smith and a few followers made their way to Ohio, where the religion increased in numbers but persecution continued, so they traveled to Missouri. Church members began to flee from Liberty, Mo., after

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The last vestiges of Marley, a small village in Elbridge Township disappeared in 1966 when the general store building on the right was razed. The Methodist Church was dismantled to salvage the lumber in the 1940s.

Marley Station is a memory

BY ROGER STANLEY

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The development of the railroad in 1874 led to two new settlements along the tracks just a few miles south and west of the village of Elbridge.

Elbridge already had several stores and services available, but the movement of goods on the railroad took precedence over a dirt road. It was like a super highway is to modern times. Things moved quicker and the railroad connected to many other shipping points and transported people to many of the bigger cities in less time than using dirt or gravel roads.

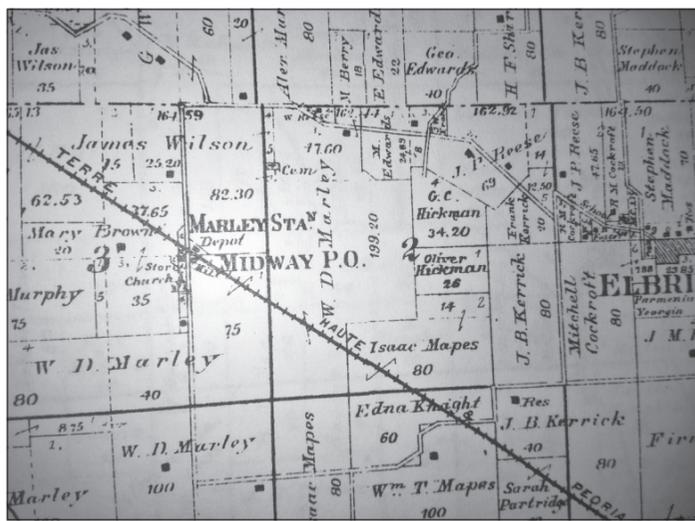
W. D. Marley owned the ground that Marley was built on and just down the tracks another village called Ferrell sprung up with the support of a businessman by the name of I.C. Ferrell.

The village of Marley had a post office, church and many businesses to handle the needs of the people near-by. Some of the businesses moved from Elbridge and established themselves in Marley or Ferrell.

A Feb. 2, 1966, Paris Beacon-News article titled "Marley Station to Disappear as Early Village" reported Leon Mattingly had recently purchased the ground near the railroad and planned to raze the last two building, in what had been the little community of Marley. The two buildings remaining were a blacksmith shop and a general store built almost a century before.

The Marley Methodist Church was previously dismantled in 1941 and the salvaged lumber used to build a barn on the George Marley farm on the Lower Terre Haute Road that marked the turn-off to Marley, the village.

Mattingly purchased the land from Jessie Helen Brown of Chrisman to pasture cattle in the area. He also had plans



The old map of Elbridge Township shows the location of the now gone village of Marley.

for a pine forest and the construction of a pond to be named Marley Pond. There was a small cabin on the acreage and Mattingly intended for the land to be a recreational area for his family.

The ground was first entered and recorded in 1836 by William Marley as part of his original holdings in Elbridge Township. A man named John Brown later bought the parcel from Marley. He was the father-in-law of Jessie Helen Brown, who sold the ground to Mattingly. The small cottage on the ground in 1966 when Mattingly acquired the property had previously replaced a log cabin John Brown built when he owned the property.

During the late 1800s and the early 1900s, the Vandalia Railroad trains stopped several times daily. The frequency of stops made the depot widely used and served the community well. A

general store operated under the partnership of James Marley and Edward Brown. They were the sons of William Marley and Edward Brown.

James Marley later became Edgar County Circuit Clerk and sold his interest in the store to man named Mapes. After selling, James Marley moved to the village of Ferrell.

An early settler to the area was James Wilson, who established a farm. There is a Wilson Cemetery where many of the early settlers and members of those families are buried.

In the 1960s, Glenn Barnett owned William Marley's original ground, but a home Marley constructed had burned some time prior to the 1960s.

William Marley did well in his dealings in Elbridge Township as did John Brown who bought ground from Marley.

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Things have a way of working out

While investigating the way things work, I have concluded that in



ROGER STANLEY

NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

many cases things don't work at all.

It takes someone to activate things even if they are not of a mechanical nature.

An inanimate object has a difficult time moving on its own unless it is on an inclined plane or has a spring attached to it like a mousetrap. Even then it will not move without a live mouse tripping it or a clumsy person trying to set the trap.

I always get a thrill when that thing goes off in my hand. Some mice must defy logic, however, and just take the bait even if the trap springs. The inanimate object fails in the way that it works, but the mouse is happy and probably sticks its tongue out at the trap.

My weed-eater doesn't work by itself. It's not a sheep or a goat. My handy little device only starts when it wants to. I have to coax it with the right mixture of gas and oil, set the choke right and pull on the recoil starter rope.

After pulling on that rope a dozen times, and readjusting the choke, it may finally start. That only happens if I shout the many suggestions in an almost profane way to encourage it to run or find itself on the junk heap.

I sometimes have a little discussion with my car because it has one of those new-fangled start buttons that you can't poke a key into. I don't know why they call it key-less if it still requires a key in close proximity to start. I don't know how many times I have left the garage and walked back to the house to get the key, which is

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MORMONS

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Smith and other Mormon leaders were arrested in November 1838 on charges of murder, treason, burglary, arson, larceny and theft, according to "Utopian Communities of Illinois" by Randall Soland.

By January 1839, Mormon apostle Brigham Young fled with several hundred followers to Quincy. Thousands more followed.

"Eventually, a total of 8,000 Mormons came to Quincy, where the citizens offered their sympathy and assistance by opening up their homes ... giving the Mormons food, clothing and shelter," Soland wrote.

Smith joined his family in Quincy, but soon began searching for a new home. Mormon leaders purchased several hundred acres of land in Commerce, now known as Nauvoo, and began building before the church members joined. By June 1840, there were nearly 3,000 people in Nauvoo.

"Between 1837 and 1846, Mormon missionaries in Great Britain baptized almost 18,000 British citizens from England, Scotland and Wales, of whom 4,733 immigrated to Nauvoo," Soland wrote.

Within eight years of settling in Nauvoo, the number of residents had grown to nearly 12,000. About \$1 million was raised for construc-

tion on a temple, which started in 1841 and completed in 1846.

New laws were incorporated to help the church prosper, such as tithing, which started in 1838.

"Under the law of tithing, 10 percent of the member's possessions and property at the time of baptism, as well as 10 percent of his annual income, was to be given to the church," Soland wrote.

The Bill of Incorporation empowered the mayor and aldermen of Nauvoo City Council to pass any law they chose, including the court of Nauvoo authority to grant writs of habeas corpus (a court order that allows a prisoner to be released from detention if a judge determines there to be a lack of sufficient cause or evidence). This law applied to Smith, regardless of jurisdiction.

Not everyone was happy with the new faith, though. In 1844, a group of dissidents formed an opposition group to the Mormons, and started a newspaper.

"The first and only edition of the Nauvoo Expositor was printed on June 7, 1844," Soland wrote. "It contained scandalous and derogatory allegations about the 'adulterers' lives of Smith and other Mormon leaders. Smith and the city council declared the newspaper libelous and a public nuisance and ordered the town marshal to destroy the press."

The group against the Mormons filed charges in Car-

thage against Smith, saying he incited a riot. But due to the city's ability to issue writs of habeas corpus, Smith was arrested, quickly tried and acquitted by the Nauvoo court.

Anti-Mormons in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri were outraged, according to Soland's book. Smith contacted Gov. Thomas Ford for help.

"Ford instead declared the destruction of the Expositor illegal and demanded that the Smith brothers (Joseph and Hyrum) come to Carthage for retrial," he wrote.

Smith was arraigned in Carthage, where bail was set high but was quickly paid. Smith was arrested once more for treason, "on the grounds that Smith had wrongly declared martial law in Nauvoo during the destruction of the presses of the Expositor."

And it was while being held in the Carthage Jail with his brother, Hyrum, that Smith was killed on June 27, 1844.

According to Soland, "Just after 5 o'clock that evening, a group of men approached the jail. The men on guard fired their guns in the air. One group of attackers stormed up the stairs and fired their guns into the room where Joseph and Hyrum were staying."

Smith and his brother were killed within minutes.

After the death of Joseph Smith, the church was run by the Twelve Apostles and Brigham Young until 1847. Young became the second prophet and president in 1847.

A couple of years after

Smith's death, word spread about possible attacks heading toward Nauvoo that would lead to the arrest of the Twelve Apostles and destruction of the temple. An exodus began Feb. 4, 1846, with small groups of travelers leaving Nauvoo by walking across the frozen Mississippi River.

The headed West in hopes of finding a better life in the Rocky Mountains or on the Pacific Coast. It was not an easy journey, but they eventually settled in Salt Lake City, Utah, where the faith is based today.

Although their time in Illinois was brief, Nauvoo and the Mormons who resided there are the key to Hancock County's tourism. Thousands of visitors from across the country come to Nauvoo to see the rich history.

Tours of the Carthage Jail, now owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are available today.

The original door with a bullet hole remains. Visitors can see where the jailer and his family would have slept; where the Smith brothers were held; and where they were killed. Joseph and Hyrum Smith are buried in Nauvoo next to the original Joseph Smith homestead.

Another attraction is the temple. The original temple, which Smith never saw completed, was burned down by an arsonist in 1848.

A tornado two years later completed the destruction. A new temple was rebuilt in 1999 and dedicated in 2002.

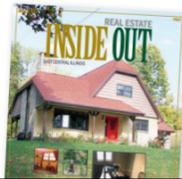
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This undated photo shows the Marley Depot on the Vandalia Railroad. The image as shown here was printed in 1966 in the former Paris Beacon-News. According to photo caption in the newspaper, W.D. Marley is the second from the right. Marley entered several thousand acres of Elbridge Township in 1836

MARLEY

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The 1894 map of Elbridge Township shows the town of Marley Station with a post office called Midway Post Office.

This is another story about how the small settlements, once so plentiful in Edgar County, were important in the founding of thriving neighborhoods.

Such places are no more and merely a reference on

old maps due to the dwindling of the farm population and the modern transportation that competed with the railroads.

Marley is now just a spot on a country road next to a pasture and a pond.

STANLEY

FROM PAGE 3B

usually in rainy or snowy weather.

Another disadvantage with the car is I tend to let it run when I get some place.

I put it in park, push a button to shut off the radio and push a button to shut off the fan, but I forget the main kill button because the car is running so quietly. I am surprised in this day of technological wonders that when I open the door the car doesn't holler at me, "shut the car off, please."

One solution is having Rosie riding with me and she will ask me, "Are we there yet?"

That gives me a clue I probably left the car running. The other day I changed

oil in my mower tractor. I had

a new filter and the right oil to put in, but when I tried to empty the oil out of the bottom of the crankcase, the plug did not turn correctly. It was made of plastic when it should have been made of metal.

I got it out, but ruined the plug. I called the mower shop I use over at Clinton, Ind., and I told the parts man about my problem. I told him the model number and gave him the pertinent information and was assured he had one.

When I returned with the new part I found it didn't work. So I went to Paris and visited with the owner of another mower shop and he told me what was wrong, but he didn't have the second part that was needed to make the other part work.

As I started out the door he told me to wait a minute as he

remembered he had a kit that might work. It did, but I had to buy the whole kit, which gave me two parts and the other part I needed to take back to Clinton. You know sometimes things just work that way. It took a little extra effort and a few more miles.

The thing that made it really worthwhile was Rosie convinced me Clinton was on the way to Turkey Run State Park. That gave us an excuse to go have dinner there and pick out a shelter for an upcoming gathering of the Stanley clan.

I guess it means why not have a little fun and relaxation and not always be tied down by work. Life works better that way.

(Roger Stanley is a lifelong resident of Edgar County, an author and retired farmer. Email him at rstanley1937@hotmail.com.)

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Baptists say a woman can lead

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The Southern Baptist Convention said this week that apart from being a member of a church adhering to denominational standards, there is no barrier to a woman becoming the face of America's largest Protestant denomination.

"Other than being a member of a church that cooperates with the Convention, I am aware of no SBC constitution or bylaw statement that would prohibit the election of a woman as SBC president," Roger 'Sing' Oldham, vice president for convention communications and relations, told The Christian Post in a statement Thursday.

The declaration from the SBC comes as leading conservative voice for civil rights and pastor of

Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, Dwight McKissic, suggested on Saturday that electing a woman to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention like prominent evangelical founder of Living Proof Ministries, Beth Moore, could go a long way in healing the wounds of sexism in the denomination where women constitute 51 percent of the population.

McKissic said promoting a woman like Moore would send a well-needed message to Southern Baptist women.

"To elect Beth Moore would do more to heal our Convention, seal women within our convention who have lost hope and right historic patterns of wrong toward women, without compromising qualifications, integrity, competency, or

Scripture. The questions are, 'Are we there yet?' or do we have to wait 100 more years and experience more of God's judgment? SEBTS recently elected a woman as chairman of their Trustee Board. Progress is being made. Serving as an ex-officio officer of SBC entity trustee boards is one of the duties of an SBC president. By already permitting women trustees and a woman chairperson, the precedence is already set," McKissic in a recent blog post.

Explaining why he thinks it would not be a violation of biblical standards to allow a woman to serve in the post, McKissic noted that the position is "largely symbolic, not authoritative."

"The SBC is a parachurch organization — not a church. Therefore, there is absolutely not one Bible

verse, or SBC constitutional bylaws prohibitions, nor any BF&M 2000 prohibitions against a woman serving as SBC president. Tradition, sexism, fear and other non-biblical factors would probably prevent any woman, including Deborah, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Lydia, Junia or Priscilla, or Lottie Moon from being elected president of the SBC; but, I repeat ... there is not one Bible verse or SBC constitutional prohibition," he explained.

He said that even though he has already committed to supporting North Carolina Pastor J.D. Greear for the presidency this year: "If I thought Beth Moore would accept the nomination or be agreeable to being nominated, because of her qualifications and the current context the SBC finds herself in ... I

would nominate her for SBC president."

Two weeks ago in a Facebook Live address, Greear, who withdrew his SBC presidential candidacy in 2016 to allow the election of current SBC President Steve Gaines, argued that while the doctrine and the mission of the SBC is "solid. I think we need a new culture."

He cited a number of things in SBC culture that grieves the Holy Spirit, including sexism and racism, and called for a more enlightened view of complementarianism.

"Complementarianism teaches that there are roles, distinct roles that God gives to men and women in the home and in the church and that is biblical, and we need to honor that and we need to be faithful to that. But at the same time recognize

that God has gifted women with spiritual gifts and lead her in positions of honor and we need to be as committed to raising them up in leadership and ministry as we are to our sons," he said.

"Our failure to listen to and honor women and racial minorities and our failure to include them in proportionate measures at top leadership roles have hindered our ability to see sin and injustice and call it out."

"We have been neglectful and lax and have guarded our institutions and our positions of leadership at our detriment and I think God is showing us that we need to repent for that posture and include our brothers and sisters of color and women in leadership and that culture needs to change," he added.

Weddings not in the churches

As summer begins, another wedding season is upon us. The air is warm, the earth is lush and everything is as pretty as a June bride.

But for all our marriage clichés, one now

belongs on the endangered species list: Wedding bells are not ringing.

We live atop shifting sands, at least as far as faith is concerned. Part of the change is that fewer Americans are Christians. Churches nowadays do not usually have bells, especially churches that meet in storefronts, rented school cafeterias or aluminum-sided monstrosities in far-flung suburbs. And the percentage of weddings that take place in churches has plummeted, dropping by almost half in less than a decade.

Reporting on a survey from a leading wedding website, the evangelical Facts & Trends discussed religion's recession from the wedding landscape.

Religious congregations hosted 22 percent of weddings in 2017, down from 41 percent in 2009. Churches are losing ground to banquet halls, hotels, country clubs, wineries, rooftops and museums.

Clergy are solemnizing fewer and fewer marriages. Instead, couples are turning to civil magistrates or even loved ones who obtain credentials. In 2009, 29 percent of couples had a friend or family member solemnize their wedding. That number had increased to 43 percent by 2016.

What accounts for this dramatic change? Is anything lost? Does it even matter?

The main reason church weddings are dropping is that more people are raised without religion. This is something we can prove empirically: Though rates of belief remain persistently high, church membership, worship attendance and congregational participation are in decline.

Since the 1960s, social expectations concerning sex, cohabitation, child-bearing and marriage have quietly undergone profound changes.

Religion is the great loser in that revolution, not only ceding its cultural influence, but also struggling to govern the lifestyle choices of its own adherents.

Clergy and churches, once gatekeepers to the social respectability that marriage afforded, are

Missionaries welcomed



Missionaries Jonathan and Melodee Whitman are visiting Horace Baptist Church tomorrow, June 10, to explain how they are seeking to grow the evangelical presence in Catholic Italy by building churches, like the one show above, and training locals to assume leadership roles.

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A missionary family serving in Italy is the special guest for the Sunday services tomorrow at the Horace Baptist Church.

"They will share how God's work is in motion in Italy," said Rick Cook, pastor at Horace Baptist. "Typically, we think of Catholics in that area but other denominations are serving the Lord there also."

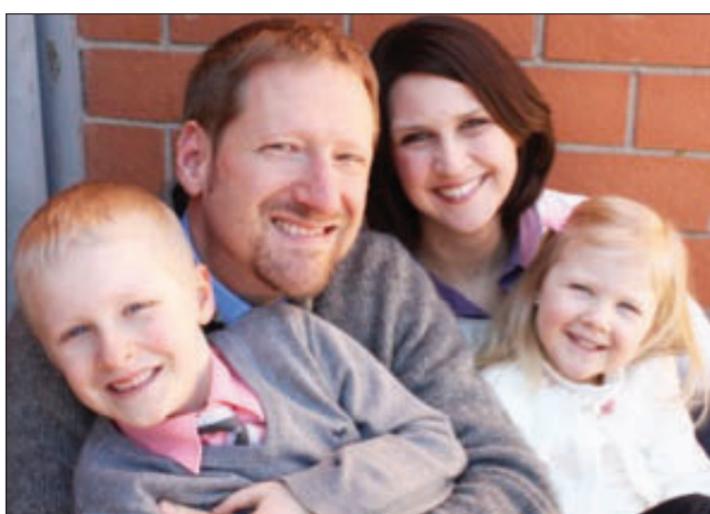
Jonathan and Melodee Whitman are continuing work started by his parents.

"His parents were missionaries in the same area, and they worked together until his parents' retirement," said Cook, adding Melodee Whitman is a niece to one of the members at Horace Baptist.

According to the Whitman website, their presence in Italy is necessary because with more than 60 million people in a predominately Catholic country where residents consider themselves Christian, less than 1 percent of the people identify as evangelical Christian. The website also notes that within the 33,000 recognized cities and villages in Italy, only 2,000 of those communities have an evangelical presence.

The Whitman's claim their mission is to equip the Italian church of the next generation to reach the word of Christ. The family accomplishes this mission by evangelizing, discipleship, training, planting new churches in Umbria and sending out missionaries.

Jonathan Whitman teaches and preaches in the church, leading the prayer ministry and music and worship ministries, along with translating materials for use in the



Missionaries Jonathan and Melodee Whitman, and their two children, are special guests tomorrow at Horace Baptist Church where the couple will explain their efforts to strengthen the evangelical Christian presence in Catholic Italy.

local church. The couple mentors new believers and trains leaders to take their place. They use their professional music background as a way to get involved in the community and connect at a deeper level with people.

"Their visit on Sunday will make us aware of their ministry efforts in Italy and especially aware of how to pray for them to continue to better their missionary efforts," said Cook. "The family will challenge us to continue to tell others about the Lord, and they will challenge us to do that through their missionary work and special music."

The Whitmans, and their children,

are at Horace Baptist Church for all three Sunday services. The first service at 9:30 a.m. features them discussing what they do in Italy.

Jonathan Whitman delivers the sermon for the 10:30 a.m. worship service, and at 6 p.m. the family shares a music ministry playing various brass and woodwind instruments.

Cook said the Horace Baptist Church has sponsored the Whitmans for more than 20 years.

"The public is invited and everyone is more than welcome," said Cook. "The evening service will highlight special music. It would be a real blessing to have anyone join us."

Methodists: How will we move forward

Annual conferences find chaos in the pews over issues

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

When United Methodists gather at their annual conferences, they often sing the opening words of a hymn by the early Methodist leader Charles Wesley, "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?"

It's a throwback to the days when circuit-riding ministers on the American frontier were lucky to live past age 40 and paused for a spell of fellowship.

But this year, "Are we yet alive?" resonates as United Methodists wait to see how the denomination will move forward despite paralyzing disagreements over homosexuality.

"Our denomination is in chaos," said the Rev. Mike Slaughter, pastor emeritus of Ginghamburg Church, a United Methodist congregation near Dayton, Ohio. "Our bishops don't agree with each other. I hear fear. I hear denial. We've come to this place where we reflect what's going on in our national politics now. It's a sad day."

"Annual conference" has two meanings in the United Methodist Church: The term refers to the yearly regional gatherings, part revivals and part business meetings, that occur in each region across the United States — usually a state or a portion of one — and across the world. (The church's membership is almost 7 million in the U.S. and 12.5 million worldwide.) It also refers to the regions

themselves.

The 56 annual conferences in the U.S. meet between late May and early July each year. (An additional 75 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines meet at various times of the year.) Annual conferences convene in hotel ballrooms, college buildings, convention centers, hotels, or, in the case of the West Ohio and East Ohio conferences, at a summer community on the shore of Lake Erie.

Attendees include local clergy, plus an equal number of elected lay delegates, who tackle legislative duties — passing a budget, voting on matters important to the region. There's also time for worship, sermons and fellowship, ordaining new clergy, bidding farewell to retiring clergy and mourning those who died in the last year.

But this year, a moment of reckoning looms with the denomination's long-debated conflict over homosexuality — whether to ordain gay clergy, whether clergy can marry same-sex partners, and related issues.

"There's a sense of unease about the future, and anxiety that is pretty deep in the system about what may or may not be coming," said the Rev. Joe Stobaugh, executive minister of worship and arts at Grace Avenue United Methodist Church in Frisco, Texas, who led worship at last year's North Texas Annual Conference.

In 1972, attempting to settle its position on homosexuality, the church added language to its Book of Discipline stating, "The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Since then

Eucharist: Thanks be to our God

"While they were eating, he (Jesus) took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and



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gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.'" These words we hear come from the gospel of Mark

chapter 14 as a command we receive from Jesus.

The celebration of receiving communion in the Christian churches is the Eucharistic celebration. The Eucharist is a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. As we receive the gift of the Eucharist in our lives, we remember with thanksgiving the body and blood of our Lord that was offered for our salvation on the wood of the cross. Jesus commands us to receive his body and blood in remembrance of him. By doing so, we are mystically united with him as the body of Christ and by Christ's own words we receive the gift of eternal life.

In our Sunday reading this week, we hear the story of how Adam and Eve were tricked into eating the forbidden fruit and thus lost the gift of paradise and eternity. In the Gospel of John, some of the early church fathers, such as St. John Chrysostom, described the crucifixion scene of Jesus as reparation for the events in the Garden of Eden.

In the Gospel of John, the woman is no longer Eve but rather Jesus' mother Mary who obediently fulfilled her call to be his mother and was faithful throughout her life. For this reason, she is sometimes called the new Eve. Mary stands, also like Eve, at the foot of a tree, this tree being the cross of our Lord. The fruit of this tree is no longer the forbidden fruit but the Body of Christ. That same body that Jesus said at the Last Supper, "take it this is my body."

Calvary for us as Christians marks the return to the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was considered a beautiful paradise not simply because of the way it looked or felt but that it had the presence of God with those who dwelled in it. In scripture, it stated God walked with Adam and Eve. But with their act of disobedience, they lost the communion with God and all the graces that accompanied being in his divine presence.

The entrance back into paradise begins again at Calvary at Jesus' supreme sacrifice of his body and



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blood for the atonement of our sins. That communion comes to full intimate reality by receiving the sacred body and blood of our Lord. For believers, the supreme of all communal acts is to receive God in word and sacrament with faith, thus joining all believers together as one body with Christ as our head.

Jesus took the bread just as he takes or chooses all of us to be his disciples. Like that bread at the Last Supper, the first Eucharist, Jesus is taking us because of his great love and mercy. Jesus blessed the bread and in doing so he also blesses each one of us.

The greatest blessing we can have is to receive the gift of wisdom and knowledge of divine revelation so that we may in turn choose him and build an intimate relationship that will lead us to eternal life. Jesus broke the bread. We as a community of believers acknowledge that we are still sinners who need God's mercy continually.

As Christians struggling to persevere in the faith, we can also see our brokenness and the laxity in the matters of the faith, our indifference toward the needs of others, our vices and the suffering of our daily

lives including sickness, unemployment, financial needs, etc. In knowing our brokenness in this life, let us give thanks also to Jesus who became broken by the weight of the cross for our salvation.

His brokenness was something he did not have to endure, for he was like us in all things but sin but rather freely offered up to reunite us back to the Heavenly Father.

In our brokenness, we unite ourselves to Christ by his cross and through his body given to us we receive healing and wholeness again.

In this unification with Christ, may he give us the strength always to remember his great love and may this empower us to profess our faith boldly to proclaim his name and the truth that he teaches to all of our brothers and sisters. Let us always give thanks for in the Cross of Jesus we have the Tree of Life. To Jesus be praise and glory forever.

May God give you peace.

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connection to a religious congregation where they live or even "back home." Thus, when rites of passage like marriage (or birth or death) come, we are less likely to turn to the church to help us mark them.

It would make sense that couples who lived together before marriage and/or have no intention of attending worship together thereafter are much likelier to skip the church wedding today than in previous generations.

In this way, it is perhaps a credit to young people's integrity: At least they are not pretending to care about marriage as a sacrament or religious rite.

This was certainly my own

experience. My first marriage as a 21-year-old virgin was a traditional religious wedding, though held outdoors.

When I remarried following a divorce, having cohabited with my then-fiancee and having no intentions of being religious together, we were in no mood for pretending. We hired a notary public, had her say a prayer or two and got married in a city park.

Lots of marriages today seem to lack a self-consciously divine character, and certainly not one mediated through the life of a religious congregation. They are not "Christian marriages" in any meaningful way.

So what, if anything, is lost?

I hesitate to admit it, as a person whose religious marriage ended in divorce, but both church and society are worse off as marriage has declined and shed its sacredness.

With no religious wedding, couples receive less marriage preparation. They have less access to marriage counseling from a clergy person. They do not spend time thinking or praying about what's distinctive about sacred marriage. They aren't taught to embrace marriage as a vocation to a particular way of being in relationship as a symbol of Christ's love for the world.

Marriage is a bedrock social institution. We all suffer if it is weakened.

Civil marriage may have no sacred character, but strong, enduring unions are vital to our common life together. Sacred marriage builds social capital that benefits everyone.

Religion imbues marriage and families with value, commitments and permanence that neither law nor culture can confer. Society is impoverished when fewer couples enter marriage through this portal.

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every General Conference — the denomination's main law-making body, which meets every four years — has been dominated by the issue. On several occasions, protests have brought proceedings to a standstill.

Traditionalists want to retain the language and bring clergy who are openly gay or who perform same-sex ceremonies to account. Progressives want to remove the language and affirm gay clergy and same-sex marriage. Moderates would like the denomination to find a way to agree to disagree.

In 2016, the General Conference attempted to avoid all-out war by charging a "Commission on a Way Forward" to hammer out proposals to resolve the rift, with a special session of General Conference to vote on those proposals in St. Louis in February 2019. All this comes at a cost of millions of dollars for the denomination.

The Way Forward commission met nine times over 17 months, with the last meeting on May 17, weighing several models: one that holds clergy accountable to the Book of Discipline teaching; another that removes the restrictive language; and a third "One Church Plan" that would essentially give local churches and annual conferences the option of choosing their stances on homosexuality.

Recently, the bishops on the commission announced that they were recommending the One Church Plan. However, members may not get the details until July 8, when the final report is released — and after annual conferences have met.

United Methodists usually look forward with anticipation to the spirit-filled fellowship of annual conferences, but this year, said the Rev. Jeff Greenway, pastor of Reynoldsburg United Methodist, a megachurch near Columbus, Ohio, "There is a lot of anxiety and lack of trust in the system of The United Methodist Church."

Church leaders can only speculate what may turn up on annual conference agendas.

"While there may be some posturing and positioning, there isn't really anything to vote on yet," said the Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Hamilton said some conferences may choose to vote

to formally endorse the bishops' recommendation. Greenway expected some will consider petitions for a "gracious and generous exit ramp" from the denomination.

All agreed that the 2019 special session will dominate informal conversations — as one local pastor put it, "The elephant in the room will be discussed in the halls."

Meanwhile, factions are starting to line up in anticipation of the special conference. Hamilton and Slaughter are part of Uniting Methodists, an informal moderate caucus. Greenway chairs the council of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, which is crafting a response to the One Church Plan "that would maintain traditional, orthodox Methodist beliefs," and hinting at departing the denomination, saying the association's purpose is "not to fight the political battles raging across the church, but to prepare for and live into a positive and fruitful future."

Some conservative churches have already voted to leave, including a few of the denomination's largest and wealthiest; their departures would mean the loss of significant financial support and raise complicated issues over how to divide up local church property, which is held in trust by the denomination.

Complicating matters is the fact that many church members aren't aware of the looming changes. "Most clergy have an opinion about what they believe would be best (but) many laity and local churches are not aware of the crisis facing our denomination," said Greenway.

Amid this morass, some still hold out hope for a transformative movement of the Holy Spirit at annual conferences. Spirits seemed high at the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, which met in May with the theme "Miracles Everywhere."

"When we sing together and breathe together, every so often, the window opens up and the spirit has a chance to come in, even in divisive moments, and healing happens," said Stobaugh.

And some, like the Rev. Junius Dotson, general secretary of Discipleship Ministries, a churchwide agency, are still hopeful. Regardless of what happens next, he believes there will still be a United Methodist Church.

"We will still be called to reach people and make disciples," he said. "The way the church looks and operates may look different, but the essential call is not going to change."

Christians praying for the upcoming summit

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In view of the U.S.-North Korea Summit taking place on Tuesday, June 12, Open Doors USA has called Christians to spend the previous 24 hours in prayer.

Open Doors will be hosting an exclusive online prayer summit for those who wish to gather with other believers in prayer and to hear from an expert on the persecuted church in North Korea.

However, anyone who wants to can join with believers around the nation and around the world in asking God's blessing on this important meeting between President Trump and Korea's leader, Kim Jong-Un.

Open Doors Founder

Brother Andrew reminds Christians of the power of prayer, for prayers "can go where we cannot ... there are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed to us when we pray."

The Open Doors article on the prayer event also reminds believers of the power of prayer and of the occasional need for fasting when praying against "spiritually stubborn situations."

North Korea's history and current certainly seem to qualify it as such a situation.

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Plant loss in winter frustrating

OK, where are they? It's June and some of my perennials are AWOL. What gives?



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There are several reasons why plants die over the winter. A major one is perennials are not eternal. Each variety has a lifespan. In some cases, like daylilies and hostas, it is 15-20 years. Peonies often live on indefinitely. For others, 3-5 years is standard. I consider myself lucky to get 3 years from a coreopsis.

Some plants you might think are perennial are actually biennial. They germinate and grow vegetatively the first year, then bloom and produce seeds the second year followed by death. When biennials grow in a heavily mulched garden, the seeds may not make it to the soil to start the cycle over again. Hollyhocks, sweet rocket, columbine and money plant fall into the biennial category.

Soggy soil throughout winter causes crown rot some years. Ice forming over the top of wet soil keeps the plant crown too wet because it prevents evaporation. That certainly wasn't a problem this past winter when we entered the season during a drought, which didn't break until February. Root desiccation could have been the cause instead.

Plants coming out of dormancy too soon and then getting hit with a late winter freeze can suffer a lot of damage. In the fall, plants gradually prepare for dormancy, as the nights get colder, so by the time the coldest days of winter arrive, they are in complete dormancy and protected. Once they start to awaken in late winter or early spring, they are more vulnerable than in deep winter. This can be somewhat mitigated by not removing winter mulch too soon.

Serendipity seems to be another reason. Every year, everyone loses the same plant for no apparent reason. A couple of winters ago it was Shasta daisies. This year it seems to be coral bells and butterfly bush. Why? Nobody knows. Just accept it as a reason to go plant shopping.

How does one tell if a plant is alive or dead? Well, if there is no sign of growth by the beginning of June, it's a goner. However, in May you can check the roots. Poke around to see if the roots are soft and mushy, which indicates death. Viable roots are hard with white eyes or growing points. On woody plants, scrape a small section of bark with your fingernail: brown means it is dead, green means it is alive. Don't be too quick to give up on sub-shrubs like butterfly bush, at least in May. They occasionally die back to the ground, but the roots are still viable.

Do you have a gardening question? Please call Illinois Extension in Edgar County at 217-465-8585. The Master Gardeners will research your problem and find a solution.

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Manager eager to begin

Kendall County native brings grain, livestock background to Edgar County Farm Bureau

BY GARY HENRY
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Wyatt Williamson is eager to bring his farm background and agriculture education into service as the new Edgar County Farm Bureau manager.

His first day on the job was Monday, June 4, and he replaces Joe Melissi, who left to pursue other opportunities in Tucson, Ariz., after his fiancée accepted a postdoctoral fellowship there.

So far Edgar County seems familiar to Williamson. He said Paris is larger than his hometown of Newark in Kendall County, and he is living in Hume with a house that is near open fields.

"I grew up in that," said Williamson, adding the southern half of Kendall



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While going through a shed on the family farm before moving to Edgar County, Wyatt Williamson found an old Farm Bureau member sign that belonged to his great-grandfather. Williamson is using the sign to help decorate his office as the new Edgar County Farm Bureau manager.

County is like Edgar County with small communities and lots of farmland but the northern half of the county is

more developed with urban sprawl.

Coming from a farming family producing grain and

livestock, he participated in FFA and 4-H while growing up. He attended Joliet Junior College for two years before transferring to the University of Nebraska to finish his degree with a major in agronomy and a minor in agriculture economics.

"I got a scholarship for the livestock judging team (at Nebraska), but I also wanted to get out and broaden my horizons," said Williamson.

He is a December 2017 graduate and decided to explore working for the Farm Bureau upon the recommendation of the Kendall County Farm Bureau manager, whom he described as a mentor.

"I had an opportunity to do a couple of other things, but this gave me the chance to grow and work with farm-

ers, which is something I really enjoy," he said.

Things moved relatively quickly for Williamson following signing on for the manager training program. After completing some introductory work at the state office in Bloomington, he spent some time training with managers in northern counties.

"I finished training at DuPage County and I was going to be sent to Edgar County to train with Joe," Williamson said, noting Melissi's resignation changed that plan.

He was in Paris a couple of days working with Melissi when the state level people told him to interview for the manager's job with the Edgar County Farm Bureau Board.

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FIGHTING AGAINST HERBICIDE RESISTANCE



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In the fight against herbicide resistance, farmers are working with a shrinking toolkit. A new study by the USDA and the University of Illinois suggests a cooperative approach among farmers in making herbicide decisions.

Cooperation is the key

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URBANA — In the fight against herbicide resistance, farmers are working with a shrinking toolkit.

Waterhemp, a weedy nemesis of corn and soybean farmers, has developed resistance to multiple herbicide modes of action, often in the same plant. Even farmers using the latest recommendations for tank mixtures are fighting an uphill battle, with long-distance movement of pollen and seeds bringing the potential for new types of resistance into their fields each year.

In a study released this week, scientists at the University of Illinois and USDA's Agricultural Research Service offer a new tool that is not only highly effective, it's free. All it costs is a conversation.

"I think we're at a point now where farmers are looking for new tools. This tool is free, but it requires that people talk to each other and work together as opposed to doing everything on their own," says Adam Davis, research ecologist with USDA-ARS and adjunct professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at U of I.

The tool is cooperative weed management — in other words, making decisions about how to manage herbicide-resistant weeds in cooperation with neighboring farms. The more farms working together, and the larger area covered, the better.

Davis and his team tested the efficacy of farmer cooperation using a computer simulation of waterhemp resistance evolution through time and space. They ran the simulation using



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A single herbicide mode of action year after year builds resistance among weeds trying to be controlled and spreads very quickly throughout the landscape, a new University of Illinois and USDA study found.

real numbers and management practices from the past, starting in 1987, to arrive at a realistic representation of herbicide resistance in waterhemp in 2015. Then they forecast 35 years into the future to determine how resistance might change under different management and cooperation scenarios.

"The crux of the story is that if you do good stuff and you aggregate it at larger spatial scales, it gets even better. If you do bad stuff and you aggregate it at large spatial scales, it gets even worse," Davis says.

The "bad stuff," according to the simulation, is using a single herbicide mode of action year after year. Resistance to a single chemical evolved and spread very quickly throughout the simulated landscape, especially if everyone was spraying the same one every year.

"If you take the cheap route, you'll

save some money in the short term on your herbicide costs, but in the long term, you'll have a much greater likelihood of developing resistance," Davis notes.

But if farmers invested in tank mixtures of herbicides representing three or four modes of action, the evolution and spread of resistance was delayed, and the delay got longer with increasing levels of cooperation.

"The message is not to use the most expensive herbicide program possible; the message is to use the available tools to manage your weeds better," Davis says. "If you do that on your own farm, certainly it's going to help. If you do it on a bunch of adjoining farms, it's going to help even more. You can buy a couple of decades of time, in terms of delaying herbicide resistance evolution, by aggregating the best practices at large spatial

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Outlook for pork not good

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URBANA — Large pork supplies, rising costs, and potential trade retaliation from both Mexico and China continue to cast a shadow over the pork industry. Losses are expected for the rest of 2018 and 2019. According to Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt, losses will be small this summer, but then the bottom will fall out. Losses of more than \$25 per head are estimated for the last quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019.

"There is a lot of pork. Production so far this year is up nearly 4 percent with the number of head coming to market about 3 percent higher and weights up near 1 percent," Hurt explains. "Domestic demand and export demand have been good this year but not strong enough to offset the higher supplies. As a result, live hog prices have been down 3 percent."

In the January to May period of 2017, the live hog price for 51 to 52 percent lean carcasses averaged \$48.74. This year the price was about \$1.75 lower, around \$47.

Hurt adds that trade concerns continue, but exports have remained favorable in the data that is available so far this year, which shows pork exports growing by almost 6 percent. This is on-track with current USDA estimates for pork exports to grow by 5 percent for the entire year.

Retail demand also appears to be positive with data released for this year. Retailers are selling pork at \$3.75 per retail pound compared to \$3.69 for the same period one year ago. The ability to sell a higher volume of pork at higher prices is an indication that consumer demand has strengthened.

According to Hurt, a smaller portion of those retail dollars are getting to pork producers as marketing margins have widened,

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Lake Land College agriculture students excel in the competition of Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Alex Hartke, Teutopolis; Christiana Quance, Beecher City; Kathryn Helmink, Montrose; Emma Repking, Teutopolis; Gretchen Macklin, Findlay; Bryce Gullidge, Louisville; Maddie Fugate, Mahomet; and Brandon Stickler, Pleasant Plain. In the back row, left to right are: Micah Smock, Jackson Center, Ohio; Jordan Stewart, Williamsfield; Patrick Watson, Paris; Michael Schmidt, Marshall; Justin Johnson, Bloomington, Ind.; Wyatt Claire, Watseka; and Riley Reynolds, Mt. Zion.

Paris student earns national honors

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MATTOON – Lake Land College agriculture students attended the conference and competition of the National Professional Agriculture Student Organization (PAS) in

Louisville, Ky., the week of March 12. Six hundred students representing agricultural colleges in 18 states from across the country competed in various areas of agriculture specialization.

Patrick Watson, Paris, and Christiana Quance, Beecher City, won a fifth place prize as a team in the landscape specialist category. Michael Schmidt, Marshall, and Alex Hartke, Teutopolis, also took a fifth place as soil science

specialists. The college also won first place through 10th place in these other categories: beef specialist, swine specialist, livestock overall, ag machinery technician, prepared speaking and career planning.

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On High Blood Pressure
By Aaron Rhoads, O.D.

I previously discussed Diabetes but that is not the only condition that can be detected by an eye examination. High blood pressure, or hypertension, can also affect the eyes. If your blood pressure is at or above 130/80 (2017 guidelines) it is too high. The eye is the one place in the body that we can look directly at blood vessels without looking through skin. In advanced cases of hypertension the oxygen rich arteries can harden and we can see them pressing down on the oxygen poor veins. If we see changes in the back of the eye then it may be going on all over your body. In the eye as this process happens it makes the risk of a problem such as a vein occlusion much higher. When a vein becomes blocked the blood has nowhere to go except to burst out of the vessel and into the retina, possibly with permanent harm to the vision. Prevention is still the best medicine. Treatment for hypertension continues to improve but healthy lifestyle changes now may prevent issues in the future.

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Williamson said his rural Illinois background will help as he tackles farm community issues. "I can help bridge gaps," he said. "Even in small towns like Paris there is a disconnect between the producers of food and the consumers." The local Saturday morning farmers market is a teaching

tool for reducing that disconnect. He is confident larger crowds will visit when pop-up and local seasonal crops are ready. "I hope to capitalize when sweet corn and tomatoes are in season and do special events at the farmers market," said Williamson, adding he is looking into adding more signs promoting the event. Another item on Williamson's agenda is strengthening

Ag in the Classroom. His background in livestock judging is something else he wants to bring to the job. "I've talked to a couple of board members about getting some livestock judging teams up, and maybe doing some showing clinics to help young people showing," he said. He acknowledged there is a trend of farmers abandoning livestock production and con-

centrating on grain crops. "It's a sad fact the Midwest is losing livestock production," said Williamson. "Usually there's more bang for the buck with crops, although prices are depressed now." Williamson is still settling into the job while trying to learn the community. "I'm looking forward to meeting people and helping grow Paris and Edgar County," Williamson said.

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especially at the retail level. Packer margins have dropped sharply as a result of the added packer capacity that came on-line in the past year.

Hurt adds that the pork industry is caught up in trade disputes. "The Trump administration has chosen to use threatened tariffs as a means to voice concerns to other countries about trade policies." "For steel and aluminum imports, the U.S. has moved beyond threats and implemented actual tariffs. The EU, Mexico, and Canada recently lost their exemptions as allies of the U.S. China has always been a target of the steel and aluminum tariffs."

With the U.S. tariffs on imports of foreign metals in place, retaliation has come from the EU, Mexico, Canada, and China in the form of tariffs on U.S. exports to their countries. For pork, the gravest concerns are Mexico, which purchased 32 percent of U.S. pork export volume in 2017. Canada and China each purchased 9 percent of U.S. pork exports last year. Those three countries purchased one-half of all U.S. pork exports in 2017. "Each of these countries remain in discussions with U.S. trade authorities," Hurt says. "This means there is still hope that differences can be resolved. The bottomline is that exports represent the market for 22 percent of U.S. pork production. The industry is already facing substantial losses in 2018 and 2019 and thus is in a vulnerable position if these trade dif-

ferences should reduce pork exports." Looking forward, Hurt explains that pork supplies are expected to continue to be 4 percent higher for the rest of the year and may moderate to a growth rate of about 3 percent next winter. Hog prices are expected to average near \$50 in the second quarter this year, in the low \$50's in the third quarter, and around \$43 in the final quarter. That will provide an annual 2018 price of \$48 compared to \$50.50 last year.

According to Hurt, costs are expected to rise as well in 2018 in terms of labor, interest, fuel, machinery, and feed. Soybean meal prices at Decatur averaged \$315 a ton in 2017, but are expected to be around \$375 a ton in 2018. Higher corn prices will also drive costs higher especially for the 2018-19 marketing year, roughly spanning the last quarter of 2018 and the first three quarters of 2019. Losses for average cost farrow-to-finish operations are estimated to be \$8 per head in the second quarter of 2018 and \$3 per head of loss in the third quarter. Then losses explode to an estimated \$29 per head in the last quarter of 2018 and \$24 per head of loss in the first quarter of 2019.

On an annual basis, estimated profits were \$4 per head above all costs in 2017, are estimated at a loss of \$11 a head in 2018, and an even greater loss of \$14 per head in 2019. "With large losses a possibility, pork producers will want to consider how these losses might impact their business and make adjustments in preparation," Hurt concludes.

HERBICIDES
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scales."

The simulation looked at management on individual farms, cooperatives of 10 neighboring farms, and cooperative weed management areas, comprising 10 neighboring farmer cooperatives. Davis says the specific number of farms making collective weed management decisions isn't as important as the spatial scale they cover. He suggests forming weed management areas at the township scale and above. The concept is simple, but farmers treasure their independence. How will it work? Davis points to existing

regional farm associations, such as drainage districts or commodity groups, as possible models for how weed management cooperatives might operate. He also suggests involving custom applicators in decision-making and implementation, since they're already out there servicing multiple farms in a region.

The researchers are asking additional questions of the simulation, adding non-chemical control options like cover crops, crop rotation, and the Harrington Seed Destructor, to see how much more effective they get at larger scales. They're also trying to quantify how much non-compliance a cooperative weed management area can withstand before its effectiveness falls apart.

But for now, the study suggests preserving the effectiveness of existing herbicides is worth the trouble of making nice with the neighbors.

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Trump says inclined to favor easing U.S. pot ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Donald Trump said Friday that he was inclined to support a bipartisan effort in Congress to ease the U.S. ban on marijuana, a proposal that would dramatically reshape the nation's legal landscape for pot users and businesses. The federal ban that puts marijuana on the same level as LSD and heroin has created a conflict with about 30 states that have legalized pot in some form, creating a two-tiered enforcement system at the state and federal levels. The legislation would ensure states have the right to determine the best approach to marijuana within their borders, but some U.S. restrictions would remain, including sales of non-medical pot to people under 21.

The proposal introduced Thursday has support from members of Congress from both parties, including Republican U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado. "I support Senator Gardner. I know exactly what he's doing," Trump told reporters in Washington, when asked about the legislation.

All-woman panel chosen

Madigan selects 18 Democratic women to select new director

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The powerful head of the Illinois Democratic Party appointed an all-woman panel to choose its next executive director and the state's Republican governor signed ethics legislation on Friday as lawmakers scrambled to contain a growing scandal over sexual harassment. Michael Madigan, the Democratic House speaker and party chairman, took the unusual step of naming 18 women to search for a replacement for his longtime aide Timothy Mapes, who was defrocked as party executive director amid allegations of inappropriate comments and dismissing complaints from women about their mistreatment.

of staff for a quarter-century, resigned that job and his party post Wednesday, hours after a Democratic staffer accused him of inappropriate comments and disinterest in harassment complaints she made. Serving on the search committee are the 18 women who are members of the Democratic State Central Committee. Madigan said the members "recognize the need for a better culture throughout Illinois government and politics." Madigan is often referred to as the most powerful politician in Illinois because he is the nation's longest-serving state House speaker and has also heads the Democratic party, which he uses to dole out campaign funding to allies. Madigan has faced criticism that he has not effectively handled harassment complaints in his political organization and that Madigan allies retaliated against a Democratic House member for her outspoken views on the matter.

The plan was developed by anti-sexual harassment task forces in each house after it was revealed that the job of inspector handling harassment complaints had been vacant for more than two years and lawmakers on the ethics commission could effectively block investigations. "There have been complaints that the fox is guarding the henhouse," said state Rep. Melinda Bush, who sponsored the legislation.

Madigan is under increasing pressure over a sexual harassment scandal that has engulfed Springfield, not only involving Mapes but also the No. 3 House Democrat, Lou Lang, who stepped down from leadership posts over allegations of inappropriate conduct toward a woman activist who worked on legislation he sponsored. Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law an overhaul of the process for investigating ethics complaints against legislators that gained momentum from the #MeToo movement and a failure to investigate complaints in the past. Mapes, the speaker's chief

Last week, a legislative activist complained of sexual harassment against Lang, who called the allegations "absurd" but relinquished his post of deputy majority leader. The ethics law aims at cutting through bureaucracy and secrecy surrounding the Legislative Ethics Commission and its inspector general. "This bill is a victory for the heroic women who have stepped forward to take on the culture of fear, abuse and retaliation that permeates too much of state government," Rauner said in a statement.

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