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## TIGERS LOSE 2-1 TO END SEASON

It wasn't the way they wanted their season to end, but the Paris baseball team dropped a heart-breaking 2-1 regional semifinal game to Mattoon. **SPORTS, 9A**

## The hills and valleys of travel

Prairie Press cooking columnist recounts her adventures on the Rhine. **C'EST LA VIE, 1B**

## Castle Finn hosts performance

Singer and Grammy-winning songwriter Kendall Marvel will kick off June with some "hillbilly rock and roll." **COMMERCE, 7B**



## Time eroded Shiloh landmarks

Remnants of a lost church and Shiloh Township's first school rest along the Horace-Brocton road in what was known as Garland. **HISTORY, 3B**

## Man killed on the Lower T

A Terre Haute man was killed in a motorcycle-deer accident on the Lower Terre Haute Road Thursday evening. **RECORD, 3A**

## Shiloh seeks security guard

The Shiloh Board of Education continued its dialogue about keeping students safe, including the possibility of hiring an off-duty deputy to protect students. **NEWS, 12A**

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# Wind farm windfalls

Shiloh big winner from developing wind farm, \$20 million in revenue predicted

BY GARY HENRY  
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**HUME** – The Shiloh School District didn't buy a lottery ticket and win, but the end result is about the same – an estimated \$20 million over an extended period of time.

Tatiana Stein, project developer with EDP Renewables, briefed Shiloh School Board members about progress on the Broadlands Wind Farm project in northeastern Douglas County. The 200-megawatt project will have 50 to 60 turbines when construction is completed.

"You guys are going to be seeing a lot of benefits coming your way," said Stein.

Based on numbers generated by EDP Renewables financial staff, Shiloh may see \$900,000 in new revenue the first year the project goes live. The Heritage and Villa Grove school districts

will see lesser amounts. Other taxing bodies such as fire districts, the regional library, townships and Douglas County will also receive new revenue from the stream.

Stein said it is possible Shiloh may realize \$20 million during the 30-year life of the project.

"That is a rough number provided by our tax people," she said.

District resident Dave Albin urged caution about depending on such a windfall. He claimed assessing wind turbines is a difficult thing and the large return for the school district is early with diminishing amounts as the structures depreciate.

"You don't want to do something that will require a lot of maintenance or expense," said Albin.

Both Stein and interim district superintendent Allen Hall confirmed the biggest tax yields to the district occur

early before depreciation reduces the taxable value.

"We don't want to spend money like a drunken sailor," said Hall, while noting the additional money is an important development for the district.

Responding to questions, Stein expressed confidence the project is a reality. She said deals have been reached with landowners for placing more than half of the turbines and negotiations continue for the remaining needed sites.

In addition, three-quarters of the power production is already committed. Wabash Valley Power Cooperative is one of the buyers and Illinois Power is another. Talks are underway with another power company about purchasing the remaining amount.

Stein anticipates going into the permitting process in either July or August and construction starting after that.

Later in the meeting, Hall said EDP was hoping for a statement or other sign of support for the wind farm from the Shiloh District as the company moves toward permitting.

"From the school district's standpoint of economics, it's a no-brainer," said Hall. "It's going to bring us a lot of money."

Board member Dave Smith agreed the project is great for the school district but he voiced reservations about actively supporting it, noting the possibility some land owners in the area might oppose having a wind farm.

Others tended to agree a neutral stance seemed the better option for the school district.

"It's making a political statement," said board member April Morris. "Either way we may upset people. What does it gain us? We will get the money no matter what."

## PRESCHOOLERS LAST CLASS



St. Mary's preschool teacher Valerie Simpson shares a last moment with her little charges in the mostly emptied out classroom. St. Mary's School ceased operations with the last day of school Wednesday, May 23. Left to right, Weston Moss, Aarya Sodvadiya, Ava Yeley, Simpson, Kaydence Holloway and Brantely Astrosky.

# St. Mary's School closes

Beloved Catholic school ends 120 years of service to the community

BY GARY HENRY  
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It is common for schools to mark the last day of the year with fun activities.

St. Mary's School did so Wednesday, May 23, but it was a bittersweet occasion for staff and students. It was literally the last day of school as the parochial school is closing after 120 years.

Principal Cheryl Zuiker said the closing is part of a larger management decision made by the Diocese of Springfield to close three parochial schools. In addition to St. Mary's, a school in Mattoon and Cathedral School in Springfield were also closed.

"Like everybody else, economics hit us," said Zuiker.

She said decreasing enrollment in local public schools is magnified even more for a small parochial school like St. Mary's, which has experienced

steadily eroding numbers.

According to information provided by Zuiker, the 2013-2014 school year was the last time St. Mary's had a junior high school operation when a total of 95 students attended the school from early childhood through eighth grade. The fifth grade class was eliminated soon after for lack of students, and for the 2017-2018 school year, St. Mary's had 49 students between early childhood and the fourth grade.

"We were looking at starting next year with 29 students," she said, adding the parochial school has averaged a 25 percent decline in annual enrollment for several years.

"It's been sad for the community, the parish and the alumni," Zuiker said about the decision that was announced in mid-April. "Those in the early childhood program and three and fours, those parents are particularly distraught because they don't know what to do."

St. Mary's School was created in 1898 to offer a Catholic-based primary education for families belonging to the parish. Zuiker had hoped to turn

things around for the school when she accepted the principal's job, but in hindsight it is apparent the school had already passed the point of no return.

Few parish families sent their children to the school. Zuiker said about 40 percent of the students came from other communities and around 50 percent were not Catholic.

She gained a sense of how difficult saving the school was going to be when a Terre Haute, Ind., family made the decision to pull their children. She said the parents explained between work schedules, the long trip to Paris, other expenses and the loss of a job it was no longer feasible to attend St. Mary's School.

"The local public schools are excellent," said Zuiker. "Those attending here were looking for that private Christian education for their children."

The current school building went into service in 1959 and Zuiker said the church's building and

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# County finalizes contract

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Contract negotiations between the Edgar County Board and unionized corrections officers and dispatchers in the sheriff's department concluded just short of going to arbitration.

The board voted Monday, May 21, following a special meeting, to accept a new contract. The three-year contract has a retroactive starting date to December 2017, when the previous agreement expired, and is good through the end of November 2020.

"We've got some stuff we need. I'm ready to live with what we got," said Sheriff Jeff Wood when asked his opinion of the contract.

Not everyone shared Wood's opinion.

"There's a lot of improvements, but I object to the amount of increase for wages and insurance," said board member Karl Farnham Jr.

Farnham voted against the contract as did John Chittick. Those voting for it were: Andy Patrick, Phil Ludington, Derrick Lorenzen and board chairman Jeff Voigt. Board member Dan Bruner had to return to work before the vote was taken.

Voigt said the jailers and dispatchers previously voted to accept the new contract.

It provides a 3.5 percent pay increase for 2018 and 3 percent in 2019 and again in 2020.

According to Voigt, the pay increase recognizes the employees at the jail do not make what their counterparts do in neighboring counties.

The employees granted a concession regarding the cost of health insurance by increasing what they pay toward coverage. Employees will pay 10 percent this year of all health insurance costs. The level of participation increases to 12 percent in 2019 and 15 percent in 2020.

"The contract sets up an insurance committee of board members and employees to review health insurance annually," said Voigt. "It is a safety net for a large increase. We will all sit down

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# Summer Meals aims to feed 50 children

BY GARY HENRY  
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The Summer Meals program that provides a hot, nutritious noon meal to children over the school summer break is going through some changes locally.

Hannah Volkmann is coordinating the project in Paris on behalf of the Douglas County Health Department, which also sponsors the effort in Edgar County.

Volkmann said the 2017 program was an all morning event lasting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. serving both a breakfast and noon meal at a single location. Special activities were incorporated into the morning to keep the children occupied between meals.

She noted it was a good program

but was labor intensive.

"It just takes a lot of volunteers, which this year, we don't have," said Volkmann. "This year we are concentrating on having more serving locations. We wanted to find places kids could ride their bikes to."

The initial plan was to serve the meals at Sunset and Sunrise Parks in Paris and the park in Vermilion but too few children signed up for those locations. Serving sites are now Sylvan Park on the south side of Paris and the west Twin Lakes Park on the north side.

Children wanting to eat the free meals may come on their bikes or parents may bring them, and Volkmann said talks are under way to see if it is possible public transportation may

help with getting children to the meal sites.

Funded through an Illinois Department of Education grant, the Summer Meals program recognizes some children only get regular meals when they eat at school but that security disappears when school dismisses for the summer.

Summer Meals is an attempt to cover the gap. It provides a daily meal Monday through Friday from June 4 through July 27. No meal is served on the July 4 holiday.

Any child under the age of 18 is eligible to eat a free meal. It is not necessary to provide income verification but advance registration is required to make certain adequate food is available. People showing up without reg-

istering risk not getting a meal.

Volkmann said the easiest way to register is by visiting the Edgar County Summer Meals 2018 Facebook page or by calling her at 217-264-4471 for more information.

For 2018, Tuscan's Restaurant is contracted to prepare and pack the meals. Volunteers will transport the food from the restaurant to the serving locations in the parks. Meal service starts at 11 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. to make sure those attending have at least the 30 minutes to eat as required by the federal guidelines attached to the grant. Most days the meal will be over by noon.

"We are probably going to extend the time to incorporate activities," said

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## TODAY'S WEATHER

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Drawing by Kendra, Carolyn Wenz Elementary School

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May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sawyer Brothers
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	71 Band
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hays Faust & Rhoads
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Frisse
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rhythm Relics
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Shakers
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Buzz Factory Relics
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Easter & The Radio Kings
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ambush Band
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	MOJO
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fabulous Hoedads
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sound City
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Stone
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sister Kate Band
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	71 Band

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Values are afternoon highs ... overnight lows (next morning) ... chance for precipitation.

#### ALMANAC

Paris through noon Tuesday.

**Temperature**  
High/Low ..... 76°/56°  
Record High ..... 94° in 1911  
Record Low ..... 30° in 1925

**Precipitation**  
Month to date ..... 2.36"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.86"  
Year to date ..... 19.40"  
Normal year to date ..... 15.60"

#### SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
<b>TODAY</b>	5:28 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	5:18 p.m.	4:04 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	5:28 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	6:19 p.m.	4:34 a.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	5:27 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	5:09 a.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:27 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:17 p.m.	5:45 a.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:26 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	9:12 p.m.	6:25 a.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:26 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	10:04 p.m.	7:08 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:25 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	7:56 a.m.

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Paris Area Weather

## PLAN YOUR WEEK

### TODAY

**SHILOH GREEN HOUSE**  
The Shiloh greenhouse is open for the final time from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday May 26 for the sale of bedding plants that includes annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs.

**TEE BALL SIGN UPS**  
The 2018 Tee Ball season for five and six year olds is fast approaching. Sign-ups are 10 a.m.-noon today, May 26, 5:30-7 p.m. May 31 and 10 a.m.-noon June 2, with all sign-ups sessions at the American Legion Frost Field. A \$10 registration fee is required at sign-up for the purchase of a T-shirt and cap. An activity day is planned for 9 a.m. June 23 to distribute shirts, caps and other activities. The season starts June 26 with games played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No games are scheduled for county fair week, and the season concludes the first week of August. More information is available by calling Amy Hill at 217-808-2868 or Harry Frost at 217-463-7910.

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK**  
The Paris Public Library, Paris Park Board and Friends of the Paris Library are sponsoring Shakespeare in the Park at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 26, at Twin Lakes Park, near the Spicer Pavilion. Stone Soup Shakespeare returns with a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," with a setting in the American west instead of Elizabethan England. This is a rain or shine event. In

### DON'T MISS

**SAFE SITTER CLASS SCHEDULED JUNE 12**  
Horizon Heath offers a Safe Sitter class for boys and girls ages 11-13 Tuesday, June 12. The class is 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Conference Room D. Safe Sitter is a nationally recognized class that teaches babysitters basic lifesaving techniques so they are prepared to act in a crisis. The class provides tips on safety and security precautions, facts about child development and age-appropriate activities and explains the business aspects of babysitting. To successfully complete the Safe Sitter program, students must pass a practical and written test to show they have mastered the key skills necessary to handle an emergency. In addition to becoming well-qualified babysitters, adolescents who complete the class are also better prepared for parenthood. Other benefits include enhanced self-esteem, introductory employment skills, personal safety and other life skills. The cost is \$35, which covers materials. Register by June 4, as class size is limited. To register or for more information, call 217-466-4228.

**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](mailto:nzeman@prairiepress.net) **Mail:** Community Calendar, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944 **Questions?** call 217-921-3216.

and other community members, lead the program remembering those who gave their lives serving their country. A closing ceremony takes place in Young America Cemetery located north of Hume by Legion Post 369. A community lunch served by the Legion Auxiliary follows in the community building. A free will donation is asked to offset the expense of the lunch. All activity moves to the Hume Community Building in the event of inclement weather.

**KANSAS MEMORIAL DAY**  
The Kansas Memorial Day observance is at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery east of the community.

**PARIS MEMORIAL DAY**  
The Paris American Legion and Paris VFW are hosting the public Memorial Day program at 11 a.m. at the Edgar County War Memorial on the east side of the Edgar County Courthouse. The program will conclude at the Veteran's Circle at Edgar Cemetery.

**VETERANS LUNCHEON**  
Prospect Bank is hosting the Veterans Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Paris American Legion.

**PARIS BEE QUILTERS MEETING**  
The Paris Bee Quilters Guild meets 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Otterbein United Methodist Church, 406 W. Washington Street, Paris. Everyone interested in sewing and quilt making or any other craft making are welcome. Call Chris Pantle, 217-251-1394, for more information.

the event inclement weather, the performance moves into the shelter. Those attending should bring a blanket or other seating to watch the free performance.

Edgar County Historical Society, is the speaker.

**CHRISMAN MEMORIAL DAY**  
Chrisman American Legion Post #477 is hosting a public Memorial Day program 11 a.m. in the city park.

**MONDAY**  
**BROCTON MEMORIAL DAY**  
The Brocton American Legion Post and The Oakland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post are holding a combined Memorial Day service 11 a.m. at the Brocton Legion. Daniel Briseno, President of the

**HUME MEMORIAL DAY**  
The Roth-Williams American Legion Post 369 at Hume is doing a Memorial Day service 11 a.m. at the Russell Grafton Memorial Park. Legion member Bob Denbo

### TUESDAY

**LADY TITANS KIDDIE CAMP**  
The 2018 Tri-County Lady Titans Kiddie Basketball Camp for boys and girls between third and eighth grades is 9-11:30 a.m. today through Thursday in the Kansas Gym. Campers receive instruction from current Lady Titans in basketball fundamentals. The \$40 fee includes a camp T-shirt. More information is available by calling 217-218-5727 or contacting [childressa@kansas.k12.il.us](mailto:childressa@kansas.k12.il.us).

**THURSDAY**  
**TRI-COUNTY SPRING AWARDS**  
The Tri-County Spring Sports award program is 6:30 p.m. in the Kansas Gym. This event is for students who participated in junior high track, high school track, softball and baseball. People attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share for the potluck meal.

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# Memorial Day events

**BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS**  
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Memorial Day is a federal holiday for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed services. It is Monday, May 28.

Several communities in Edgar County have planned public programs to recognize and honor those who have served our country.

In Paris, the memorial service is 11 a.m. on the east side of the courthouse square at the war memorial. To begin the service the color guard and a veteran delegation march to the war memorial followed by the PHS band. Band director Kevin Pruiett said the band will perform "Veteran's Salute," which is a medley of all the different military services songs. The band will also play the national anthem and later in the service, PHS band trumpet players Jared Bowers and Peyton Hughes play taps.

Jim Robison said Gold Star mother Cindy Morrison, who lost her daughter Sgt. Shawna Morrison in combat in Iraq, will attend the service. The Rev. Jack Hoffman delivers the opening and closing prayers.

A short ceremony at Veterans Square in Edgar Cemetery immediately follows the program on the square. The firing of three volleys concludes the

ceremony.

All Edgar County veterans, their spouses and families and surviving veterans families are invited to a lunch at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Post home. The Auxiliary is serving hamburgers, fried chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, slaw and a dessert. The dinner is sponsored by Prospect Bank. There will also be a recitation of Legion members who died in the last year, called the Post Everlasting.

Hume has two programs on Memorial Day. The first program is 11 a.m. at Russ Grafton Memorial Park and is sponsored by Roth-Williams American Legion Post 369.

"We recognize the deceased with small programs at the park and the cemetery," said Bob Denbo, senior vice commander of the Hume American Legion.

At the park, the color guard places a wreath with a flower from every veteran's grave on the park's memorial monument. This marks the 48th year Pat Rhodes will play taps for the laying of the wreath.

Sean Gerberding will give the welcoming speech before guest speaker Natt Flicisky addresses the crowd. Flicisky is a member of the Danville American Legion.

Post Chaplin Raymond Combes will pray during the

ceremony, and musical guest Dawn Stone of Lebanon, Ohio, will sing the national anthem, "America The Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

A final benediction and salute at Young America Cemetery follows the program in the park. The Hume American Legion Auxiliary is serving lunch at the Hume Community Building. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony moves to the community building.

Chrisman American Legion post 477 is planning a short 15 to 20 minute ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday at the Chrisman City Park. The brief program consists of an opening and closing prayer by the post chaplain and an address honoring the fallen by Legion member Rick Jenness. A three-volley salute and the playing of taps concludes the ceremony.

Kansas American Legion Post 539 is once again joining the Westfield American Legion Post 609 to have three different Memorial Day ceremonies said Kansas resident Joe Zavoral. The first service is 9 a.m. at the Westfield Cemetery followed by a 10 a.m. service at the Enon Baptist Church in Ashmore.

At 11 a.m., the third ceremony takes place in Fairview Cemetery, rural Kansas.

American Legion Commander Chuck Rhoden is de-

living the main address. The Kansas Boy Scout Troop 289 and the Kansas Sons of The American Legion are also participating in the brief 15-minute service.

The Oakland Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Brocton American Legion will have a combined Memorial Day Service at 11 a.m. at the Brocton American Legion Post 434. Daniel Briseno, President of the Edgar County Historical Society, will be the guest speaker.



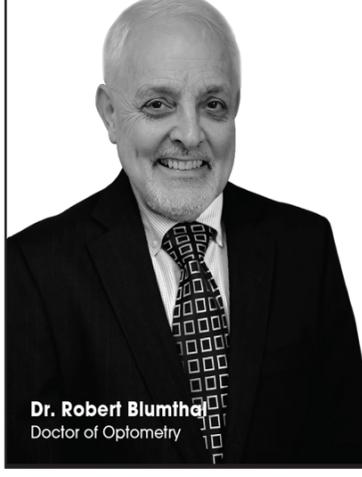
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## Fatal accident on Lower T road

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett confirms a fatal motorcycle accident occurred Thursday, May 24, on the Lower Terre Haute Road.

Donald Earl Scott Jr., 60, of Terre Haute, Ind., was transported to the emergency room of Paris Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

"Evidence at the scene shows the motorcycle Mr. Scott was operating struck a deer, which caused him to be ejected from the vehicle," said Barrett, adding Scott was not wearing a helmet.

The coroner's report states at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, 911 dispatchers were notified a passerby came upon an accident scene and found a man lying on the lower Terre Haute Road

alongside his motorcycle. First responders arrived quickly.

Agencies responding to the crash included the Paris and Vermilion Fire Departments, the Edgar County Sheriff's Office, Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance and Air Evac.

The incident remains under the investigation of the coroner and the Edgar County Sheriff's Department.

## Paris man found dead in home

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

A Paris man was discovered dead at his residence Monday, May 21.

Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett said 911 dispatchers were alerted at 1 p.m. that a male subject was found unresponsive at his East Adams Street home. Edgar County Sheriff's Department, Paris Police Department, and the Paris Fire Department were on the scene within minutes of the call.

Dustin Jordan "D.J." Tegeler, 23, of Paris was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident remains under investigation by the coroner and the Paris Police Department.

able is consistent with a suicidal death and foul play is not

suspected at this time," said Barrett.



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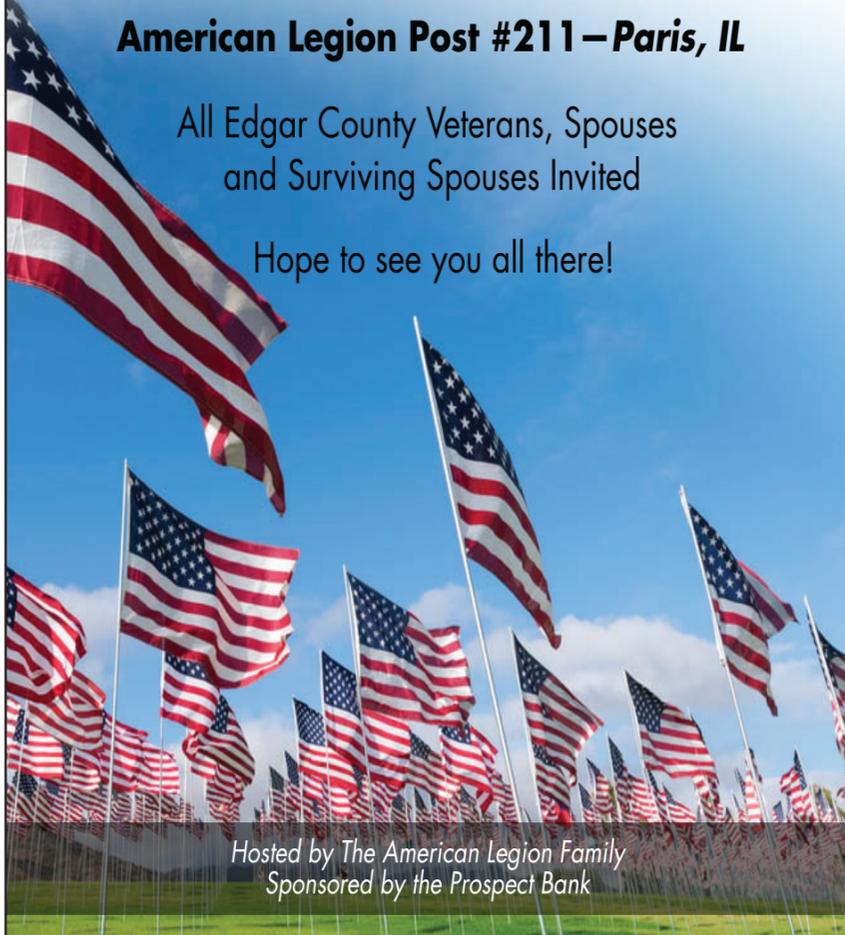
# MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

## MONDAY, MAY 28TH

Services will begin at 11 am downtown, they then proceed to the Cemetery (approximately 12:00pm).  
 Lunch will follow at the American Legion around 12:30pm.

### American Legion Post #211 - Paris, IL

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# Prison sentence for drug offense

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## COURT

Possession of methamphetamine is costing Ryan E. Stanfield, 35, Palestine, three years of freedom.

Stanfield appeared in custody of the Edgar County Sheriff's Department for the May 17 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. He entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge and was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. His Edgar County sentence is concurrent with his Crawford County conviction for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 2 felony for possession of methamphetamine more than 5 grams but less than 15 grams.

Stanfield was remanded to custody for transportation to IDOC.

Other individuals appearing before the bench for the May 14 and May 17 court calls

included:

### IN CUSTODY

■Tina M. Hussong, 32, Chrisman, appeared in custody and entered a negotiated guilty plea to an amended Class 2 felony burglary charge. She was sentenced to 126 days in jail with credit for 63 days previously served with good conduct credit to apply and the remaining 54 days subject to a motion to vacate, 30 months of probation, 10 hours of community service work, a \$500 fine, \$105 restitution, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 1 felony residential burglary and a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing to a residence charges.

■Quinton A. Inman, 25, Paris, appeared in custody and entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 41 days

previously served and the remaining 38 days are subject to a motion to vacate, two years of first offender probation, 10 hours of community service work, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to undergo counseling per an evaluation. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe charge and agreed not to file a petition to revoke Inman's conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer conviction. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■James R. Lopez, 19, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody. He filed a bond motion for his unresolved charges of a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault, a Class 2 felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and a Class 4 felony criminal sexual abuse. The matter was continued for the motion hearing. Lopez was remanded to custody pending posting of the original \$30,000 bond.

■Dillon R. Manhart, 20, Oblong, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. He admitted violating his probation sentences for a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery conviction and a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol conviction. Manhart was resented to five days in jail with credit for five days previously served, 12 months of probation, pay all remaining financial obligations and obtain counseling per an evaluation. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Joseph May, 36, Oakland, appeared in custody. His unresolved charge of a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine was continued for a pretrial conference. May was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Foster Miller, 20, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed and Miller pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand. The mat-

ter was continued for a pretrial conference. His oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Haley N. Miller, 36, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference. She was granted a personal recognizance bond and was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Mikel O. McCarty, 21, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 2 felony burglary, a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. McCarty was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Andrew T. Moody, 30, Metcalf, appeared in custody and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing to a residence and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing to real property charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference and Moody was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Nathan A. Thomas, 28, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance for his unresolved charges of a Class 2 felony arson, a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions and a Class 4 felony criminal damage to property. His oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference and Thomas was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

### CHARGES

■James W. Kindred, 23, Paris, was charged with a Class 2 felony burglary. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for

the preliminary hearing.

■Nathaniel B. Nichols, 32, Ridge Farm, 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.

■Dustin M. Sly, 19, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor theft. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Patrick E. Tingley, 37, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor failure to notify damage to an unattended automobile. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Tyra J. Wallace, 32, Paris, was charged with a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing. The public defender was appointed and a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Jesse C.A. Wyrick, 26, 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 a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

### GUILTY PLEAS

■Katelynn M. Bowman, 21, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for 10 days previously served, one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. She was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim or the residence.

■Richard E. Durbin, 41, West Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail with the first 30 days to be served as electronic home monitoring with work release and the remaining 90 days are subject to a motion to vacate, two years of first offender probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation. An outstanding warrant for missing a previous court appearance was quashed.

■Randall A. Peterson, 39, Paris, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of a Class A misdemeanor battery. He was originally charged with a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery. Peterson was sentenced to 24 months of probation, 80 hours of community service work and a \$350 fine. The sentence also includes an order to attend weekly Alcoholics Anonymous classes, and he was ordered not to consume alcohol while on probation. The court acknowledged Peterson has completed counseling.

■Mitchell A. Rhoads, 59, Paris, entered a negotiated guilty plea to an amended charge of a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with good conduct credit subject to a motion to vacate, two years of conditional discharge, a \$750 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charges.

■Diane C. Ward, 38, Homer, entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. Ward was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, 100 hours of community service work, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the plea, a Class B misdemeanor speeding charge was dismissed.

### NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Nichol A. Couch, 22, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Tulsa N. Farris, 27, Chrisman, pleaded not guilty with

a jury trial demand to a Class 1 felony possession of methamphetamine more than 15 grams but less than 100 grams. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Brandy M. Hollingsworth, 43, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Kerry M. Huls, 43, Clinton, Ind., pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Daniel L. Littleton, 49, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Michael S. Parrill, 37, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony aggravated driving on a revoked license and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Jenna M. Ramey, 36, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Cody A. Rigdon, 28, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to two counts of a Class A misdemeanor battery and a Class A misdemeanor criminal trespassing to a residence. In another matter, Rigdon denied a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony criminal damage to property conviction.

Rigdon was also charged with a Class A misdemeanor criminal trespassing to a residence and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was appointed with a not guilty plea and a jury trial demand. All matters were continued for pretrial conferences.

■Adam Todd Stephens, 23, Kansas, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

### OTHER MATTERS

■Marty A. Brown, 50, Paris, failed to appear for a motion to vacate jail time for his Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The court ordered a 10-day sentence and issued a no-bond arrest warrant.

■Kevin M. Flight, 37, Danville, failed to appear in court for his Class 3 felony retail theft charge preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause for the charge. The public defender entered a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand on Flight's behalf and an arrest warrant was ordered.

■Cory A. Gundrum, 21, Paris, appeared in court late after a warrant for his arrest was issued for missing his court appearance. His case was later called and the warrant was quashed over objection by the state. His charges of a Class 3 felony possession of cannabis, a Class 3 felony possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia were continued for a negotiated plea agreement.

■Kaleb A. Sink, 21, Paris, learned the state withdrew a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol conviction. His probation sentence was terminated and Sink was discharged unsuccessfully because he is in default of payments. The case was referred to collections.

### WARRANTS

Warrants were prepared and issued when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Matthew A. Anderson, 25, Danville; Chelsea R. Erdman, 22, Terre Haute, Ind.; Charles E. Gibbons, 43, Ridge Farm; Robert J. Marietta, 26, Blanford, Ind.; Travis S. Posey, 35, Paris; and Lance A.P. Powell, 34, Paris.

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**JAMES HUTCHINGS**

James Hutchings, 66, of Huntsville, Ohio, and formerly of Paris, passed away at 7:47 a.m., Sunday May 20, 2018, at his home.

A service is 10 a. m., today, May 26, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home.

Burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, at the funeral home.

Mr. Hutchings was born Feb. 17, 1952, at Paris, the son of the late Raymond L. and Pauline Butler Hutchings.

He is survived by his son, Travis (Betsy) Hutchings of Monmouth; his daughter, Erika Hutchings of Paris; his significant other, Sarah Stafford of Degraff, Ohio; stepchildren, Sally (Jerod) Smith of Degraff, Ohio, Christina (Brad) Pur-

**JOHN WEBSTER**

John Stewart Webster, 71, passed away May 22, 2018, at his home in Clinton, Ind.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at the New Providence Church, 1751 N. 2250th Street, Paris, Greiner Funeral Home of Terre Haute, Ind., is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Webster was born June 21, 1946, the son of the late Cary F. and F. Maxine Mason Webster of Paris

He is survived by the love of his life, Nancy Webster; two daughters, Kimberly J. Mier and Kristin (Mark) Deady, both of Terre Haute; his son, John G. (Angela) Webster of Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepdaughters, Michele Moulton of Terre Haute and Courtney (Jon) Beardsley of Clinton; stepsons, Paul Ryan (Suzanne) Moulton and Jacob Moulton,

**GERRY GRAHAM**

CASEY - Gerry Allen Graham, 79, of Nacogdoches, Texas, and formerly of Casey, passed away Feb. 2, 2018, at Jacksonville, Texas.

A memorial service and burial is 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27,

at Hazel Dell North Cemetery, Hazel Dell, with The Rev. Augustine Koomson officiating. The Markwell Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Casey-Westfield Alumni Association, P.O. Box 202, Casey, IL 62420.

More information and on-line condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

**D.J. TEGELER**

Dustin Jordan "D.J." Tegeler, 23, of Paris, and formerly of Chrisman, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018, in Paris.

A memorial service celebrating his life was 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Templeton

Funeral Home. Visitation was from 4 p.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Paul Warner Animal Rescue.

More information and on-line condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

tee of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Brad Stafford of Degraff, Ohio; siblings, Raymond (Betty) Hutchings Jr. of Paris, Wayne (Sandy) Hutchings of Bradenton, Fla., Larry (Chris) Hutchings of Clinton, Ind., Richard (Rita) Hutchings of Paris, John (Ruth Bottom) Hutchings of Paris, Dan (Sheree) Hutchings of Paris, Carol (Harry) Hughes of Paris, Teresa (Melvin) Christenberry of Paris, Steven Hutchings of Paris and Tammy Hutchings of Paris; granddaughter, Alyssa Martin of Paris; and stepgrandchildren, Danica Purtee of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Carter Purtee of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and Shailyn Giles of Degraff, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to his granddaughter's education fund, the Alyssa Martin Education Fund, in care of the Prospect Bank.

On-line condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

both of Clinton; seven grandchildren, Victoria and Brayton Mier, Logan, Matthew and Taylor Deady and Mara and Max Webster; step-grandchildren, Bailey (Greg) Gallagher, Ella and Walt Beardsley and Jack and Elliot Moulton; sisters, Monica (Danny) Brunelle and Pamela (Dale) Elliott of Paris; and his brother, Richard (Wanda) Webster of Paris.

Mr. Webster graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Agriculture. He served in the Air National Guard for 28 years as an aircraft inspector. After his Air Force retirement, he was a contractor and built several new houses.

He lived in the Terre Haute area until 10 years ago when he and Nancy moved to Arizona. They returned to Clinton this month.

Mr. Webster was a hard worker, who could fix almost anything. He enjoyed telling and listening to stories. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He loved his family most of all. He fought a valiant fight with cancer the last two years.

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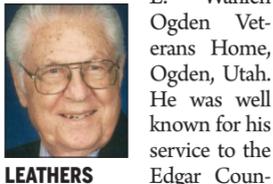
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**JACK LEATHERS**

OGDEN, Utah - Jack Leathers, 92, of Ogden, Utah, died May 16, 2018, at the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home, Ogden, Utah. He was well known for his service to the Edgar County Highway Department for 35 years as County Superintendent of Highways.



There are no services. Mr. Leathers was born Dec. 10, 1925, at Olney, the son of Guy and Floella Leist Weesner and later adopted by Lucy and Victor Leathers, who raised him from the time he was less than a year old. He married Jo Ann Zimmerly in 1946 and divorced 10 years later. He married Charlotte Huckel Feb. 22, 1959, and she survives.

He is also survived by four children, Gregory Leathers of Santa Cruz, Calif., Cynthia Leathers of Eugene, Ore., Kathryn Leathers of Billings, Mont., and Gretchen Leathers Alexander of Tremonton, Utah; one grandson, Adam Alexander of Tremonton, Utah; his sister-in-law, Marilyn Weesner of Olney; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Eugene Weesner and Bill Weesner.

Mr. Leathers graduated from Olney Township High School in 1944 and joined the Army in January 1945. He served in the infantry and trained as part of the second wave for the invasion of Japan until the atomic bomb ended the war. After discharge in the fall of 1946, he attended the University of Illinois on the GI Bill. He graduated in February 1953 with a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering.

He started working with the engineering firm of Marby & Johnson in Robinson and was there until accepting the ap-

**SHIRLEY SPILLMAN**

Shirley Ann Englum Spillman, 80, of Paris, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Paris Healthcare Center. She was a homemaker and a partner at Just Whistle Auction Company.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial follows in St. Mary's Cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home, and per Mrs. Spillman's request, there will not be a visitation.

Mrs. Spillman was born July 25, 1937, at Paris, the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Marie Madden Englum. She married A.W. Whistle Spillman June 2, 1956, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He passed away May 13, 2008.

Survivors include two children, Mary Liz (Phil) Wright of Paris and Dan (Larisa) Spillman of Pittsboro, N.C.; six grandchildren, Madden (Josh) Lieland of Batesville, Ind., Agnes Wright of Paris, Nora (Jeff) Walsh of Las Vegas, Nev., and Elphie, John Whistle and Louis Spillman, all of Pittsboro, N.C., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four siblings, Mary Louise Tackitt, Betty Hummer and Bill and Joseph Englum.

Mrs. Spillman was a 1955 graduate of Paris High School and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Altar Society.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Altar Society.

Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

**MARY EASTHAM**

Mary Ellen Eastham, 72, of Paris, passed away at 11:50 a.m., Sunday, May 20, 2018, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She was a waitress at the Paris Family Restaurant for 15 years.

A funeral service was 10 a.m. Friday, May 25, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Burial was in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Eastham was born March 24, 1946, at Paris, the daughter of the late Elmer and Marie Mullen Cusick. She married Edward Leon Eastham April 14, 1962, at

**JOAN GIVENS**

Joan Givens, 83, of Paris, passed away at 2:42 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at Horizon Health.

A funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until

**GIVENS**

the service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Paris Healthcare Center.

More information and on-line condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

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pointment by the Edgar County Board to be County Superintendent of Highways. Future six appointments led to his retirement July 28, 1988, after 35 years of service. Much was accomplished by Mr. Leathers and his staff building bridges, roads and other maintenance.

While in Paris, he became a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. He was also active with the Illinois Association of County Superintendents of Highways organization serving on the board of directors from 1957 through 1960 and was president in 1966.

After retirement, he and his wife moved to California in 1989 to enjoy the wonder-

ful climate. He did volunteer work at his church and with the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce. He also enjoyed spending time on his computer. After suffering a serious illness in 2011, they sold their home and moved to Ogden, Utah, to be closer to their daughter.

Mr. Leathers was a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Memorial donations may be made to one of these organizations benefitting veterans: Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703 or Salt Lake City Fisher House, 690 S. Valdez Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84148.

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## Paris had a musical treasure

My stories are normally about my childhood or memories from a simpler time. I guess this is also a memory from my early years, but also entirely different. As I do every Saturday, I read The Prairie Press, my hometown newspaper, and saw the story of the purchase of the grand piano for the Paris Center for Fine Arts in memory of the late Moke Owens, who taught at Mayo Middle School for many years.

I was 13 in 1966 and in the eighth grade at Mayo School.

Back in those days, music was required and like most 13-year-old boys, my voice was changing. I was more interested in those of the female persuasion and had no time for music.

As my friends and I walked into the music classroom at Mayo, we observed we had a new teacher. He introduced himself as Mr. Owens and launched into how important music was to us and how we should embrace it. Being one who can't carry a tune in a bucket, I was not one of his favorite students. There were several of us in that category, and I know he had to have disliked trying, and I mean trying, to teach a group of 13-year-old boys music, who had no desire to learn.

He did succeed in teaching us songs for the annual concert, and I'm sure he was glad when we left for high school.

Seeing the story dedicated to Mr. Owens' memory and the purchase of the grand piano for future recitals and music related programs got me thinking about him and just how much I, and the rest of Paris, didn't know about him. So, I decided to do some research to find out just how famous Moke Owens was.

I found his obituary and all it said was he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and died at the VA Hospital in Danville. He was born in Paris and taught at Mayo for many years. He is buried in the National Cemetery in Danville.

Here, as the late Paul Harvey would say, is the rest of the story.

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## Don't worry about the summit

Don't sweat North Korea.  
 Don't sweat the postponement of the Singapore summit.

My bet is that it's just one of many bumps, blips and stumbles that will happen before the Trump administration and that evil dictatorship agree to a historic deal.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump continues to get lots of positive things done in Washington.

His tax cuts are still giving millions of middle class people fatter paychecks, unemployment is at record-low levels for blacks and Latinos, the Trump stock market is still up and the economy is getting stronger and healthier all the time.

He also signed a smaller bill many say has been needed for a long time — "The Right to Try Bill," which gives terminally ill patients the right to seek experimental drug treatments before they achieve final FDA approval.

By almost any measure, and despite virtually no help from Democrats and the biased mainstream liberal media, President Trump's doing pretty well at home and abroad.

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# Honor their sacrifice

Take time to attend a local service and remember those who gave their lives

Memorial Day is traditionally a time when Americans pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice — their lives — in arms since the birth of our nation.

This Memorial Day, let us remember the greatness that past generations of Americans achieved from the Boston Commons to Gettysburg to Bastogne and Mt. Suribachi to Pork Chop Hill to Da Nang to Iraq and the deserts of Afghanistan. It should inspire us with the determination to keep our country great and free.

While we should remember and learn from the past, we must not forget the present. More than 156 years after the last shot was fired at Gettysburg and 243 years after the signing of the Declaration of the Independence, the cause of liberty and human dignity still depends on the

### OUR VIEW

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United States and those who serve in our armed forces.

There hasn't been much of a spring in central Illinois this year between the rains and chilly temperatures. But Memorial Day brings each year a springlike, life-affirming mood.

There are local observances, remembering those who fought and died in defense of our country, its ideals and freedom around the world. We should have those services. The most meaningful memorials, however, are the intimate ones, the private ones where we both mourn and celebrate the men and women who have died in this country's service.

It isn't fresh flowers or small

American flags or carefully tended gravestones that transforms our cemeteries and the graves of the honored dead. It's the presence of ordinary, quiet people — gathered in small groups or standing alone — paying homage to a grave that marks a life that was sacrificed. Some of these people are still racked by the loss. For others, the loss has become a very old wound with the pain lingering in memory though the scar has faded.

As we drive or walk through the cemeteries filled with tall trees and blooming flowers, we may not feel a visceral connection to those somber gravesides or the people standing there remembering.

But we must never forget their loss is our loss.

That is the real meaning of Memorial Day.



### YOUR VIEW

## John McCain is a true American hero

Editor, The Prairie Press:

The recent inexcusable comment from the White House regarding John McCain, who is battling brain cancer, and their inability to apologize and be decent is yet another example of people saying whatever they want, regardless of the pain they cause.

McCain is an American hero and will always be regarded by me and others like me, with the honor and respect he so richly deserves.

Anita Griffith  
 Vermilion

### Stormy Daniels isn't even close to Watergate

Editor, The Prairie Press,  
 Ms. Anita Griffith, who wrote a letter to the editor in last week's Prairie Press, seems to have a lack of understanding of both history and of what is going on in the country.

To wit, she likens the Stormy Daniels situation to Watergate and chides conservatives for accepting lying for a political agenda. First of all, only those who are consumed by intense hatred of Donald Trump for winning the election are interested in Stormy Daniels at all. To the rest of the country, the "normals" as one columnist calls us, it far less interesting than the performance of Oliver Twist given at Shiloh school on the 19th (which was in fact, quite good!).

We don't care about a one night stand with a porn star that the president may or may not have had a decade ago, and we readily accept that the wealthy, on both sides of the political aisle, no doubt pay off those who threaten to spread scurrilous rumors, whether true or not. That certainly does not rise to the level of Watergate where workers of one political party broke into the campaign headquarters of the

opposing political party and then the President, who later learned of the break-in, lied to cover it up.

That Watergate scandal is much more akin to the Obama administration's FBI and DOJ who wire-tapped members of a Republican candidate's team even before he won the nomination. Then they planted at least one mole, or spy, in his campaign; used a fake dossier paid for by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Party to obtain a FISA warrant without telling the judge that his political opponent had paid for the material; had an FBI director whom the President fired for cause that in retribution leaked carefully selected information from a meeting with the President (ignoring the President's urging that he get to the bottom of the supposed Russian involvement) so that he could force the appointment of a special counsel; a special counsel, who despite the ringing endorsements by many has some very questionable incidents in his past as former FBI director and who packed his 17-lawyer investigative team with 13 Democrats who had all donated to the Clinton campaign or other Democratic campaigns.

And that same special counsel, after the expenditure of millions of taxpayer dollars has indicted two men for "lying to the FBI" even though in one case the FBI itself did not feel he had lied to them; indicted two other men of crimes committed years before Trump became a candidate for president; indicted the president's private lawyer, again for crimes unrelated to Russia and clearly outside of his purview; and also indicted 13 Russians or Russian businesses, one of which was not in existence at the time of its supposed interference in the 2016 election.

Can anyone say "Witch Hunt?" That interference by one political

party in the campaign of the other political party by using the FBI and the DOJ, that attempt to thwart the will of the American people and change the outcome of an election, is more scandalous than anything that has ever happened in the United States before. That is Watergate on steroids.

As for the acceptance of lying for political gain, has she forgotten that President Obama lied to the American people, telling us that if we liked our doctors we could keep them with Obamacare, even though he knew we could not?

Has she forgotten that he repeatedly lied and had his minions lie to the American people about the cause of the attack on our Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, saying it was a spontaneous riot caused by an anti-Muslim video when he knew that it was in fact a planned military-style terrorist attack?

Has she forgotten that Chuck Schumer and other Democratic leaders lied to the American people, telling us that the Republican Tax bill would raise all our taxes and only benefit the rich when in fact they knew, as we now know, that 90 percent of Americans are seeing more money in their paychecks and the 10 percent who are not are the rich elites on the east and west coasts that make up the base of the Democratic Party? Is she not aware that the very President that her party falsely claims is against women now has a woman ambassador to the U.N., a woman in charge of Homeland Security, a woman heading up the Department of Education, a woman in charge of the CIA, a woman press secretary, and a woman heading up the Department of Labor?

One wonders where Ms. Griffith gets her news? The National Enquirer?

Jane Witmer  
 Paris

## Last week a good one for Rauner

Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley once said, "Good government



**RICH MILLER**  
 CAPITOL FAX

is good politics." But way too many politicians get that quote bass-ackwards. Make no mistake, last week was good politics for the governor, but good politics isn't necessarily good government.

Last week's press conference announcing his latest amendatory veto was — without a doubt — the best press Gov. Bruce Rauner has had since he fired his top staff last July and brought in that Illinois Policy Institute crowd — which he also fired.

The governor developed an unexpected and dramatic message and then stayed relentlessly on the message during his press conference at an Illinois State Police facility that featured plenty of law enforcement types by his side. Not a word leaked out in advance, either.

The result: Newspaper headlines and TV news lead-ins essentially copied and pasted Rauner's press release headline: "Gov. Rauner proposes death penalty for mass murderers and killers of law enforcement officers."

The event demonstrated a level of skill not seen in the governor's office in a good, long while.

Also, the governor clearly has a new campaign issue. And the strength of that issue could be seen in the lack of almost any immediate press releases from legislative Democrats criticizing Rauner's announcement.

Abolition of the death penalty has been mostly a settled matter here, starting when Gov. George Ryan halted executions and then cleared out death row more than 15 years ago. But the public hasn't lost its appetite for the blood of the guilty, so members generally kept their heads down.

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# BUTLER

FROM PAGE 6A

Moke Collins Owens was born April 18, 1922, at Paris, the oldest son of Moke Owens and Marie Collin Owens. He had a brother and sister. By the time Moke was in high school, he was already an accomplished pianist and accompanied the girls glee club and sang in the boys chorus. He was active in high school activities and on the Arena staff.

In and of itself, this is not overly important other than Moke Owens was African-American during a time when people of color were openly discriminated against. He graduated with honors from Paris High School in 1940 and was an American Legion Scholar.

He received a scholarship to Millikin University in Decatur and studied piano beginning in September, 1941. His first public recital was April 26, 1942, in Kaeuper Hall at the Millikin Conser-

vatory of Music.

According to the Decatur Herald, the recital was an overwhelming success and Moke played to a packed house. So packed, that according to the newspaper, people were lining the walls, the hallway outside the hall and the stairs leading to the second floor.

He played several classical pieces including "Prelude and Fugue in E-flat" by Bach, "Opus 26 in A-flat" by Beethoven, "Images" by Debussy, "Sonatine" by Ravel and three pieces by Chopin. After this first concert, he was the featured pianist in many recitals at Millikin until 1943 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army during WW II.

While in the Army, he was told he should take the test for warrant officer and he did. He became a warrant officer band conductor and was the conductor for the 477th Infantry Regiment Band. He also studied at Howard University for a year in Washington, D.C. He was a band

conductor until his discharge in 1946.

After the war, Moke became the assistant conductor to the DePaur Colored Infantry Chorus and traveled all over the United States and the world with this organization. He also worked as an accompanist to several leading singers at that time in New York City. He married in 1951 but there is no record of how long the marriage lasted or if there were children.

Moke returned to Paris several times in the early 1960s and played at the Piano Bar at 104 E. Court Street. He returned to Paris for good in 1964 and re-enrolled at Millikin to finish his degree in music education.

The Terre Haute Star printed a story about Moke presenting a concert in Paris organized by The Friends of Moke Owens to assist him in completing his degree. The concert was held at the auditorium at the high school. He gave a senior recital in the same hall on the campus of

Millikin where he started his musical journey in 1942.

He graduated in 1966 and became a teacher at Mayo School where I met him. He also played the organ and piano at the First Christian Church in Paris for many years.

His peers from the PHS Class of 1940 wrote the following in the Arena that year: "Moke Owens — What will P.H.S. do without Moke next year? He's (the) one person who'll deserve all the fame that can come to him."

Moke was a local boy who made good and returned to his roots. I don't know the story, nor does anyone else I imagine as to why he came home.

Mr. Owens was a private man and would not understand why he is being honored by the community in this manner. He was quoted in an article many years ago in the Decatur Herald that he did not understand why anyone was interested in him because he was nothing

special, but according to the article he overwhelmed the students he was addressing at Millikin when he returned in the 1950s as part of the DePaur Colored Infantry Chorus and was the most popular speaker at the event. The important thing is that he did come home and shared his love of music with generations of young men and women in Paris.

From someone who finally realized the importance of music in our lives after being married to a musician and music teacher by trade for 36 years, I look back on that eighth grade year and

wish I had paid a little more attention to Mr. Owens and his passion for music instead of being a typical smart ass 13 year old. Thank you, Mr. Owens for doing the best you could to impart your love of music on a smart ass 13-year-old kid.

It did get through my thick head — just took it longer than it should have.

(Gary Butler is a native of Paris, a former Paris policeman, a retired chief of police in northern Illinois and a veteran of Iraqi Freedom. He and his wife, Karen, live in Florida. Email him at gkbutler@hotmail.com.)

# MILLER

FROM PAGE 6A

What comes next is far more important than everybody eagerly chasing Gov. Rauner's bright, shiny, bouncing ball down a dead-end street. But first, a little bit of recent history.

The governor complained in late February the General Assembly's majority Democrats were not negotiating with either him or Republican legislators about criminal justice matters.

In March, the governor sent a letter to the four legislative leaders asking them to set aside the weapons-focused legislative responses to violence, and instead work with him to come up with better ideas. "Collaboration is our best hope of finding common sense solutions to gun violence," Gov. Rauner wrote.

Rauner's letter also asked the leaders to appoint members to a new task force. Senate President Cullerton penned a blistering response. Cullerton demanded the governor resign the bills sitting on his desk and help pass other bills in the legislative hopper before he'd even consider appointing anyone to yet

another blue-ribbon panel. As the governor might say, Cullerton has always had a weapons-focused legislative response to violence.

Speaker Madigan complied, however, and Rep. La Shawn Ford (D-Chicago) agreed to serve on the governor's new task force, which he says has met twice a week since its inception.

"It seemed like we were making progress," Rep. Ford told me, adding the task force members were receiving great research from experts. Ford complained that Rauner's AV was, "contrary to the agreement made between members and the governor's team," but also said he believed the group could still meet and continue to work on meaningful legislation. Ford insisted the governor's amendatory veto shouldn't have an impact on the group's work.

But will it? The amendatory veto can easily be seen as a defensive shield against any gun control measures that arrive on his desk. Rauner vetoed the gun dealer licensing bill in March because he said (about 20 times) he wanted a comprehensive solution. He has now proposed his own

comprehensive solution. The governor is also constantly asked about specific gun issues, like school shootings. Last week, Rauner started pointing to his amendatory veto. He wants to allow schools to use highly restricted local infrastructure sales tax money to pay for guards and counselors.

The real question becomes what the governor will do if he receives a stand-alone bump-stock ban, or a bill requiring a 72-hour waiting period to buy any gun, or a gun violence restraining order bill, or legislation to put more mental health workers in schools or measures to counter interstate gun trafficking. All of those proposals and more were also in the governor's sweepingly broad and likely unconstitutional amendatory veto.

Will Rauner accept half a loaf — or even a couple of slices? Or will he go with his usual all or nothing approach by demanding a comprehensive solution and then wind up yet again with nothing except his rhetoric?

A cynic would say the governor probably prefers no real legislative results. He can run on the death penalty rein-

statement when and where it suits him and use those other proposals to help him pivot to the center.

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## EYES

### On Presbyopia

By Aaron Rhoads, O.D.

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# REAGAN

FROM PAGE 6A

Meanwhile, look at what the Pelosi-Clinton Democrats are doing.

They're counting on winning the House of Representatives in the fall.

And what's their big selling point to voters, the single-most important issue they think will inflame the masses, elect Democrats and return the Party of Hillary to power in Washington?

"Elect me. I promise to impeach President Trump." Oh, as a special bonus, if Nancy Pelosi returns as their speaker, she promises she'll immediately roll back those crummy Trump income tax cuts.

A rational American voter might ask, "What exactly has President Trump done to deserve impeachment?" "We don't like him" isn't anywhere in the Constitution.

Neither is "We don't like the way he tweets or runs the White House."

We all know the real reason Democrats want to impeach

Donald Trump — he beat Hillary the Great, and to do that he must have cheated.

Democrats can never believe it when they are beaten fair and square by a Republican presidential candidate.

They think my father cheated in 1980, George W. Bush cheated in 2000 and Donald Trump cheated in 2016.

The Impeachment Democrats better watch it.

If they take the House and try to impeach Trump on frivolous grounds, they won't just make a mockery of the Constitution. They'll also start a bad precedent that eventually will come back to bite them in the butt.

The next time their guy gets elected president and Republicans get control of the House, their guy will get impeached for something silly like golfing too much or smoking cigars in the Oval Office.

The November elections are going to be big trouble for the cocky Democrats, who still think Trump or his staff colluded with the Russians in 2016 to steal the election.

Democrats are already running "I hate Trump" cam-

paigns around the USA.

But while Hillary Clinton is running around making excuses, wearing a Russian hat on stage and making dumb jokes, President Trump's poll numbers are inching up and the generic Republican-Democrat ballots are even in the polls.

As usual, Democrats have 90 percent of the media on their side.

But Republicans own all the important issues — lower taxes, better economy, more jobs, plus possible breakthroughs with the despots who run Iran and North Korea.

All the Democrats have in 2018 is, "We're going to impeach Donald Trump. Then we'll raise your taxes."

They'll look like fools if they run on that platform — they already do.

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**St. Mary's**  
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grounds committee is exploring different options for how to make use of the structure.

End of school usually involves finishing up projects and planning for the next year. The decision to close has created a different type of transition period, and 11 people are losing their jobs.

Zuiker was expecting representatives of the diocese to arrive and box up all of the records for permanent archiving in Springfield. There is also a matter of what to do with new math, science and reading textbooks, along with the consumables that come as part of the curriculum.

"I'm not sure what to do with them," she said. "Anybody that likes them can probably get them for free."

Zuiker is balancing many responsibilities with the closing

but her main focus is helping the children through the transition.

"We've tried to keep the atmosphere the same," she said. "We are trying to keep the focus on each day and keep things as normal and as upbeat as possible."

Students ended the year with field trips, special programs and the last day started with a Mass in the church, followed by games, fun activities and a picnic for students.

Still, it was hard in the final days getting away from knowing the end was approaching.

"The children know the school is closing," said Zuiker. "Their parents have told them they will be going to a new school next year. We have seen some tears, but children are resilient and they will be OK."

**Meals**  
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Volkman. "We want to make it fun - not just come and eat. We want them to enjoy it."

She added two field trips are planned with a visit to the Splash Park and L&A Farms. Others trips are possible but organizers may wait for input by the children before making any decisions.

Doing organized activities and providing field trips will require more volunteer help than Volkman currently has lined up.

"Volunteers get free meals," she said. "We are really looking for volunteers."

Volkman also hopes to take the program beyond the single daily meal by creating a backpack program, similar to those already existing in several county schools. The idea is to send food home for the child to have on the weekend when the free meal is not available.

Such a program will require more volunteer support and donations of non-perishable food by the community.

"We count a lot on the community to help us out," Volkman said.

More information about volunteering, donating food or assisting in any way is available by calling Volkman at 217-264-4471.

# Shiloh reading is improving

BY GARY HENRY  
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HUME - Modifying how the Shiloh Elementary School staff approaches Response to Intervention (RTI) is showing dividends.

Title I teacher Katie Clodfelder explained the process during the Monday, May 21, board of education meeting.

RTI is a federal requirement to early identify students at risk of falling behind and actively take steps to correct the situation. Clodfelder said in the lower elementary grades the challenge is reading and mathematics, and she works with students who are not performing to their age level.

"There was no real structure for what I was doing," said Clodfelder.

She said the beginning reading curriculum uses some phonetics and she expanded time spent on phonetics with her first grade students to reinforce learning and help them tackle new words.

"I started noticing some growth in my kids," Clodfelder said.

Based on that experience, Clodfelder expanded the use of phonetics to four times a week during the 2017-2018 school year.

Another important alteration was setting aside the reading curriculum's three-level approach and using only the highest achievement material for all students.

"We went from a 33 percent benchmark (of students reading at or beyond level) mid-year to 57 percent at the end of the year," said Clodfelder. "I had a growth of 54 from one of my lowest kids. She's not low anymore."

Improved reading, she said, gets the students excited and makes them happy. She plans to expand the teaching system to all five grades during the next school year.

"It's doable, easy and it

works," Clodfelder said.

Principal Beth Harbaugh supports the plan but said the biggest challenge is finding time in the schedule to implement it.

Harbaugh added while Clodfelder's approach is showing great results it is not a radical departure.

"It's based on best practices," said Harbaugh.

Moving from elementary school to junior high and again from junior high to high school can be a difficult process for students. Harbaugh said to ease the angst the school did a transition activity where fifth grade students spent time with the junior high school teachers who talked to the young students about expectations and the same was done for next year's incoming freshman class in the high school wing.

Shiloh is a pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade building and while Shiloh students only move to another part of the building rather than a different school when moving up, the faculty realizes it is a time fraught with uncertainty for the students.

"It may not seem like much to us as adults, but it's a big deal to them," Harbaugh said.

As part of the regular report, Harbaugh presented the most recent figures showing a precipitous drop in the number of college students entering education. She warned board members the teacher shortage is only expected to get worse, which will make it even more difficult for small, rural schools to find replacements as seasoned teachers retire.

According to the table Harbaugh distributed, college students applying to take the basic skills test for an Illinois teaching license has declined by almost 93 percent since the 2012-2013 school year when 13,784 students took the test. Only 1,016 students

tested for licensing in 2016-2017.

The decline is rampant in Illinois for all teaching categories:

■Early childhood, down 40.62 percent with 459 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Elementary, down 50.93 percent with 2,180 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Special education-all categories, down 55 percent with 2,012 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Sciences-all disciplines, down 60 percent with 375 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Math and computer science, down 62 percent with 305 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Foreign languages-all languages, down 49.9 percent with 270 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■English, speech, media, reading, down 38.8 percent with 1,642 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■History and social science, down 56.81 percent with 529 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Art, music, theater, dance, down 36.44 percent with 450 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Vocational/Technical-all fields, down 44.39 percent with 124 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Health and physical education, down 61 percent with 367 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Administrative-all types, down 69.26 percent with 1,323 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

■Language proficiency down 37.61 percent with 627 seeking licenses in 2016-2017

Board members commented regarding how sobering the numbers are in relation to the future of local schools. Interim superintendent Allen Hall agreed.

"It's going to get serious," said Hall. "It's already serious."

**Contract**  
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to discuss a way to handle it."

Another revision to the contract was formalizing something already in practice.

Voigt said provisions for granting compensation time are now spelled out in the contract. Employees may earn up to 100 hours of comp time but they must arrange with the sheriff when to schedule its use to make sure all shifts are covered.

Another piece of the contract is in compliance with a new state law regarding drug

testing for such employees.

Arbitration for sheriff's department unionized employees was scheduled Thursday, May 31, for the jailers and dispatchers, and again Friday, June 1, for deputies.

Voigt said the contract agreement canceled the need for the Thursday arbitration session. He added the agreement also resulted in the deputies' union asking to delay arbitration.

"We are hopeful we can work something out with the deputies," said Voigt.

**Obituaries**  
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**ROBERT AND MARY ALYCE CULVER**

Robert Allyn and Mary Alyce Soat Culver, of Columbus, Ohio, and formerly of West Terre Haute, Ind., passed away June 15, 2015, and March 22, 2018, respectively.

A graveside memorial service is 1:30 p.m. June 4, at Grandview Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post #211 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601. Templeton Funeral Home in Paris is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Culver was born Nov 27, 1931, at Paris, the son of the late William and Katie Nugent Culver. Mrs. Culver was born March 26, 1936, at Spencer, Iowa, the

daughter of the late Joe and Alyce Eads Soat. They married in 1953.

They are survived by a daughter, Kathryn Culver-Madden of Columbus, Ohio; a son, William (Heidi) Culver; a granddaughter, Melissa Culver; his sister-in-law, Joyce Culver; her sisters, Joyce (Chuck) Gallia and Jane Edwards; her brothers, Larry (Bernie) Soat, Tom Vail, Butch (Linda) Vail, Ted (Carrie) Vail, Merlyn Vail; and their two beloved cats, ZoomZoom and Sweetie Girl.

In addition to their parents, they were preceded in death by a son, R. Allyn Culver; her stepfather, Leo Vail; his siblings, David Culver and Marilyn Culver; and her sisters, Judy Coleman, Virginia Goodwin and Sue Magnus.

Mr. Culver was a former employee of Smith's Hardware, Walker Electric Co. and Alex's TV Service of Terre Haute. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a found-

ing member of Sugar Creek Baptist Church and was also a member of V.F.W. Post #8794, American Legion Post #430, Disabled American Veterans and served on the Adams County, Ohio, Honor Guard for several years. He also served as a member of the West Union, Ohio, Town Council.

Mrs. Culver retired after 20 years of service as an LPN with the Sisters of Providence Infirmary. She was a graduate of Ivy Technical School Licensed Practical Nurse program. She was a devout Catholic and a devoted member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Columbus. She was also a member of the auxiliary chapters of V.F.W. Post #8794 and American Legion Post #430. She loved gardening and going to estate sales.

Online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

# Courthouse security will be expensive

BY GARY HENRY  
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Retrofitting a 19<sup>th</sup> century building to cope with 21<sup>st</sup> century security concerns is not a simple matter.

The Edgar County Board briefly discussed courthouse security during the May 21 study session.

Board member Karl Farnham Jr. said local contractor

Dave McCrocklin recently looked at the courthouse and the annex building with an eye to implementing possible security measures for the various offices.

According to Farnham, McCrocklin has not finished a comprehensive plan for making the revisions but did provide a ballpark estimate of at least \$50,000, with a warning

the cost might increase depending on structural issues encountered during the refit.

Discussion focused on perhaps phasing in the project to make it more financially manageable.

"We need to talk to the sheriff about his security priorities before we move ahead," said board member Andy Patrick.

**HELEN PAYNE**

Helen Land Payne, 99, a lifelong resident of the Paris area, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at Indiana University

North Hospital Carmel, Ind. She was a homemaker.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. June 2, at the First Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until service time at the church. Templeton Funeral Home of Paris is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Payne was born Sept. 14, 1918, at Chrisman, the daughter of the late Frank and Nannie McCormick Land. She married Frank Payne May 20, 1939, at Elizabethtown, Ky. He preceded her in death April 19, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Jim (Donna) Payne of Carmel, Ind., and Rae (Jean)

Payne of Bloomington; a daughter, Ellen (Charles) Jones of Melbourne, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Bill, Frank and Bob Land and a sister, Florence Gobert.

As a young woman she worked at the U.O. Colson Company in Paris, and in later years she worked part-time in the Edgar County Supervisor of Assessments office. She was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Paris and was also active in the Paris Order of the Eastern Star for many years.

Mrs. Payne loved her family and, until her death, she enjoyed all the visits, phone calls, cards and emails from all her family and friends. She loved crossword puzzles, as well as playing cards and bingo. Prior to her husband passing away, she also

enjoyed the many rounds of golf they played together.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**JACK COON**

OAKLAND - A memorial service for Jack Coon is 11 a.m. June 9 at the Oakland Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Peace Meals or the Oakland Food Pantry.

**GIDGET CURTIS**

Gidget Ann Curtis, 50, of Paris, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2018, at her home.

The family will host a memorial service at a later date. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

More information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

# Paris gets federal grant

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

WASHINGTON - Congressman John Shimkus (R-15<sup>th</sup> District) has announced the City of Paris was awarded a USDA Rural Development grant of \$8,500.

The funds will be used toward the purchase and

installation of 10 overhead doors and two door openers for the city's maintenance building. The existing doors on the facility, which houses all of the street department equipment, have reached the end of their useful life and have become costly to repair.

"I congratulate Paris on

their successful grant application," Shimkus said. "Grants from the USDA make necessary development and public safety projects possible for rural communities. My office can assist with Rural Development grants as well as any other federal grant program application."

# Music in the Park schedule announced

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The City of Paris has announced the 2018 Music in the Park schedule at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park.

May 31 71 Band; June 7 Hays Faust & Rhoads; June

14 the Dave Frisse Band; June 21 Rhythm Relics; June 28 The Shakers; July 5 Buzz Factory Relics; July 12 Jim Easter & The Radio Kings; July 19 Ambush Band; July 26 MOJO; Aug. 2 Fabulous Hoedads; Aug.

9 Sound City; Aug. 16 Troy Stone; Aug. 23 Sister Kate Band; and Aug. 31 71 Band.

All performances are free and are from 6:30-9 p.m. People attending are encouraged to bring their own seating.

Score 1  
for the  
owners

NFL owners were busy handing out prizes at their meeting in Atlanta, doling out Super Bowls to various cities and giving Nashville the 2019 draft. Then they gave one to themselves: A new anthem policy adopted with the fervent hope that the protests sparked by Colin Kaepernick will go away and the golden goose that is the NFL will continue to soar untouched.

Stay in the locker room if you wish during the national anthem. But don't even think about kneeling on the sideline where you can be seen.

This wasn't an attempt to settle a real issue, not even close. This was strictly for self-preservation and to keep any protest off the TV cameras and away from the prying eyes of the current tenant of the White House.

And guess what? It just might work.

Not for the players, who will lose whatever rights they had left. But they've always been expendable anyway, in a league that for years stood by doing nothing as their brains were scrambled by hits on the field.

No, this one is for Jerry Jones and his fellow billionaires.

They're the ones who want desperately to move any protests about social injustice to the locker room, where no one but the towel guy will notice. They're the ones who called the new policy a compromise, yet made no real concessions to protesting players and didn't even bother consulting the players' union on the plan.

Their new rules are as simple as they are absolute: If you want to protest, do so by staying in the locker room during the national anthem.

Then get your rear out there and play a game.

Vice President Mike Pence was quick to cheer, sending out a tweet with the hashtag #Winning. It was President Donald Trump himself who really put the heat on NFL owners last season by saying it was a disgrace to allow players to take a knee during the anthem.

Then as television ratings sank and sponsors started to get nervous, owners figured they had better move to protect their cash cow.

Meanwhile, players have little choice but to accept it — assuming they wish to remain employed.

"That's their decision to make," Redskins corner Josh Norman said. "They've pretty much got the teams. They make those decisions. We just got to go through with it, I guess."

Though the NFL was quick to triumph the fact the new policy passed by a unanimous vote, it's clear some owners are not as comfortable with it as others. The Buffalo Bills issued a statement saying they would rather work closely with players on social issues than issue fines for kneeling during the anthem, and the head of Kaepernick's former team said his team abstained from the vote.

San Francisco 49ers CEO Jed York went a step further by saying other measures might also be taken, including a suspension of all concession

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## Lady Tigers play for title

Paris softball team stuns Jacksonville to move into the Lincoln Class 3A regional final

BY JEREMY PATTERSON

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The Paris Lady Tigers rolled past Jacksonville Wednesday (May 23) in the regional semifinal matchup, beating the Lady Crimsons 16-1.

The victory moves the Lady Tigers into the Class 3A regional championship at 11 today in Lincoln, facing the number one seed Chatham Glenwood Lady Titans for the regional championship. Chatham Glenwood defeated Lincoln 7-5 in their regional semi-final matchup on Tuesday.

After a fairly slow-paced first three innings that resulted in a 3-1 lead for Paris, the Lady Tigers erupted in the fourth, scoring 13 runs on 10 of 12 hitting before the 10-run rule came into effect.

Throughout the bottom of the fourth inning, Paris was powered by homers from Kaitlyn Mathews and Terra Fancher, a double from Whitney Todd and singles from Brooklyn Westerfield, Carlei Sapp and Sydney Fox.

Once on base, the highlights did not stop for Sapp and Todd. The pair was able to steal a base each, further adding to the Jacksonville woes.

Fancher was the spark for the Lady Tiger offense in the fourth, leading off the inning with a single and then scoring. Later in the inning, Fancher used precise placement with a line drive down the inside of the right foul line to score on an inside the park grand-slam, bringing in Bailey Bradley, Aubrey Sanders and Todd.

The game began with rela-

tively hot bats from Jacksonville with the team jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but the Lady Crimsons cooled down after that, combining for merely two hits the remainder of the game.

This was due in large part to the continued excellence this season of Mathews in the circle. For the day, Mathews gave up only four hits and one run while striking out five of the 16 batters she faced. Mathews threw a total of 61 pitches and mustered an impressive strike percentage of .705 for the evening with 43 strikes.

Along with the superb effort from Mathews on the mound, the Lady Tigers defense did not commit a single error in the contest handling ball after ball from their opponent's bats.

Kelsie Dosch led the team

defensively, handling five Jacksonville chances with ease. The top of the fourth was closed by the Paris defense quickly with two groundouts to Katrina Strow and Todd and a strikeout.

Paris was spurred on by multiple hits from Westerfield, Mathews, Fancher, Sapp, Aubrey Sanders and Todd during the game. The group was firing on all cylinders and tore through the Jacksonville pitching rotation, collecting 12 of the 15 hits the team had in the contest. They also managed to collect 13 of the team's 15 RBIs with Sydney Fox collecting the other two on a hit and a pop-out in the fourth inning. Fox's hit brought in the 16th run of the day for the Lady Tigers and effectively closed out the game.

Ragen Myers took the loss for the Crimsons, giving up five runs on six hits and walking three batters through three innings. She retired near the start of the fourth inning after giving up a hit and walking another.

Myers also held the brunt of the Jacksonville offense, going 2-2 at the plate and scoring the sole run of the day for the Crimsons in the first inning.

It has been a season to remember for Coach Jeremy Clodfelder's Lady Tigers as they have outplayed and out-hit several opponents leading up to post season play.

The team ended regular season play on a three-game winning streak and could not have picked a better time to get hot as they soared through postseason play.

## GREAT SEASON COMES TO AN END



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The Paris Tiger baseball team huddles for the final time Thursday with Coach Creighton Tarr after a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to the Mattoon Green Wave in the semifinal of the Class 3A baseball regional at Charleston.

## Tigers fall to Mattoon 2-1

BY JEFF CHAMBERS

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CHARLESTON — For the second time in five weeks, the Paris Tigers and the Mattoon Green Wave squared off on the baseball field.

The stakes were much higher Thursday (May 24) as the two teams matched up in the Charleston Class 3A regional for the right to face Effingham today for the title. While the end result was a 2-1 loss for the Tigers, the quality of play was markedly better.

Head Coach Creighton Tarr praised the effort of his team not just in this game, but also throughout the last four years.

"This was a great high school baseball game," said Tarr. "It hurts being on the wrong end of the final score, but that happens."

Tarr put the weight of the first game of the second season squarely on the shoulders of sophomore hurler Brock Minor, and he held a Mattoon squad that averaged eight runs a game throughout the season to just two runs.

"Brock threw a great game," Tarr said. "Our defense was as solid as it has been all year. We just struggled to produce offensively."

Tarr tipped his hat to the left-handed throwing Spitz for Mattoon.

"A lot of our struggle offensively was due to the effectiveness of the Mattoon lefty," he said.

The first 11 batters for Paris were set down in order. Mattoon scored in its half of the third inning on a solo home run from Brock Moncel.

The Tigers threatened in the top of the fourth inning as TJ Potter and Reese Sutton each singled with two outs, but a fielder's choice ended the threat with Paris trailing 1-0.

Paris was once again in a prime position to tie things up in the fifth inning as Brody Spencer smacked a two-out double over the head of the Green Wave left fielder. However, he was stranded as Spitz struck out the next batter to end the threat.

Austin Littleton led off the sixth inning with a single up the middle. Potter singled for the second time to put two on with just one out. Minor helped



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Paris Tiger baseball players exchange hugs and memories following Thursday's 2-1 loss to Mattoon in the regional semifinal at Charleston High School.

with a single to left to bring Littleton home with the tying run.

In what proved to be the most important at-bat of the game, Mattoon catcher Garrett Branson and Minor went to battle.

Branson is the leading hitter for the Green Wave and was held in check throughout his first three plate appearances. On the eighth pitch of the at-bat, Branson lifted the ball to centerfield, beyond the reach of Raven Thompson and just beyond the 340-foot sign for a solo homerun. The shot gave Mattoon a 2-1 lead heading to the seventh.

Freshman pinch-hitter Jude Sullivan led off the top of the last inning with a single to left field. Spencer laid down a sacrifice bunt to put a runner at second with one out. Littleton walked to put the go-ahead run on with two outs, and Mattoon went to their bullpen to get the final out.

The loss was an emotional one for Tarr and he praised his 10 seniors' careers.

"It really hurts losing, but I'm proud of these guys," he said. "This group of seniors is very special to me, and to this baseball program. They have had a remarkable run, and I can't thank them enough for what they have put into this program."

Potter led the Tigers in hitting with a pair of singles. Spencer had a double. Littleton, Sutton, Minor and Sullivan had a single each. Minor drove in the only run of the game for Paris with his hit in the sixth.

Minor went the distance for the Tigers allowing a pair of solo home runs, and five singles to the Green Wave. He didn't walk a batter and struck out two.

The Tigers finish with a 28-3 record, with two of those losses coming to Mattoon. They also swept the Little Illini Conference for the second straight season with a 9-0 record.

Their only other loss came to Teutopolis who is playing for a sectional championship in Class 2A.

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Fessant  
makes  
finals

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Paris senior DJ Fessant earned a spot in the IHSA Class 2A state track and field finals Friday.

Fessant is one of the 12 finalists in the triple jump and will compete Saturday morning at O'Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Fessant's best jump was 43 feet 3 inches, just short of his school record of 43 feet 6 inches. He is the first Tiger track and field member since 2011 to make the finals.

2 Titans  
earn 1A  
finals

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What a year it has been for the Tri-County Titans track and field team.

Last week, the Titans had two of their female track athletes medal in the IHSA Class 1A State Track Finals as freshman beginning what could be a successful stretch for years to come.

On Thursday, the Titans had two male athletes start their quest.

A beautiful, sun-drenched Thursday greeted fans and athletes at O'Brien Field at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston for the preliminary rounds of the IHSA Class 1A Boys State Track Finals commence.

The duo of Ramsey Hunt and Max Cox carried the Titan banner completing a successful season with a strong finish.

Hunt qualified in two events returning in the triple jump for the second year in a row while qualifying in the long jump. Cox qualified in his senior season in the shot put.

Hunt started his quest for improving on last year's seventh place finish in the triple jump by qualifying for the final with the second best distance of the day at 44 feet, 3 inches.

Earlier in the day, Hunt also qualified for the long jump final finishing first in his flight and third overall with a leap of 22 feet, 75 inches. That leap broke an Oakland school record that was set back in 1985 by Jamie Craven. Hunt already has the school record in the triple jump for Oakland as

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The four seniors on this year's Paris High School tennis team were honored before the final home match of the season Monday against Robinson. Pictured, from left, are Jessica, Zane and Brian Blair; Kay D and Maxwell Holloway; Noah and Ken Holzer; and Melinda, Jacob and Robert Randolph.

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**TIGERS**  
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**PARIS 10, SOUTH VERMILLION 2 CLINTON, Ind.** - In a battle of two teams with the best record in the Wabash Valley, the Paris Tigers defeated the South Vermillion Wildcats by the score of 10-2.

Paris finished the regular season with a 28-2 record. The loss drops South Vermillion to 23-2 on the year.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the second inning, as they pushed four runs across to grab a 4-0 lead. Reese Sutton led off with a single, Caleb Gates walked and Austin O'Neal reached on an error to load the bases with just one

out.

Raven Thompson cleared the bases with a doubled to deep left-center field. He came in to score on a single from Austin Littleton.

In the next inning, TJ Potter led off with a walk, Brock Minor singled him to third and Gates doubled to right to make it 5-0. O'Neal smacked a sacrifice fly to left field that was deep enough to score Minor with the sixth run of the game.

Littleton got his second hit of the game in the fourth and scored when Zach Burger crushed the fourth pitch he saw over the centerfield fence for a two-run homer. Sutton walked and came in to score

on a double by Minor to make it 9-0.

In the fifth inning, O'Neal's double was followed by a single from Thompson to put runners at the corners with nobody out. Matt Stetler hit a fly ball to right that was caught, and O'Neal was gunned down at the plate for the second out. Littleton came through with a two-out double to score Thompson making it 10-1 Paris.

Littleton was the top hitter of the day for the Tigers with a pair of doubles, a single and two RBIs on the day. Thompson had a single, double, and three RBIs as well. Burger drove in two with his blast to center in the fourth inning.

Gates and O'Neal each had a double and an RBI and Sutton and Minor added a single apiece.

Thompson went three strong innings to earn his eighth win of the season. He did not allow a run on three hits. He walked two and struck out five.

Dylan Creech had one inning on the mound, allowing one run on three hits. Minor pitched the fifth inning and gave up one hit, and he struck out one.

Jude Sullivan gave up one run on a pair of hits. He walked two and struck out two. O'Neal pitched a perfect seventh inning to round out the day.

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well.

Cox took to the circle in the shot put later on in the day taking first in his flight and eighth overall to qualify for the final with a distance of 49 feet, 2.5 inches. Cox has thrown over 50 feet earlier this season and is only a little over a foot away from the top five going into the final.

Both athletes will compete on Saturday morning in Charleston in the final rounds of this year's Class

1A Finals. Hunt will start off with the long jump final at 10 a.m. with the triple jump final to immediately follow it. Cox will compete in the shot put final at the same time starting at 10 a.m.

Hunt and Cox earned the trip to the state track meet thanks to their performances at the Shelbyville Class 1A sectional.

Hunt, who has been dominant throughout the outdoor season, won the triple jump and qualified for the event for the second consecutive year with a leap of 42-3. He also qualified for

the long jump taking second place with a distance of 21-2 inches. He just missed qualifying for the 200-meter run taking sixth with a time of 23.82.

Cox has been a staple in the throwing events all season long and that hard work paid off as he qualified for the shot put event taking second place with a toss of 49-.5 inches. He missed qualifying for the discus with an eighth place finish after throwing 124-7.

A couple of other Titans just missed out on qualifying. Donavon Smith was

sixth in the shot put with a toss of 43-7 inches and tenth in the discus with a throw of 110-9 inches. Levi Coonce finished a strong freshman campaign just missing out in the 400-meter run taking fifth with a time of 54.07, and Ross Petty missed out on the 3,200-meter run taking sixth with a time of 11:21.44.

Coonce, along with JC Walker, Mason Hutchinson and Michael Hawkins, just missed out on qualifying for both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays taking ninth in each event at times of 47.82 and 3:46.78 respectively.

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during the national anthem.

"If we want to be sacrosanct, if we want to honor the flag, we've got to make sure we go through a litany of things," York said. "We're not going to force people to stand in their seats, but we're certainly going to make sure we're not profiting during that two or three minutes of time during the game."

That, at least, is a step in the right direction. If players can't kneel during the anthem, there's no reason the beer guy should be able to keep pouring \$12 brews.

Let's just hope the anthem

police have some sympathy for fans who might forget to take off their hats during the song.

So now the game will move on from who is kneeling on the sideline to who is in the locker room during the anthem. Fans and television cameras will scan the sidelines to see who is missing, and those who want to make political hay that on either side will duly take note.

In the long run, though, the issue will likely fade away, just like NFL owners want it to. And that may not be such a bad thing, since the original purpose of highlighting social injustice has

become twisted instead into a debate over the patriotism of NFL players.

Most of them are very patriotic indeed, just like most of the fans who watch them. They also have the right to speak up and protest outside their workplace, just like the fans who watch them.

But the bottom line is that NFL owners have every right to protect their business. They pay the salaries, and they decide the rules.

Now everyone else can decide whether they want to keep playing along.

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# Chrisman graduates look to future

BY GARY HENRY  
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**CHRISMAN** – The Chrisman High School Class of 2018 broke a long-standing tradition and switched from a Saturday evening graduation to a Sunday afternoon commencement.

Speakers for the event were class members Haley Hoult, Kirkland Hoult, Kristen Hoult, Kyle Webster and Madisyn Norman.

Haley Hoult delivered the welcome address and remembered going through the eighth grade promotion ceremony in the high school gym and entering high school as freshmen.

“We were terrified,” she said. “Now we sit here in our caps and gowns.”

Her other point was from the first day as freshmen through the final days of senior year, teachers tried to get the class members to think about the future – what they want to do, what they want to be and where they want to go.

She said some of the graduates have a plan but others remain uncertain.



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**Kyle Webster, left, and Kirkland Hoult, right, led the 2018 Chrisman High School Class in academics as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.**

“You don’t have to have an answer today,” Haley Hoult said. “So my fellow classmates, let’s do this thing.”

Salutatorian Kirkland Hoult paid tribute to the parents. “Family is not an important thing – it is everything,” he told the audience, adding parents served as the backbone for the students while they were on a 13-year journey through public education.

He noted roles and responsibilities will evolve as the members of the 2018 class

grow into adulthood, but one thing will remain consistent.

“I know our parents will stand beside us every day in our new lives,” Kirk Hoult said.

The tribute to teachers was delivered by Kristen Hoult. She noted the class has received 10,000 hours of instruction by just 30 teachers over the course of 13 years.

“Thank you for spending your evenings and weekends grading papers and preparing lesson plans,” said Kristen Hoult. “Thank you for push-

ing us to be our best.”

Valedictorian Kyle Webster based his address to the class on a quote by the late college basketball coach and broadcaster Jim Valvano, who once said to have a full day required laughter, thinking and emotions that moved one to tears.

“The Class of 2018 always has a full day,” said Webster.

He also said the experience of being classmates together is a glue that binds each of them regardless of what the future holds.

Webster’s final charge was, “Don’t give up, never give up.”

Madisyn Norman’s closing address discussed fears and uncertainty class members are experiencing at graduation.

“The future is a big question mark,” said Norman. “We are people just pretending to have a clue.”

Norman said while the future is unclear, some things are certain such as the class members will never forget each other and each graduate will follow different, but beautiful paths.

“And I am certain I love all of you,” said Norman.



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**Kristopher Ragle added something deeply personal to his cap and gown for the May 20 Chrisman High School graduation. Ragle said the silver locket contains some of his late Grandmother Margaret Fortner’s ashes. He explained she always said she wanted to see him graduate high school, and he made this gesture in her memory.**

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## PARIS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018



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The Paris High School Class of 2018 received final honors and were awarded their diplomas during the school’s 144th annual commencement Friday evening. The 165 members of the class heard the eight students who earned highest honors speak as well as PHS teacher Kevin Hibschman, who was selected by the class. Co-principal Carol Jones presided for the graduation with PHS Cooperative School Board president Steve Eitel awarding diplomas, assisted by other members of the board.

# PHS graduates 165 seniors

BY NANCY ZEMAN  
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The Paris High School Class of 2018 received final honors and their diplomas during the school’s 144th annual commencement Friday evening in the school gymnasium.

A standing room only audience of parents, grandparents, family, friends, faculty and staff filled the gymnasium for the program, presided over by the school’s co-principal Carol Jones, who shares the

position with Lorraine Bailey.

The 165 members of the class entered the gym to the strains of the familiar “Fanfare and Processional,” played by the Paris High School band under the direction of Kevin Pruiett.

The nine students who earned highest honors — with a grade point average of 4.95-5.0 — provided the class address. They were Zachary Burger, Erin Gahimer, Emily Hall, Corey McKenna, Abi-

gail Minnis, Katherine Smith, Brody Spencer, Madison Thomas and Mikayla Wilson.

Jones announced the nearly \$700,000 in scholarships class members received from

colleges, universities and technical schools.

Special speaker was PHS teacher Kevin Hibschman, who was selected by the class members for the honor.



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Earning highest honors for the PHS class of 2018 Friday were seated, from left, Olivia Brown, Mikayla Wilson, Katherine Smith, Madison Thomas, Emily Hall and Abigail Minnis. Second row, from left, are Zachary Burger, Erin Gahimer, Brody Spencer and Corey McKenna.



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Earning high honors for achieving a 4.80-4.94 grade point average during their Paris High School career were there 11 students who were recognized during the annual commencement program Friday in the PHS gym. Front row, from left, are Elizabeth Allanson, Hannah Emberton, Sarah Campbell, Montana Boatman, Kelsey Chambers and McKayla Watson. Second row, from left, are Garrett Clark, Max Holloway, Hunter Cusick, Zane Blair and Tucker Marrs.



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# School security challenging

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HUME – The Shiloh Board of Education has wrestled with the issue of school security since the Feb. 14 high school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 people dead. Another high school mass shooting May 18 left 10 dead in Santa Fe, Texas.

Following Parkland, board members asked the administration to explore hiring a security firm to place armed

personnel in the school. That plan fell apart after legal counsel advised the only people allowed to carry guns on school property in Illinois are certified school resource officers working for a police agency.

Interim superintendent Allen Hall reported talking with Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood about placing a deputy at Shiloh, if the district pays the expense.

Hall said the sheriff does not have any deputies trained

as resource officers and doing as Shiloh requested would involve hiring someone. While the two men did not calculate actual costs, Wood estimated the annual expense to the district at \$75,000 because any new hire comes under the union contract and must be furnished a vehicle, other benefits, be sent for school resource officer training and work 12-months.

Wood had not discussed the option of hiring another deputy, even one funded by outside sources, with the county board, which must authorize the new position.

A similar overture to Chrisman Police Chief Toby Krabel was also unsuccessful, and Hall was instructed to contact the Newman police chief.

“We have to make it understood upfront it is year-to-year,” said Hall. “That may be a deal breaker.”

Board members were concerned by the rough estimate of \$75,000, with some stating that seemed too much. Staff member Terry Sullivan replied the amount is in line with what other schools pay.

Sullivan recently attended a school safety workshop and learned the Mattoon School District has two school resource officers. The cost to the district is \$90,000 for one officer who works 12 months and \$70,000 for the second who is assigned to the district for nine months.

While trying to resolve the issue of obtaining a school resource officer, board member Aaron Richardson suggested restricting points of entrance to the building and placing metal detectors at those doors.

Board members were not opposed to having metal detectors but April Morris noted metal detectors have no value if the district does not hire someone to be present when people are getting scanned. There was also some concern that making everyone go through a metal detector will cause lines and delay entrance for games and other community oriented events inside the building.

Board member Renee Henry suggested creating a safety committee with representatives from the board, the administration, faculty, students and community to look at options and determine what people want and are comfortable implementing. She also asked about adding another social worker or psychologist to the staff to work with the students as way of heading off any developing problems.

Richardson and Brian Rhode disagreed. According to Richardson, the school board is the safety committee, and Rhode opposed the inclusion of students.

“We are the adults who make decisions for our children,” said Rhode.

Board member Tara Barrett-Duzan supported Henry’s committee idea as a way of looking at the issue in-depth saying, more input is needed beyond the board members’ opinions.

Hall did not oppose a safety committee but he questioned what it might accomplish based on talks he has had with staff.

“We have some teachers who support having someone armed in the building, but other teachers are vehemently opposed to it,” said Hall.

The idea of adding a social worker or psychologist to the staff was said to have merit but a couple of problems were noted. Board member Dave Smith said such a move is beneficial for students, which is a good thing, but does nothing toward securing the building, and Hall added it may not be possible to fill the position given the shortage of qualified people.

Richardson advocated doing something soon.

“Students are scared, and parents are scared, too,” said Richardson, adding he is not opposed to a long-term process for creating a plan, after some initial steps are taken. “We haven’t moved. Here we are at the end of the school year, and my concern is we will start school and still have nothing done.”

# The Brocton Spring Festival is coming soon

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BROCTON – The small village of Brocton is always a bustling center of activity the first weekend of June with the annual Brocton Spring Festival.

Activities get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1, with the Bicentennial Parade celebrating the 200th birthday of the state of Illinois.

According to organizers, the 2018 parade features a new format with participants encouraged to decorate their entries depicting the bicentennial theme. Each parade unit gets a participation ribbon and monetary prizes are awarded to the top three decorated entries.

Following the parade Andrew’s Family Magic performs from 10:30 - noon. A market is in the Red Barn area from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and the Christian Church provides food at a booth from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the festival tent.

Children can participate in the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 11 a.m. Other activities for young ones include a special jumping and obstacle event plus an Action Inflatable Mega Event from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Tractor Games for adults start at noon in the arena area. Bingo is available from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the tent.

Hit And Miss Engines are featured throughout the day on Saturday along with the All-Wheels Cruise-in beginning at 10 a.m., and the cruise-in features Nancy’s Flamin’ 48 at 1 p.m. Cruise-in awards are presented at 2 p.m. Dash plaques are given to the first 50 participants and there is no entry fee this year.

The Mini-Horse show begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the horse arena. Six competition classes, plus a six-horse exhibition are the main feature at the show. Horse show classes are halter class, cart class, tandem cart class, team class, unicorn class and a

four-horse class.

The Brocton Fire Department’s annual Jonah Fish Fry is 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the fire-house.

Local talent is featured during a talent show 5:30 p.m. Saturday. It is open to amateurs only and features a children’s division, a junior division and an adult division in two separate categories. One category is for contestants who live in the Shiloh School District and the other is people living out of the district. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three performers, and registration is one hour prior to the show.

Live entertainment concludes Saturday’s activities. Battle Creek Band performs from 7:30-9:30 at the uptown tent.

Sunday kicks off with Christian music. A gospel sing featuring the Open Heart Quartet is 10 a.m. inside the festival tent. The Brocton Christian Church sponsors the gospel singing.

The Brocton Festival Fun Horse Show is 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the arena. The show features 10 classes for horses, ponies and mules and is open to all ages and skill levels.

Equestrian competition is divided into four judged classes: halter, showmanship, country pleasure and pleasure. The event also features game competition with egg-and-spoon, keyhole, pony express plug race on two horses, flag race, barrel race and pole bending events.

The entry fee is \$3 per class and prizes will be given to the top three participants in each class. More information is available by calling 217-474-8287 or 217-385-2450.

One lucky winner will receive cash on Sunday. A \$1,000 raffle drawing is 2 p.m. Also at 2 p.m. is the Cow Patty Bingo.

Parade entry forms are available at [www.broctonil.com/parade-entry-form](http://www.broctonil.com/parade-entry-form) or call 217-822-4355. For more information about the mini-horse show call 217-784-5021 or 217-385-2450. Talent Show preregistration forms are available at [www.broctonil.org](http://www.broctonil.org) or by calling 217-264-6007.

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## HORIZON

HEALTH

Visiting Specialists	
<b>Cardiology</b>	<b>Bradley Grissom, APN</b> (Mon)—11 <b>Dr. Namburi</b> (Fri)—22 <b>Dr. Nasser</b> (Thurs)—7, 14, 28 <b>Dr. Shatagopam</b> (Thurs/Fri)—8, 21 <b>Dr. Wiarda</b> (Wed)—6, 20
<b>Gastroenterology</b>	<b>Dr. Batey</b> (Tues)—19
<b>Nephrology</b>	<b>Dr. R. Kumar</b> (Fri)— <b>Dr. Jeevan</b> (Tues/Thurs/Fri)—14, 22, 26, 28
<b>Neurology</b>	<b>Dr. Tazudeen</b> (Tues)—5, 12, 19, 26
<b>OB/GYN Gynecology</b>	<b>Dr. Benson</b> (Tues)—5, 12, 19, 26 <b>Dr. Weisbaum</b> (Thurs)—21
<b>Oncology</b>	<b>Dr. Huh</b> (Thurs)—7 <b>Dr. Patel</b> (Thurs)—7, 21, 28
<b>Ophthalmology (Eye)</b>	<b>Dr. Deranian</b> —Surgery 26; Clinic 27
<b>Optometry (Eye)</b>	<b>Dr. Blumthal</b> (Mon)—4, 11, 18
<b>Otolaryngology (ENT)</b>	<b>Dr. Nguyen</b> (Thurs)—7
<b>Pain Management Clinic</b>	(Fri)—1, 8, 15, 22, 29
<b>Pulmonology, Adult</b>	<b>Dr. Main</b> (Wed)—13, 27
<b>Pulmonology, Pediatric</b>	<b>Dr. Davison</b> (Fri)—1
<b>Rheumatology</b>	<b>Dr. Kohli</b> (Tues/Wed)—6, 12, 20
<b>Urology</b>	<b>Dr. Yang</b> (Tues)—5, 12, 19
<b>Vascular Surgery</b>	<b>Sherri Morrison, PA-C</b> (Mon)—18

Special Events & Groups	
<b>Andy Hogan Memorial Golf Outing</b>	June 2 @ 12:30pm (Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Paris)
<b>Stay Strong, Live Long</b>	June 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10am (Sutton Senior Center)
<b>Free Adult AED/CPR Class</b>	June 5 @ 8am-1pm (D)
<b>Safe Sitter Class</b>	June 12 @ 8:30am-3pm (D)
<b>Monthly Health Screenings</b>	June 15 @ 7-9am (Paris Clinic)
<b>Caregiver Support Group</b>	June 20 @ 3pm (B)
<b>Cancer Support Group</b>	June 26 @ 10am (B)
*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.	

Appointment Numbers	
<b>Dr. Batey:</b> 217-463-1946	<b>Dr. Namburi:</b> 812-242-3225
<b>Dr. Benson:</b> 217-258-4030	<b>Dr. Nasser:</b> 812-232-8164
<b>Dr. Blumthal:</b> 217-463-1946	<b>Dr. Nguyen:</b> 217-258-2409
<b>Dr. Davison:</b> 217-383-3100	<b>Dr. Patel:</b> 217-465-2606 x4690
<b>Dr. Deranian:</b> 217-233-3101	<b>Dr. Shatagopam:</b> 812-242-3175
<b>Bradley Grissom, APN:</b> 217-554-1700	<b>Dr. Tazudeen:</b> 217-431-8400
<b>Dr. Huh:</b> 812-232-1418	<b>Dr. Vishwas:</b> 812-242-3125
<b>Dr. Hussain, Dr. Ash, Katie Wilson, FNP-C:</b> 217-366-2670	<b>Dr. Wiarda:</b> 217-258-5900
<b>Dr. Jeevan &amp; Dr. R. Kumar:</b> 812-232-8716	<b>Dr. Weisbaum:</b> 217-383-3140
<b>Dr. Kohli:</b> 217-465-2606 x4579 or 4690	<b>Dr. Yang:</b> 217-466-4661
<b>Dr. Main:</b> 217-383-3190	
<b>Pain Management Clinic:</b> 217-466-4226	

Employed Providers					217-463-1946
<b>Dermatology</b> Angela Hamilton, FNP-C  <b>Endocrinology</b> Dr. Rico  <b>EZ Care</b> Jacqueline Coffman, PA-C Carrie Cunningham, FNP-C Jolena Martin, PA-C Sneha Patel, FNP-C Matt Woodruff, PA-C	<b>Family Practice</b> Casey Anderson, FNP-C (Oakland) Dr. Bajaj (Oakland) Dr. Fore Dr. Gorasiya Debbie Griffin, FNP-C Danielle Ireland, FNP-C (Chrisman) Tory Keefer, FNP-C Dr. Kumar Dr. Sheikh Samantha Volstorf, FNP-BC	<b>General Surgery</b> Dr. Li  <b>Hospitalist</b> Dr. Sutton  <b>Nursing Home Care</b> Susan Arp, FNP-C Ann Bogue, FNP-C Dr. Gorasiya	<b>Occupational Health</b> Sara Spesard, FNP-C Crystal White, FNP-C  <b>Orthopedics</b> Ronald Wheeler, MD Angela Hamilton, FNP-C  <b>Pain Management</b> David Grazaitis, CRNA Adam Schneider, CRNA Lee Webber, CRNA	<b>Pathology/Laboratory</b> Dr. Qureshi  <b>Podiatry/Wound Care</b> Dr. Holloway  <b>Radiology</b> Dr. Houle  <b>Urogynecology</b> Dr. Menchaca	

## Playing baseball in prison

Chuck was a non-athlete, but a very likeable guy, an instructor at Lakeland College.



ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT  
OLD CODGER

At age thirty in 1971 he drove to Paris one weekend to visit some good friends. Chuck would've been the last selection

in a choose-up-sides game of playground baseball. For one thing, he'd never played the sport. For another, his left arm had recently been injured and was carried in a sling. Needless to say, the farthest idea in his mind was playing baseball that Sunday afternoon. We old timers who wore uniforms back then enjoy reminiscing, and of all the games we played, that Sunday is the most discussed with guffaws and fond memories.

The coaching staff at Paris High School had organized an adult baseball team. It played in a summer league involving several cities from eastern Illinois, featuring quite a few top-notch athletes. Some were college players. Our team wore colorful new pin-striped uniforms, and was named the Paris Merchants. The league emphasized good baseball and excellent sportsmanship.

It so happened that the recreation director from the federal prison in Terre Haute entered the prison team into the league. This caused no complications, except that for security reasons, while other teams played home and away games, the prison played all their games at home.

On the weekend Chuck visited Paris, the Merchants were scheduled to play at the prison. Since I managed our team, he asked if he could accompany and sit in the dugout, solely because he'd never been inside one and was curious to observe.

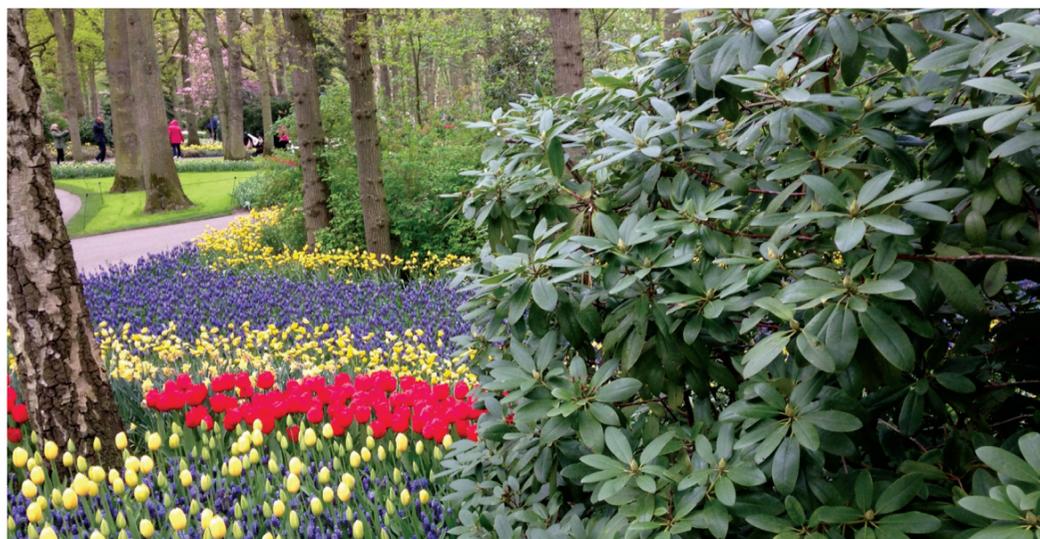
Prison ball wasn't new to me. I had played a couple times at Menard Prison where we entered the gate, were shuffled to a nearby dressing room, and there given a thorough frisking. All personal belongings, such as wallets, chewing tobacco, gum, watches, etc., were placed in a secured vault. We were then escorted by the guards to the baseball field. Once there, each team was allotted a precise number of minutes for practice. The prison band marched onto the field, leading all the spectators (inmates). The national anthem was played. Umpires were strict. Any player who griped or slammed a helmet was immediately ejected, much to the delight of the crowd.

It was totally different at Terre Haute. The guards simply opened a gate and escorted us to the playing field. No frisking. No inspection of our duffle bags. No band. No national anthem. Poor respect of the umpires. However, one thing was the same. All spectators vigorously rooted for the visiting team and jeered their home players, unceremoniously referred to as the "Cons." About every third word from the tattooed spectators was quite vulgar, a distinctly different bottom-feeding level of the English language.

A league rule stated that every player was required to wear a team uniform. Failure to comply meant a forfeit. We carried a spare in case of need, a good thing because we were short a player that day. Guess who donned the uniform and was placed on the roster? Chuck, arm-sling, Sunday slippers, and all, of course.

Chuck played left field. Any ball hit to him had to be chased down by another player. No way could he catch it. The guy tried valiantly as a hitter, but swinging a big heavy bat balanced awkwardly with one hand was difficult.

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Ruth Patchett/The Prairie Press

This sea of color greeted Tom and Ruth Patchett at Keukenhof Gardens outside of Amsterdam, The Netherlands this spring. The visit to the gardens was part of a river cruise and vacation to Europe aboard the Viking River Cruise ship Lofn.

## A river cruise to remember

Someone once said vacations should be looked at as hills and canyons. Expect and accept there will be highs and lows, no matter where you travel.

I must say the recent vacation Tom and I took to see the tulips outside of Amsterdam at Keukenhof, Holland, was a definite high — more like a mountain instead of a hill. Perfect blue skies and sunshine made for the best day to view over 7 million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in this 32-acre garden. It was easy to see why Keukenhof is described as the most beautiful spring garden in the world.

After this wonderful experience in Amsterdam our trip just kept getting better.

We boarded Viking River Cruise Ship Lofn for a seven-night cruise down the Rhine River. Having taken a number of ocean cruises before, we found a river cruise much more relaxing. The ship had 195 passengers, with 53 crew. It was much more compact than a big ship with only one or two flights of stairs. All the passengers were American citizens, save four people from Nova Scotia, making it easy to communicate.

Even before the ship left the dock in Amsterdam we could tell this was going to be a great experience. While sitting in the reception area waiting for our room to become available, we met what turned out to be our favorite couple on the ship — Risha Margolis and Richard Bardet. Risha who now lives in Miami was originally from New York City and Richard from Boston.

Midwesterners sometimes think of people from the East Coast as not being friendly but that could not be further from the truth. This couple loves to travel and both especially like books. Already we had one thing in common and as the cruise continued we discovered even more commonalities.

Where was the canyon on this vacation?

Tom worked very hard planning the trip and told me he had signed me up for a cooking class while on the cruise. When we received the pre-cruise documents listing our excursions there was no class listed. I called Viking and they said no class was available. Talk about

low, but I did not give up. I took my Prairie Press pass along and told the concierge of the ship I needed to meet the ship chef as I wanted to do a story about the food.

The press pass made me look official and I was not only able to interview Executive Chef Peter Cagandahan but also got a tour of the kitchen. I was even his sous-chef for a cooking demonstration when we reached Strasbourg, France.

Chef Peter and I made Flammkuchen — German for flaming cake. It is a pizza-like tart and can be savory using onion, chives and cheese or sweet using apples, cinnamon and sugar. The dish is very popular in restaurants in the Strasbourg, France-Alsace area. We saw it listed on menus everywhere there.

If you are asking why a German cake is a specialty of this area, it is because Strasbourg has been a German city at least four times in its history. It became a French city after World War II. If your ancestors came from Strasbourg, you can say you are of German or French heritage or both.

Chef Peter thanked me and gave me a souvenir apron and chef hat. He said he was from the Philippines and would someday like to be a permanent citizen in the U.S. His parents are U.S. citizens and live in California, but he never had the time to settle here.

Cooking was not his first career as

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Like the blind men with

**RÜDESHEIM COFFEE** garnish the sugar has melted and allow to burn for one minute. Pour hot coffee into cup, garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with chocolate shavings.

3 sugar cubes Place sugar cubes in coffee cup, pour Uralt brandy, very warm and light with a long match. Stir with coffee spoon until

**FLAMMKUCHEN** grated piece of parchment paper with flour and roll out to 1/8 inch thick. Repeat with remaining dough. Transfer dough and parchment paper to baking sheets. Spread dough with sour cream. Sprinkle with cheese onions and prosciutto. Bake for 5 minutes or until golden brown in 475 degree oven.

Dough: 1 cup all purpose flour 3-4 tsp. olive oil 1/3 cup water 1/4 tsp. salt

Topping: 2 T. sour cream 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced 1/2 cup farmer's cheese or Monterey Jack cheese

In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Stir in oil and water until mixture begins to stick together. Knead well until dough forms. Let dough rest for 30 minutes. Divide dough into 2 pieces. Dust a



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Ruth Patchett acts as a sous chef on a Viking River cruise.

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## Deafness is coming

So, I was in this sports bar when the waitress showed up. "What do you want to drink?" she asked.

"Give me a beer; what kind of beers do you have?" I said.

She looked at me rather oddly. "We don't have any beers

here," she replied.

At that point, my wife intervened. "He means beers."

As the years pass, my wife has become my translator. She has grown accustomed to my slurred speech, mangling of words and inability to hear what she says — particularly when she wants me to do something. And, she always — always — waits until I am on the other side of the house before asking me a question.

When I do not acknowledge her, she yells at me.

My wife comes from a front-door family. As I opened the door to leave, her mother would, invariably, ask a question, or tell us something. Her timing was perfect; actually, it is an art inherent in most women: the ability to frustrate me.

Now, I know this sounds sexist, but at my age, certain latitude must be accorded. In any case, most men feel the same way, but are terrified to make those kinds of observations on pain of being castigated and forced to make abject apologies — usually on TV, accompanied by a lawyer.

Approximately, 70 years ago, at the age of six, I ran up to a girl on the school playground and gave her a kiss. I live in constant fear that before my passing, she will appear on TV and expose me.

The inability to hear, hence, the ability to say things that sound like other things takes roots. At a family gathering one Christmas Day, we were talking about our favorite movies. When it came my turn, I said, "I like Bourne." A 15-year-old relative was shocked. At that point, my son-in-law, interjected. "He means Bourne, not porn."

Deafness runs on my side of the family. Some people want to call me hearing impaired, but I hate politically correct euphemism. Several years ago, as an editor on the staff of the Navigator, the student newspaper at Lake Land College, a reporter wrote a story on a blind teacher.

She referred to him as visually impaired, rather understated for a man who sported black glasses, and constantly banged his white cane on chairs and tables while stumbling through the student union. When I told her to change his status from visually impaired, to blind, she refused on the grounds it would be politically incorrect.

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## Welcome to climate change and global warming

Memorial Day is the traditional summer start.

In the last couple of years each spring, I've heard many comments basically all asking what happened to spring? Those who feel like the annual winter-summer weather patterns are squeezing spring out are correct.

Last week the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released updated climate records showing April 2018 was the 400th consecutive month with above-average temperatures. This is temperatures for the entire Earth averaged together. December 1984 was the last month when global temperatures were below average.

Not only has the Earth been heating up for 400 consecutive months, but April 2018 was the third warmest April ever recorded. Carbon dioxide levels hit another milestone when they reached 410 parts per million last



TERRY SULLIVAN  
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

month, the highest level in recorded history. The trend line shows we are headed for a climate change of more than 2 degrees Celsius (3.5 Fahrenheit) warmer. This is a huge change.

Ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica show the Earth's climate responds to changes in greenhouse gas levels. Tree rings, ocean sediments and layers of sedimentary rocks provide a long-term record, and the current warming is roughly 10 times faster than normal ice-age-recovery warming. The oceans are absorbing much of the increased heat, but as ice melts and carbon dioxide increases the buffering capacity of the oceans will be exceeded.

an elephant, it is important to look at the big picture, and not focus on a small local region.

While April 2018 set records for warmth globally, it was different for us. April in North America was 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit below average or the 15th coldest April on record. Only Iceland and North America were cooler than normal, the rest of the world set above average records.

Our cooler springs have resulted from climate change. As the Arctic temperatures have increased, the late winter temperature gradient from pole to equator has decreased. With less difference in temperature the upper jet stream path changes and pushes a cool wet pattern down into the Midwest.

The result is we have experienced a long cold early spring and then an abrupt end to the rains and an explosive temperature increase to summer-like conditions for the last

few years. It really has felt like we go from winter to summer and skip spring.

The change is mainly due to human caused warming NOAA climatologist Ahira Sanchez told CNN.

For average, climatologists use 20th century monthly numbers. Accurate global weather records only go back to the late 1800s. Some argue we really don't know, but even the greatest skeptics become believers when immersed in the data.

President Trump appointed Jim Bridenstine to head NASA. He was a controversial appointment. As a Republican in Congress, he had a record of denying climate change. He served on Environmental and Space committees where he strongly criticized the Obama administration for their environmental actions and opposed the Paris Climate Agreement. Even during his confirmation hearings he still expressed some doubt.

After serving as head of NASA with access to all the data, Bridenstine has changed his position.

Last week he said, "I fully believe and know the climate is changing. I also know that we human beings are contributing to it in major way"

As a resident of Oklahoma, Bridenstine has a strong interest in tornadoes and severe weather. In 2013, he blamed weather on sun output and ocean cycles. Now, he puts the blame on carbon output.

Columbus set out to find a westward passage to India. He never expected to run into the Americas blocking his path and subsequent explorers set out to find a passage around the New World continents.

Magellan discovered a way around South America in 1520 becoming the first to sail around the world. Many English explorers tried in vain to discover a Northwest Passage through Canada

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**CODGER**

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He managed to strike out the first three times at bat. Even if he had hit the pitch, the ball probably wouldn't have carried past the pitcher. Late in the game we loaded the bases with two outs. Naturally the next batter just happened to be good ol' handicapped Chuck. Imagine yourself as the pitcher. Here you are facing a one-armed batter who wields a wobbly bat with an awkward one-handed grip. All you need is to throw three strikes. But you can't do it. You surrender a base-loaded walk.

Chuck was credited with an RBI, driving in a vital run, then trotted to first base beaming proudly in his dust-covered Sunday shoes.

Come to think, I've seen some major league bullpen pitchers who might as well be throwing to paraplegics with a bat laid across their wheelchairs.

Their accuracy isn't any better. One recently walked four consecutively, losing the game. Yet, the pitcher is paid \$14 million per year just to throw strikes.

Chuck was a hero that day.

(Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired school-teacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

**COUPLE WEDS IN NURSING HOME GARDEN**



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

**Kayla Petticrew selected an unusual location for her Thursday, May 24, marriage to Caleb Grissom. The couple was wed in the courtyard at Twin Lakes Rehab & Health Care. Petticrew, a four-year employee as the dietary manager at Twin Lakes, wanted the wedding there because she considers the residents her family. Resident Larry Brown walked her down the aisle and when asked who gave her in marriage he replied, "Her mother and all of us."**

**Library programs planned**

Paris Public Library plans free reading, learning for children

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During June, Paris Public Library is hosting free Reading Takes You Everywhere programs to encourage a love of reading and learning.

Programs for ages 5-10 include two from Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Douglas-Hart presents "Ms. Drizzle and the Magic Book Box" at 10:30 a.m. June 13 and "Would You Rather?" at 10:30 a.m. June 27. Both programs include a live animal visit.

Library staff and Eli Brinkerhoff host an hour of activities, crafts and a chance to meet several reptiles in "Reptiles Around the World" at 10:30 a.m. June 20.

Advance registration is requested for the June 20 and 27 programs so enough supplies are available.

Preschoolers and their parent/caregiver will build a car from a box and then listen to a story in "Let's Go to the Drive-In" 10:30 a.m. June 26. Registration is requested.

In addition to these stand-alone programs, Paris Public Library offers a weekly Yoga Book Club for ages 5-10 from 1-1:45 p.m. beginning June 7. Children will learn basic yoga poses and techniques inspired by an age-appropriate read-aloud.

Preschool children will enjoy storytime 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning June 5. No registration is needed for the weekly programs.

Families are invited to Family STEM Night 6 p.m. June 28. The hour includes hands-on activities for ages 5-12 and a first look at the library's newest STEM-related books. Registration is requested.

A series of short do-it-yourself activities are featured at the library during July. These may be puzzles, games or sim-

ple crafts to be enjoyed any time during regular library hours.

Reading should be fun — without any pressure or expectations — so there will be an optional reading chart available for children who want to record their reading.

There's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer helps prevent loss of skills. Children who participate in summer library programs and read at least six books over the summer generally score higher in reading and math when they return to school.

The full program schedule is available at the library, on the library's Facebook page and at parispubliclibrary.org. To learn more about the summer programs or to register for programs of interest, please visit Paris Public Library or call 463-3950.

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**Hoult to perform at Effingham**

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Jake Hoult and his wife, Mikayla Joy Hoult, are performing a country-western show 7 p.m. June 9 at the Effingham Performance Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$5.

**Marshall Library's summer program set**

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MARSHALL — Reading Takes You Everywhere is the theme for Marshall Library's summer program.

It is not merely about travel but also how one can explore, discover, and experience people, places and things through reading.

The six-week reading program for children under the

age of 13 features weekly programs, crafts and movies. Participant may turn in weekly reading logs for prizes at the library front desk.

Registration begins with a special street fair, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, in front of the library.

Children will enjoy family friendly movies each Tuesday at 2 p.m. June 5 through July 10 and special programs at 2

p.m. every Wednesday June 6 to July 11.

Thursdays are devoted to creativity for children ages four and older at 2 p.m. June 7 to July 5. A reward party is planned for 10:30 a.m. July 13.

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**SULLIVAN**

FROM PAGE 1B

and reach the Pacific because sea ice blocked the way even in the summer months. Until huge ice-cutters were invented and used as an escort, no ship made it.

Times change, temperatures are increasing and sea ice is melting.

In 2017, an unaided tanker became the first merchant ship to sail a northern route from Norway to Korea. Since then several ships have set records for the trip from Russia to France going through the north seas, which are now open in late summer.

The Paris Climate Agreement target, agreed to by 196 countries, was to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius above preindustrial levels. It is beginning to look like that is not possible.

Current estimates are a 3.2 Celsius degree increase is on the way, unless we can cut emissions even more. That increase of about 5 degrees Fahrenheit could result in

a 47 percent loss of insect species, 26 percent vertebrate extinction and a 16 percent loss of plant diversity. These numbers were recently published in the journal "Science."

When asked if technology advances can save us, Bill Gates was less than optimistic. More efficient energy use and finding ways to capture/store carbon dioxide will help, but the only real hope is to drastically reduce fossil fuel use.

After settling on the target goals, the 196 signatory counties of Paris Climate Agreement each took a share of the responsibility.

Each nation is free to find their own solutions as long as they work toward their targets. The only holdouts have been Nicaragua and Syria. Nicaragua joined in September and Syria announced an intention to join last week. President Trump made news June 1, 2017, when for economic reasons he called for America to withdraw.

The U.S. is the only coun-

try that will not participate, but for now, the U.S. is committed. We cannot withdraw until the day after the 2020 elections by agreement. Even if the federal government withdraws many states have stated they plan to continue following the agreement.

As is always true, actions speak louder than words. South Africa's drought has limited citizens to 12 gallons of water a day. A predicted Zero Day when the reservoirs go dry is now set to happen in 2019.

It is one thing to agree to reduce climate change, but it will not be easy or cheap. The alternative may cost more. Ignoring the problem and doing nothing is also expensive. Hurricane damages have already resulted in large premium increases to cover losses.

(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)

**REYNOLDS**

FROM PAGE 1B

My grandmother, who was married seven times, and constantly berated the seventh as a dumb Polack, ended up in an assisted living home when she was in her mid-90s. Occasionally, we visited her.

Although, she wore some of the most powerful hearing aids available. A conversation between us would go like this: "HOW ARE YOU DOING, GRANDMOTHER?" She would tilt her head and reply, "WHAT? WILL YOU SPEAK LOUDER, I CAN'T HEAR YOU!" Deafness is coming for me,

one decibel at a time.

(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)

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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 May 20-26, 1918, and from the Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the interests and events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

### FOUR ARRESTS AT LAKE

A tip that a wholesale seining party was about to take place at Reservoir Lake Saturday night sent Mayor W. H. Hoff, chief of police J. E. Bacon, Patrolmen Simeon Bates and George Nelson and Fire Chief Charles Ulrich to the park to lay a trap.

After staying under cover until about 11 o'clock, Mayor Hoff discovered a party of several men making their way in a wagon along the Rambo Bayou. Chief Bacon came face to face with Mort Young in the brush. Young declared he had come to fish and was in search of fishing poles. George Bapp, George Young, Charles O'Neal and Gus Bapp also were found and all said they were hunting fishing poles.

They were arrested Monday and hearings set for May 24.

### PAPADOKAS TO FIGHT FOR U.S.

After fighting 11 months in the Greek army back in 1912 to help whip the tar out of Bulgaria, Peter Papadokas, the North Main Street poolroom proprietor, will take up arms again, for his new country.

He will leave in a few days for New York City where he will join the American Army and go into the infantry service.

Pete was running a candy cart and peanut stand in Paris in 1912 when his native country called him back home to help fight the Bulgarians.

### REGISTRATION DAY JUNE 5TH

Wednesday, June 5, is the date set for the registration of all young men who have become 21 years of age since June 5, 1917. Registration will be in the county court room of the courthouse from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Young men from all over Edgar County must register. It is estimated this will add about 200 men available for military service.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### Y CAMP IS ALSO AVAILABLE

Information flyers about this summer's YMCA residence camp, Camp Tecumseh near Lafayette, Ind., have been distributed to students in Paris schools and posted in business locations, Y director Dale Greenlee reported.

#### RAIN SWAMPS AREA

The Paris area was literally swamped by a nearly 3.25-inch rainfall, most of it pouring down during the midnight hours. Persistent rains over the last two weeks have totaled almost seven inches.

#### PHS PROM ROYALTY

Miss Denise Adams was crowned queen of the Paris High School Prom, and Jerry Egan, president of the senior class, was crowned prom king.

#### FINAL YA CLASS GRADUATES

METCALF — The final graduating class at Young America High School will receive diplomas Monday. The school will be replaced by the new Shiloh School at Hume next year. Twenty-two young men and women make up the Class of 1968.

#### LAST BROCTON GRADUATES

BROCTON — Jane Williams is valedictorian and Rita Wiese salutatorian of the Brocton High School Class of 1968, the final class to graduate from Brocton High School which will move to the new Shiloh school next year. Graduation is May 29 for the class of 24 seniors.

# Illinois answers the call

World War II caused dramatic changes to the way of life and economy of our state

(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 ANDY KRAVETZ  
Peoria Journal Star

Washington, Illinois, resident Mary Kerr said the war caused everyone to sacrifice.

"When we went into Iraq in 2001, there was no difference in my life because we went to war. But then, everyone was affected; from Vic-



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A parade in Peoria trumpets the participation of the Caterpillar plant and employees during World War II.

tory Gardens to rationing of items to the draft, everyone was in," she said.

Mothers saved tin cans

and foil. Life went on, she said, but it was different.

"We went on with the churches and the schools,

but it wasn't the same. The Boy Scouts went on but they had paper drives," Kerr said. "Nothing was the same as it was before Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor."

When war was declared in December 1941, thousands of men enlisted and thousands more came through the state either en route to or arriving at training stations.

The U.S. Naval Station Great Lakes had opened prior to World War I as a recruit training center, but by the early 1930s enrollment had slowed. World War II boosted the population at the station from 6,000 to 68,000, according to the Navy. In all, about 1 million sailors trained at the facility in North Chicago until

the war ended in 1945.

Thousands of others, including many World War I veterans, flocked to the Illinois State Militia, also known as the Reserve Militia, where they agreed to serve for two years. They stood watch over bridges, railroads and other transit centers. When the war ended, hundreds were activated to serve as shuttle drivers in Chicago as the large number of GIs returning overwhelmed buses and trains, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

By the end of 1945, Illinois had registered 1,954,674 men between the ages of 18 and 38 at 361 separate local draft boards. Of these, 629,516

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## FROM MULBERRY GROVE TO GARLAND



Roger Stanley/The Prairie Press

Marvin Smith of Hume holds a painting by Marceline Hendrix of the Garland Church when it was still functioning. Smith owns the painting.

## Only a pile of gravel remains

BY ROGER STANLEY  
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On the Horace-Brocton Road, about six miles west of Horace there is a big pile of gravel on the south side of the road, but it hasn't always been so.

Many years ago a Methodist Church and Garland School stood there. In that same neighborhood, there were a few homes, a general store and a blacksmith shop in the early 1900s.

So let's follow the development and the demise of this area in Shiloh Township.

In the early 1800s, this area was inhabited by the Indians and was known as Mulberry Grove. The name derived from a forest of 1,500 acres with the general shape of a mulberry fruit, not because of mulberry trees. A little west and north of this area was a swampy area called Goose Lake. There is only an area of trees left in what was the lake. These locations were true landmarks for a township that was almost wholly covered by rolling prairie.

The first settlers coming from the forest areas of the south and east chose the lands adjoining Mulberry Grove to build their log cabins and start their farms. Although most settlers did not arrive in Shiloh Township until after the Civil War, Jerry Myers located in the Mulberry Grove area in 1848. He found George Bailey and Archibald Meyers living nearby.

The settlers at that time went to Paris to get the mail, mill grain and for general trading. D.D. Wood arrived in 1855 and became the fourth pioneer to settle in the area. He built what he called a Jackson log cabin because it was made of hickory logs, and he was a friend of Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson. Wood knew the former president in Tennessee.



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This old atlas page shows the location of Garland, plus the church and school sites.

The first school in the area was built in 1856 near the William Kile farm. Although this was first a school for the Mulberry Grove area, it eventually became known as the Garland School Dist. # 47. It was the only school in Shiloh Township until after 1861.

A church was not built in the area until 1870. It was originally called the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church and was later known as the Mulberry Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. It was first built on the Ed Perkins farm about two miles from the school. Perkins was born in England in 1830 and came to the Mulberry Grove area by 1860.

Around 1890, the congregation decided to move the church to land purchased in 1831 by William Morris. The

men of the church moved it across the fields and through the woods to make its final stand next to the school. A 1904 windstorm destroyed the church and a new one was built in 1905.

The small settlement had a general store operated by John Randleman supplying almost everything. Subsequent owners were men named Foster, Sperry and Colvin, with Colvin being the last known storekeeper between 1910 and 1922.

Frank Skidmore established a blacksmith shop in 1895, and Bud Mershon had the smithy from 1910 until 1934.

Earl Winans bought the shop and the old store and relocated them close to his home. Winans was also the custodian of the nearby Garland Methodist

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## Rural life inspires poetic feelings

I'm Just a Country Boy  
I'm just a country boy,  
that is for sure,

I ain't too purty and I ain't too pure.  
Some say I'm kinda backward the way I say things,  
But I speak to the common folk and not to kings.

I don't mind getting sweaty and a little dirty,  
Cause God made me just a boy of the land,  
Not too awful smart, but I think it's just grand.  
That I think I know what I should be,  
Nothing fancy, but purty plain and that's just me.

I was brought up on the farm with horses and a pony,  
We milked many a cow and that ain't baloney.  
The things we used to do to help on the farm,  
A lot of that kind of work did us no harm,  
Cause it made us strong of body and of arm.

Maybe that added to my muscular charm.  
Least that's what I thought, now I could brag,

I charmed that old cow as I squeezed on her bag.  
It was lot's of fun to see who'd finish first,  
My hands got so tired I thought they'd burst.

Along came mother cat and I gave her a glance,  
I turned that ol' nipple and took a chance,  
That I could hit her right in the mouth,  
But the cow was dry and that plan went south.

Target practice would wait for another day,  
So I tipped that ol' bucket to feed the cat that way.

I sometimes wonder why I stab at poetry or try to write prose.

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## Church research to be highlighted

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Valuable genealogical research is often found in church records, but locating and deciphering such records can be frustrating and confusing.

The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society is presenting a program by Jacob Eubanks designed to help family historians better understand how to research church records. Eubanks is a nationally known genealogical speaker.

The program is 6:30 p.m. June 11 in the conference rooms (A, B & C) on the lower level of the Vigo County Public Library. Doors open at 6 p.m. (EDT) for refreshments and socializing.

Church records contain facts about ancestors not easily found elsewhere, but the availability of church records is greatly impacted by history and practice. Anglo church history has a com-

plicated past — rife with suppression, persecution and denominationalism.

During the presentation, participants will learn about the formation of English denominations and the key differences in practice between High and Low Churches and how that impacts church records in the U.S. and England.

Eubanks will review the terminology for and legal measures taken by the English and Colonial government to suppress low churches and explore sources for research of denominations including the Anglicans (Episcopalian), Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Quakers, Baptists and Methodists. More information on this or other WVGS programs and activities is available at <http://www.inwvgs.org>.

## Discovered Spanish galleon is real thing

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS  
[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

When salvagers found a 300-year-old ship at the bottom of the Caribbean near the coast of Colombia three years ago, they claimed it was the holy grail of shipwrecks—the legendary San Jose galleon, a Spanish ship rumored to contain up to \$17 billion in treasure. Now, the Associated Press reports, experts have identified the ship...and confirmed that it's the real deal.

Remains of the Spanish galleon were discovered in Colombia in 2015. But details of the find are only now being revealed with the permission of the Colombian government and agencies that have worked on the search operation.

The San Jose was launched in 1698 and served as part of the Spanish treasure fleet, a convoy of ships tasked with transporting valuable items from the Spanish Empire back to Spain. That was risky business: At the time, Spain and France were involved in the War of the Spanish Succession, a conflict that pitted the two countries against England and that involved attacks on Spanish trade vessels like the San Jose.

The massive, 64-gun galleon came under fire in 1708 and sank, its entire stash of emeralds, silver and gems intact.

Now, the wreck has finally

been identified thanks to its cannons. The identifying details were discovered using the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's REMUS 6000, an autonomous underwater vehicle. The REMUS surveyed the site from 30 feet above the wreck, said WHOI in a press release.

"The wreck was partially sediment-covered, but with the camera images from the lower altitude missions, we were able to see new details in the wreckage," Mike Purcell, the WHOI expedition leader, told the AP. "The resolution was good enough to make out the decorative carving on the cannons."

Those carvings, which feature elaborate dolphins, were then used to confirm the ship's identity.

The ID is expected to play into ongoing legal battles about the ship. Heralded as one of the most significant finds in archaeological history, the shipwreck immediately sparked a bitter battle over which entity discovered it first. Though the ship's coordinates have not been revealed for security reasons, the dispute includes a tussle over where the San Jose was found and when.

For the time being, the ship's loot remains at the bottom of the sea. UNESCO, the United Nations cultural agency, wants it to stay that way. Last month, reports the Associated Press, the agency implored Colombia to preserve the treasure instead of selling it.

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### STANLEY

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You know sometimes when trying to write stuff, anything goes.

I am just recalling what happened one way or another.

This kind of writing wouldn't impress my teacher or mother.

Well, my rhyming is just

about ended so let me say.

I'll turn it over to an expert, it's better that way.

(Roger Stanley is a lifelong resident of Edgar County, an author, retired farmer and active in the county community. Email him at [rstanley1937@hotmail.com](mailto:rstanley1937@hotmail.com).)

### GARLAND

FROM PAGE 3B

Church for many years.

In 1900, an effort was made to locate a post office at Mulberry Grove, but the U.S. government rejected the plan because there was already a post office in Illinois by that name. A committee of three neighborhood ladies met and decided on the name of Garland for the settlement. The school and church names were also changed to Garland.

A post office went into service at Garland, but it was only used until 1910.

The school, located just west of the church, burned in 1899. Only a few of the school's contents were saved by the daring exploits of Cara Skidmore. According to an account by Bernice Winans, Skidmore was a student who, "had presence of mind enough to gather up her skirt and empty her desk."

A two-room school was soon built on the east side of the church. It held students from 1-10 grades. At the same time, a small barn was built for the students to house their

horses and also a coalhouse was built near-by. The school served until 1949 when the buildings and all contents were sold. There were several reasons for its closing: it was the era when consolidation took place in the county; it was much easier to transport students; and some believed the school systems of the nearby towns served the students more completely.

In September 1970, a centennial celebration was held at the Garland United Methodist Church. It was an all day Sunday service that included a basket dinner and a reunion of church

members and friends of the community. A souvenir centennial booklet noted more than 40 pastors served the church up to that time, including the Rev. Dean Wright who was the pastor then.

A church continued standing in that location until 2005, but it was in disrepair. It was later demolished and replaced with only memories and maybe with some of the family names of Mulberry Grove: Wood, Long, Dresbach, Myers, Poor, Perkins, Bell, Higgins, McNutt, Rogers, Blackburn, Meadows and VanSickle.

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### WAR

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were called to serve. An additional 328,338 enlisted of their own accord bringing the total number of men from Illinois entering the services to 957,854.

The number of Illinois women joining the military during the war was 13,587. Counting those who already were in the military and those whose National Guard units were activated, Illinois supplied the U.S. armed forces with nearly 1 million of its citizens during the course of the war.

From Dec. 7, 1941, through Sept. 2, 1945, 17,521 Illinois servicemen and women were killed in combat or later died of wounds or injuries sustained in battle.

In Peoria, production of earth-moving equipment made by Caterpillar Inc. had already picked up in pace due to the federal Lend-Lease program, supplying goods and war material to Allied countries. Caterpillar tractors were already being used by the Allies in the early stages of World War II, according to Journal Star archives. But once the United States entered the war, production escalated. Bulldozers were vital to the war effort as they allowed creation of air fields and the cleanup of debris after battle.

Central Illinois factories geared up for greater production when the United States entered the war. The Defense Department initially asked for a variety of equipment

from Caterpillar, including smaller items such as transmissions for tanks and undercarriages for howitzers. Then, according to a Caterpillar historian, the Defense Department decreed for production to switch exclusively to motor graders and track-type tractors on a large scale.

Tom Emery, a freelance writer from Carlinville, said the state's economy was booming during the war. Factories were humming with wartime activity.

"The industrial cities were cranking out products that were war related," Emery said.

Many blacks moved to Illinois during the war, particularly to Chicago for jobs. And female employment grew by 50 percent.

One of those Rosie the Riveters was Ruth Lockart, who recently participated in the oral history project at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. The project was to reach out to World War II veterans and those who grew up during that time.

Lockart worked as a riveter at the Howard Aircraft Corp. in Chicago. When America went to war, she was on the family farm in Paris but she wanted to get involved in the war effort and moved to Chicago where her sister lived. She trained as a riveter at the American Aircraft Institute and later went to the Howard Aircraft Corp. where she helped to construct a Navy training plane.

"I think there were different models but I don't know too much about them. The

one I worked on was the Nightengale," Lockart said. "We'd go to the factory at 8 a.m. and then we'd be off at 5 in the evening. We'd take a streetcar to the factory."

Chicago, she said, was different then than now, saying it felt like a small town when she lived there.

"I have always been proud that I was a Rosie the Riveter," Lockart said. After the war, she went to beauty school in Paris and married a soldier who fought in the European Theater.

Illinois was the home to several prisoner of war camps including one in Washington, a few miles outside of Peoria.

From 1944 to 1945, the village was the site of a small POW camp. The camp started with 50 German prisoners who helped make K-rations for the troops. The camp expanded over the months to have more than 200 POWs, according to a book published by Mary Kerr about the Washington camp.

Kerr is working on another book about central Illinois during World War II, and including a chapter on a POW camp in the center of Eureka.

"Many people didn't have contact with the prisoners and didn't know if they were 'good or bad,'" Kerr said. "But if you had contact with them, you probably went away thinking that they were OK."

The kids were very intrigued by the POWs, she said, noting that many would ride their bikes to the camp and talk to prisoners.

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# U.S. bishop dazzles at wedding

Chicago-born Episcopal presiding bishop weaves Martin Luther King quote into 'unconventional' sermon

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It's not Meghan Markle's stunning 16-foot veil or bouquet of forget-me-nots, the favorite flower of the groom's late mother, Princess Diana.

It's not the romantic words Prince Harry whispered to his bride as she joined him at the altar.

Days after the royal wedding, it's the address by the Most Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, people still are talking about.

It was a sermon that quoted from American civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. and French philosopher and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, that referenced "slaves in America's antebellum South" and the theology in the African-American spiritual "There Is a Balm in Gilead." It proclaimed the "power of love" and challenged its

hearers to "think and imagine a world where love is the way."

It was a sermon that a reporter for Britain's Sky News referred to as unconventional in an interview afterward with Curry and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby of the Church of England. Welby responded, "There is nothing conventional about Christianity."

It was a sermon that stirred even the famously skeptical Brits, half of whom claim to have no religion, according to the Government's British Attitudes Survey. Former Labour leader Ed Miliband tweeted that Curry "almost made me a believer." British Airways pilot Dave Wallsworth tweeted: "I'm not a religious person, but Bishop Michael Curry was superb." In a headline, The Daily Telegraph deemed it "The sermon that stole the show."

But for many Episcopali-



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**The Most Rev. Michael Curry, primate of the Episcopal Church, gives the address during the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle Saturday, May 19, 2018.**

ans, that message of love wasn't so different from the messages preached in their pulpits every Sunday. It was "pure Michael," according to Indianapolis Bishop Jennifer

Baskerville-Burrows, who has known Curry for more than 20 years.

"We have our 10 minutes of fame here," said the Rev. Jeffrey Lee, bishop of Chica-

go. "The truth is, what Bishop Curry said is essentially the message you can hear in Episcopal churches all over the place."

Curry was born in Chicago and raised in Buffalo, N.Y. He began his ministry in Winston-Salem, N.C., and was elected presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in 2015.

In his address, Curry pulled from a number of sources, including the reading from the biblical book of Song of Solomon that Prince Harry and Markle, now the duke and duchess of Sussex, chose for the service. But the bishop said in his Sky News interview that his inspiration "really was, to be honest, the good news of Jesus Christ and the good news not only that we are loved, but that this love isn't simply a sentimental thing, it's a way of life, and it's a way of life that

actually makes a difference in people's lives and in the life of the world."

As presiding bishop, Curry has been an international figure for some time, said Baskerville-Burrows. She doesn't see the headlines, the impression by Kenan Thompson over the weekend on "Saturday Night Live" or "a few thousand more Twitter followers" changing him. Instead, she said, "I think what it does more is it changes the church and what people expect or know about the Episcopal Church."

To wit, the group she runs with has been talking about the address. And, she said, next time somebody asks her about the Episcopal Church, she'll have a video to send them. She's excited that conversation is happening both inside and outside the church.

The Rev. Marcus Halley, See **ROYAL**, Page 6B

## Memorial Day is day to give back

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protect our nation and defend those who can't defend themselves, which is why we have a day dedi-

cated to remembering. Memorial Day is the day we take the time to do this and to give just a little back to those who have given so much to us through their sacrifice. As we do remember, there is one quality that I continue to be amazed at, and that is courage.

The courage to go places that are extremely hostile; the courage to stand firm when all around is chaos; and the courage to be willing to face such uneven odds.

Courage is the ability to face a challenge with confidence and each of us, whether we have served or not, continue to face challenges daily.

We all have places in our lives that require courage and as we meet those challenges we can either let them define us, or we can use them to make us stronger. There are many things in life that seem impossible and beyond our courage, but the crossroad that we come to in every challenge is whether we place our confidence in ourselves or we place our confidence in the God of the impossible.

This is the defining moment we come to in our challenges and as we meet every challenge with courage we can place our trust in God.

Who do you put your confidence in?

Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

We could trust in what we see and it is natural to, but those things will eventually fail. We can trust in God because he has always been faithful to be our help in every challenge we face. Our confidence comes from him.

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# Service blesses seniors

PHS seniors honored at baccalaureate at First United Methodist Church

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The Paris High School graduating class of 2018 celebrated new beginnings with the Lord's blessings.

Baccalaureate service was held Wednesday (May 23) at the First Methodist Church of Paris. The interdenominational Christian-based service was a celebration honoring the graduating seniors followed by a reception and a time of fellowship in the church basement. It is sponsored annually by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.

"Basically, the service was asking the Lord to bless the seniors as they move on to the next stage of their lives," said Pastor Kurt Speece who serves the Bell Ridge Christian Church. Speece, along with other church leaders, are members of the ministers group who helped organize the event with help from the senior class officers.

In generations past, attendance at the baccalaureate service was mandatory. The service was part of graduation for PHS seniors and was held in the PHS Ernie Eveland Gymnasium. The members of the graduating class even wore their caps and gowns to the service. During those years special music was provided by the school chorus or special ensemble under the direction of the school chorus teacher.

School-sponsored baccalaureate services were common until the early 1990s when several federal courts ruled them a violation of the principle of the Establishment Clause. A fundamental principle of the Establishment Clause is a public school may not advance, prefer or promote religion. Because it is generally understood that a baccalaureate service is a religious event, a public school may not be involved in the organization or execution of a baccalaureate in any way that would make an objective observer believe that the school is endorsing the event. As a result, baccalaureate services are not official school events.

Baccalaureate has become a reflective celebration focusing on the personal growth and achievement and how God will be present in students' lives as they leave high school.

The ministerial fellowship organizes the local event in compliance with the separation of church and state. Traditionally, the First United Methodist Church hosts the event.

"Years ago local ministers felt baccalaureate was important to have for the graduates. Since then, the association has been sponsoring the event yearly," explained Speece.

Pastor Troy Warner of the First Baptist Church addressed the seniors, and Pastor Nate Alexander of Lake Ridge Christian Church delivered a special prayer for the PHS Class of 2018.

As is tradition, a PHS faculty member also addressed the audience. This year, chemistry teacher Brett Block was selected by the class officers to speak to the seniors, families and friends.

Emily Hall provided the invocation and Madison Thomas gave the welcome and message from the class of 2018. Katie Smith led the benediction.



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**Pastor Troy Warner of the First Baptist Church in Paris was the featured speaker for the annual baccalaureate service Wednesday evening at the First United Methodist Church. Warner is the father of 2018 PHS senior Matthew Warner. The annual service is sponsored by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.**



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**Paris High School chemistry teacher Brett Block delivered the teacher's address at Wednesday's baccalaureate service for the Paris High School class of 2018.**

The processional and recessional were provided by former PHS band director and retired chorus teacher Susan Hiddle.

Following the service, a reception for the seniors and their families was held in the church basement.

There are schools and school districts that have defied the edict from the courts and organizations such as the Freedom from Religion. Most recently, Santa Fe High School — the site for the recent school shooting — hosted a service for their senior class.

According to a story by the Associated Press, Santa Fe High School's seniors are marking the end of their graduating year with a baccalaureate service two days after a gunman killed 10 on their Houston-area campus.

"Pomp and Circumstance" played Sunday evening as the seniors filed into the pews of Arcadia First Baptist Church. Hundreds of parents and siblings applauded. Some of the graduates offered small smiles to people they knew.

The baccalaureate service was moved from Santa Fe High School's auditorium because of the shooting.

The first speaker was graduate Aaron Chenoweth, who gave a short testimony about the trials and tribulations this graduating class had faced. Chenoweth called on the deeply



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**Pastor Nate Alexander of the Lake Ridge Christian Church delivered the benediction at the annual baccalaureate service Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church.**

religious community to glorify God to find comfort and love.

The event was supposed to be a happy one: a celebration to honor those who were graduating from Santa Fe High School.

Guest speaker was Galveston County District Attorney Jack Roody, who had been asked to speak weeks before the attack.

"To the seniors, I would like to be able to tell you on your graduation, that you're going to embark on this life that is filled with happiness, and

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## Conference offers youth discussion of science

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

EDINA, Minn. — Growing up a conservative Southern Baptist, Mike McHargue loved science.

He would drive his youth pastor and Sunday School teachers insane, he said, with difficult questions in his quest to reconcile his faith with science.

Eventually, his youth pastor handed him a book, said McHargue, whose questions led him to embrace atheism before he returned to a more progressive Christianity.

But what he needed, said McHargue — host of "The Liturgists" and "Ask Science Mike," podcasts — weren't necessarily answers but a listening ear and an ability to assume a less defensive crouch: "I needed someone to help me lower my guard."

Getting comfortable with questions was a theme shared by many speakers at "Jesus Rode a Dinosaur and Other Silly Tales," a youth ministry conference aimed at talking to teenagers about science held earlier this month at Colonial Church of Edina outside Minneapolis.

About 200 people attended the conference, the capstone of a four-year Templeton Foundation grant for Science for Youth Ministry, administered by Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., to get Christian youth leaders to take science more seriously.

It started with a hunch — that youth pastors in America weren't ready to talk about faith and science with the students in their churches, said the Rev. Tony Jones of Science for Youth Ministry. Focus groups and a nationwide survey of students and youth leaders from a number of Christian denominations — evangelical, mainline and Catholic — back that up: Science raises some big issues for students, he said, "and youth pastors aren't great at talking about it."

"They'll talk about the Bible, they'll talk about sex, they'll talk about eating disorders, but they won't talk about science, even though kids are learning about it in school and carrying \$700 computers in their pockets," said Jones, who teaches theology at Fuller Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

More than half (56 percent) of youth surveyed by See **SCIENCE**, Page 6B

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it's going to be wonderful for you," said Roady. "But I cannot, because you are

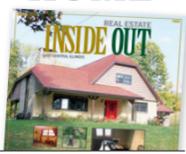
not. You are entering into a war zone in the world, and it's a spiritual war zone."

In speaking about the mass shooting, Roady acknowledged the students were still suffering from the shooting — in "ways that no one else can understand. You are already dealing with the full effects of sin in our world," he said.

Following the Paris church service a small reception was held in the church basement.

Local churches donated cookies and the women of the UMC served punch to the guests as they shared a time of fellowship with the seniors.

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rector at St. Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis, said that "13-minute trip through African-American history" gives credence and credibility when black voices often are not taken seriously in the white church. For example, he pointed to critiques of Curry's address as "Christianity light" or a bingo card of phrases Curry often uses in his message that went viral online as efforts to dismiss his message. A spokesperson for the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth said the intent of the bingo game was to encourage

viewers to pay attention to Curry's message.

He also said he thinks Curry's address will be numbered among history's great sermons "because of who he is, what he said, where he said it and how he said it."

"To hear that this black American preacher going over to England, which until recently sort of sat at the apex of European colonialism in the world — to hear him walking through the hallowed halls of Britain and name and give voice to enslaved Africans whose voices have never traveled that far was absolutely amazing and something I will remember," Halley said.

## SCIENCE

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Science for Youth Ministry said they "have a lot of questions" about God and science.

Meanwhile, the survey of 761 youth leaders, conducted online and in person in 2014, showed 32 percent don't address science at all in youth group, and just over half teach one to three lessons about it over the course of a year. Nearly 82 percent said when they do talk about science, they have to prepare their own lessons; about 7 percent said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the resources that have been published.

The youth surveys were sent home with and administered to more than 1,400 students by the youth leaders who took part in Science for Youth Ministry's focus groups.

It's important for youth pastors to be able to talk about science, Jones said, because the students are — at school, at the kitchen table, online. If they're hearing about it everywhere except at church, they'll get the message those two things don't go together.

The grant also supported the work of the Science for Youth Ministry team, which included creating a video curriculum for youth groups, speaking at conferences, teaching classes and writing books on subjects related to religion and science.

What Science for Youth Ministry did not want to do was rehash the debate over the theory of evolution and creationism, a belief the seven days of creation in Genesis are a literal account — which is where the discussion about Christianity and science too often defaults, according to Jones. Even the most conservative of speakers at the con-

ference believed evolution was in no way opposed to Scripture, he said.

Topics at Jesus Rode a Dinosaur included climate change and the environment, technology, astrophysics and helping teens pursue scientific careers.

Several speakers also explained how they view the relationship between science and religion: They're not enemies or strangers or even friends, according to Paul Wallace, who teaches physics and astronomy at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. That assumes they're equals.

Instead, Wallace said, faith is large enough to "completely contain" science.

"Science simply does not stand on its own. It requires, it demands us to do what human beings always do, which is to interpret those facts and to put them into a larger context," he said.

Krista Tippett, host of the popular NPR show "On Being," shared her experience of growing up Southern Baptist and attending youth group three times a week. In a conversation with Jones, she spoke about millennials looking for mentors who are "walking with them in wisdom rather than telling them what to do" and asking questions they don't always feel they have permission to ask in church settings.

Addressing technology, Tippett acknowledged computers are better at finding answers than humans are. What makes humans unique, she said, is the ability to ask good questions, and Christianity has not stressed the quality of its questions.

"If God is God and made us the way we are — the askers of questions — God can't be scared of your questions, whatever they are," she said.

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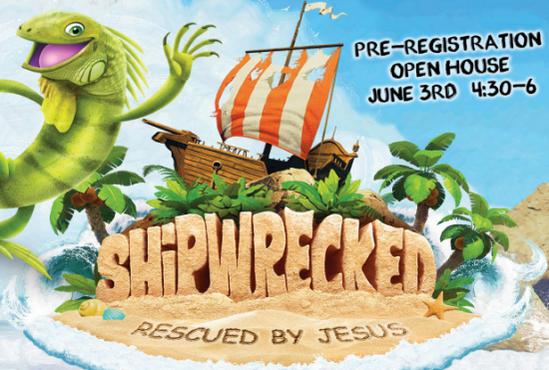
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## A pilot program to reward

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit card companies are taking the next step in using their points programs to influence what millions of customers buy, going as far as influencing what color blender you might purchase.

American Express is piloting a program that will allow merchants to reward customers for purchasing specific items at their stores, starting with online merchant Boxed.

AmEx is starting small: giving bonus rewards points to Boxed customers who buy Dove soap, Planters nuts, Cheerios cereal and a handful of other items. But AmEx expects to open the program to nearly all their merchants in the coming months.

Customers will benefit by expanding the number of ways they can earn points. The program also helps AmEx, by giving merchants another reason to keep accepting American Express cards, which tend to be the most expensive for merchants to process.

Credit card companies have long been able to reward spending at particular types of merchants, using what are known as merchant codes. That's how credit cards are able to give extra points or cash back on gasoline, travel, hotels and other broad categories.

But targeting individual items on a store's shelf was a tough barrier to break. Merchants' inventory systems are different from company to company. AmEx says they were able to solve the problem using blockchain technology developed by Hyperledger. It enables AmEx and merchants to generate product-targeted offers while allowing merchants to keep their own inventory management systems.

Beyond promoting specific items, the change will also let American Express and its merchant customers target promotions to very specific customers. Merchants could use the program as an inventory management system, creating promotions for certain items they need to sell or want to clear off their shelves — like an odd colored blender, for instance.

"They can create programs based on a time of day, day of the week, by incentivizing a customer to download their app. The number of ways merchants can reward customers with Membership Reward points will be exponentially increased," said Chris Cracchiolo, who heads up the Membership Rewards program for AmEx.

The new program differs from another that American Express has run for several years known as AmEx Offers. That program offers coupons or additional reward points to customers who spend money at a particular merchant. While American Express customers are targeted for a particular offer based on their spending behavior, AmEx Offers were never able to target specific products.

Credit card companies also want to influence how customers spend their points. HSBC started a pilot program earlier this year that sent

# Castle Finn hosting singer

Well-known songwriter Kendell Marvel to perform acoustic set at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1

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A unique entertainment event is set for the first Friday in June at Castle Finn Vineyard and Winery in rural Edgar County.

Famous award-winning songwriter and singer Kendell Marvel is performing at the winery Friday, June 1. Doors open at 7 p.m. and Marvel plays an all-acoustical set beginning at 8 p.m. The opening acts are Josh Morningstar and Dave Woolridge.

Marvel, a southern Illinois native, has written country music hits for Chris Stapleton, George Strait, Jamey Johnson and Jake Owen. His solo debut album, "Lowdown & Lonesome," is being released next month in Europe. According to his public relations director, the new



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**Grammy winning composer Kendell Marvel performs in concert 8 p.m. June 1 at Castle Finn Vineyard and Winery. Seating is limited for the event. Contact promoter Shannon David, 217-274-8211, for more information.**

recording is a concept album and roll roots.

Paris resident Shannon David has worked diligently

to bring this unique performance to Edgar County.

"I have done promoting and talent buying in the past. It has been a little hobby," said David. "I use to do promoting in Springfield for friends and bookings for them. When I moved back (to Paris) I realized I really missed it."

Because of David's passion for music he discovered Marvel's distinct voice and music and decided to plan a unique performance in Paris.

"I saw Kendell perform and fell in love with his voice and the way he writes," David said. "I wanted to introduce him to our community and bring something different to the area."

Marvel describes his music as hillbilly rock and roll.

"It's Merle Haggard meets ZZ Top," said Marvel.

A Harrisburg native, Marvel is excited to return to his home state and perform in the rural area.

"I am a fan of small towns and love to play places where they don't get a lot of entertainment from out of town," he said, adding, "I grew up in Southern Illinois so it's always fun to play small towns. I feel like they get left out sometimes."

Marvel's favorite composition is "Right Where I Need To Be," and it was his first hit after artist Gary Allan recorded the song.

Another favorite song "Either Way" recorded by Chris Stapleton earned Marvel a Grammy as the composer.

At the winery event, Marvel will perform songs from his new album along with hits

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## KICKING OFF SUMMER



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**The Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is hosting its second block party Saturday, June 2, on the southside of the square in Paris. The Clark County band Bailout will be featured.**

# Block party set June 2

BY NANCY ZEMAN  
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The Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is hosting its second block party from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in downtown Paris.

"We think it's a great way to kick off summer in a great setting," said chamber secretary and event organizer Cathy Slaven.

Next weekend's event will be held on the southside of the square on Court Street between Main and Central Streets.

Sponsors for the event so far are Pearman's Pharmacy, Paris Clinic Pharmacy and Ingrum's, she said. "We would love to have other businesses and individuals as sponsors," she said, noting anyone interested may contact the Chamber office or any chamber director.

"We hosted our first block party in the fall," she said. "We thought a summer kickoff event was a natural."

Music for the evening will be provided by Bailout, a Clark County band that performed at last year's block party.

Court Street will be illuminat-



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**Bartenders for the second annual Block Party are these three directors of the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. From left are Bethany Dalby, Kim Calvert and Kathy Porter.**

ed with the globe lights strung across the streets. Tables and chairs will provide seating for the evening, Slaven noted.

The cost to attend the event is a \$5 cover charge, Slaven said. A variety of beers, wine and other drinks will be available for purchase with drink tickets on sale for \$3 each. Among the choices will be Summer Shanty, Twisted

Tea and Strawberita.

School personnel who just completed the 2017-2018 school year will receive a free drink ticket.

"It's going to be a fun night with an opportunity to listen to good music, dance and just have a good time in a wonderful setting under the stars," Slaven concluded.

## Businesses are uncertain about tax law

BY JOYCE M. ROSENBERG  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Five months after massive federal tax changes became law, many small business owners still don't know whether they'll be winners or losers.

Mike Kaeding would like to know how his real estate development and management company will be affected by two big changes — the deductibility of business meals, and a 20 percent income deduction for many owners of what are called pass-through businesses.

Big corporations already know their tax rates are falling, and all businesses can get bigger deductions for equipment purchases. But small business owners and tax advisers are still waiting for the IRS to write regulations and guidelines explaining and enforcing many parts of the law that is itself more than 500 pages long.

"We have a high level of uncertainty and that makes it difficult," says Kaeding, president of Norhart in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a professional group, has asked the IRS to expedite regulations on business meals and the 20 percent deduction. Ken Rubin, a CPA with Rubin Brown in St. Louis, says clients have been asking his opinion about what is and isn't deductible.

"These are unclear, significant items that small businesses are worried about," says Rubin, who is also a member of the AICPA's tax executive committee.

Small corporations structured like General Motors or Apple know they'll have a 21 percent tax rate, compared to a previous range of 15 percent to 35 percent — the same change the big companies are getting. And many small manufacturers and construction companies will be able to use what's known as the cash basis method of accounting, a much simpler system than the method required before.

But a survey of 603 owners taken in early April by Wells Fargo and Gallup showed many owners were still in the dark. Thirty-nine percent said they don't know how the law will affect their companies. A third said it had already helped their companies or would do so, and 27 percent didn't expect it to benefit their businesses.

For owners of pass-through businesses — sole proprietors, partners and owners of companies structured as S corporations — the uncertainty around the 20 percent deduction comes from the list of ways they

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## TINGLEY RECEPTION CENTER HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING



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**Tingley Reception Center, 504 E. Edgar, had a ribbon cutting Thursday, May 24, to help launch the new business providing space for a variety of social gatherings. Joining the Tingley staff were several members of the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce. Left to right, Alyssa Mattingly, Barrie Ballentine, Linda Lane, Wanda Tingley, Savannah Tingley with the scissors, John Tingley holding Oscar Tingley, Christie Henry and Lindsey Wilson.**

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he composed for other artists. A meet and greet is planned for after the concert.

"Absolutely I will stay and meet anybody who wants to hang around afterwards," said Marvel.

According to David, opening act Josh Morningstar performs folksy, old school, country music.

"A lot of people compare him to Hank Senior," said David. "He is kinda like an old soul and writes about his addiction recovery. He has a very unique sound."

Country artist Cody Jinks is recording Morningstar's song, "Must Be The Whiskey" for release in June.

Dave Woolridge, the other opening act, is a country, southern rock artist.

"He is a talented singer and songwriter and will definitely bring a great performance to the winery," David said.

Castle Finn Winery is hosting the event and provides a beautiful setting for the concert, said David. He emphasized the winery venue guarantees an intimate experience for the audience during the acoustic performance.

Drinks will be available at the winery.

Helping sponsor the event are Karsner Trucking LLC, MidStates Services, Lash and Laugh Younique by Stacy Flick, Midwest Primitives, Render Design and Print Company and Team WorX Enterprises.

Seating for the concert is limited and tickets are available online at ShowClix or can be purchased locally from Castle Finn Vineyard and Winery, Rob Hackett at State Farm or from David by calling 217-274-8211.

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could be disqualified. For these companies, the business income is "passed through" to the owners' 1040 forms, and they pay tax based on individual rather than corporate rates.

Certain business owners like lawyers, accountants, doctors and consultants won't qualify for the full deduction unless their taxable income is below \$157,500 for single filers or \$315,000 for joint filers, and the amount of the deduction will decline as taxpayers' incomes rise. The same goes for business coaches, public speakers, therapists — according to the law, any trade or business whose principal asset "is the reputation or skill of one or more of its employees." But the IRS has yet to weigh in on a number of issues, including the calculations businesses must make to determine the income that can qualify for the deduction.

Some owners know they will get the deduction and plan to make the most of it, including Larry Patterson, who owns a Glass Doctor repair franchise in Carrollton, Texas.

"I have more money to invest in growth," he says. He plans to expand his company's premises and do some hiring.

But Ted Ma, who has two businesses, one as a public speaker and the other in sales, says he's in limbo.

"The lack of clear information available to determine exactly what applies to my situation has been both confusing and frustrating," says Ma, who lives in Point Richmond, California. He's not sure as he makes quarterly estimated tax payments whether he's overpaying or underpaying. He also wonders as he takes prospective clients and customers out for meals whether he'll be able to deduct them.

"The meal is a major part of how I do business," he says. "That's another source of frustration and confusion."

The uncertainty as the IRS writes the regulations could last into 2019 and beyond. "Regulation projects can range from months to years — if ever finalized. And each project takes a different amount of time," says Steve Rosenthal, a senior fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

Many accountants have started making educated guesses. CPA Angela Dotson expects most small businesses to pay less in taxes. Owners who have multiple businesses will have more uncertainty, but "the bread-and-butter companies that hire most people, they're not going to have the most issues," says Dotson, who's with the accounting firm Aprio in Atlanta.

But smaller corporations aren't guaranteed a windfall. David Arena's real estate photography and marketing company had a profit last year

low enough to give Alcover Media a tax rate of 15 percent. He's expecting a 6 percentage point jump this year.

"I would have liked to maybe see a tiered (corporate tax) system again," says Arena, whose company is based in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Owners who are uncertain or who know they're not likely to get a break can take steps to lower their tax bill, says Loreen Gilbert, owner of WealthWise Financial Services, an advisory firm based in Irvine, California. Gilbert points to herself as an example: She doesn't expect to get the 20 percent deduction, so she's putting more money in her retirement account.

Business owners should also meet as soon as possible with accountants to get a sense of how they could be affected, says Monica Ramirez, a CPA with Sensiba San Filippo in Morgan Hill, California.

"So much has changed in the new law. You need to sit down with your tax preparer and see what parts of this are going to benefit your company and how can you position yourself to take advantage of it," she says.

Kaeding, though, is concerned about the cost of complying with the law — he expects a higher bill from his accountant. And the confusion is a distraction from running his business.

"All the time we spend understanding the tax system does not help our customers," Kaeding says.

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**SWEET**  
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marketing emails to 75,000 customers using algorithms developed by St. Louis-based company Maritz. A portion of customers received an artificial intel-

ligence-recommended category of credit card reward — travel, merchandise, gift cards or cash back — while the rest received standard marketing emails. Roughly 70 percent of the targeted customers who ended up redeeming their points

chose the recommendation generated by the computer.

While AmEx will largely leave it up to merchants to decide what products to promote, certain categories like tobacco, liquor and firearms will be banned.

(Ken Sweet is a business reporter and columnist for the Associated Press.)

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Ruth Patchett/The Prairie Press

Spring flowers graced many gardens and public areas during the recent river cruise through Europe. Public gardens are always a favorite of tourists.

## PATCHETT

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he went to school to become a nurse like his mother. He decided it was much more pleasant to be with people who are happy and on vacation than with people who are ill and distraught. Starting as an ice carver on a luxury ocean cruise ship, he eventually went to culinary school. This is his seventh year with Viking River cruises.

He said the advantages of working on a smaller ship are getting to meet the guests personally because of the smaller environment. His kitchen staff was composed of only 11 people. Their food was delicious.

In order to please most

guests the chef keeps food in the middle range of spiciness. The ship usually docks during the day allowing him to buy fresh produce from the local markets. His fresh herbs are grown on the top deck of the ship between the shuffleboard court and the putting green. They looked especially healthy.

Eventually, Chef Peter wants to open his own restaurant.

Some of the other German cities we visited were Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Heidelberg. The trip ended in Basel, Switzerland. We had been to three of these cities before but it is always good to get another perspective.

I especially loved Cologne as the cathedral that took more than 800 years to build, is breathtaking and was not

destroyed in World II. I had to buy some cologne from there — where cologne was first made.

Because Tom was having a canyon couple of days suffering from a cold, I visited an Apotheke in Cologne for some cold medicine. In Germany, you cannot buy even an aspirin unless you are at an Apotheke/pharmacy. It was helpful we visited Cologne early on a Saturday, as most Apothekes are closed Sunday and close earlier on Saturdays.

Fortunately for Tom, he was out of the canyon and up on a hill very quickly. We were able to view scenic castles atop hills in central Germany. Passing through the Rudesheim area, I learned my new friend Risha and I shared another common interest. We both confessed we had always wanted to be a bartender because we thought the stories would be interesting.

Risha was able to fulfill that role briefly as she assisted the bartender in a demonstration of Rudesheim coffee. It is a popular drink in Germany coffeehouses made of strong hot coffee mixed with brandy and sugar flambée, topped with whipped cream and garnished with dark chocolate shavings.

Due to the medicine I take, alcohol is not on my diet so I could not taste Risha's creation.

That did not let me miss out on one other thing she and I both dearly love — dancing.

River cruises, unlike the massive ocean cruise boats do not have a large stage production each night. Entertainment is usually low key. Most nights it was the same pianist who played and sang while people danced in the lounge. I shared with Risha about our Dancing with the Stars event in Paris and how it helps fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. She thought it sounded great and told me about volunteering in a library in Miami.

We made sure the dance floor was not empty and especially enjoyed dancing with another passenger on the ship. Gloria Vancko was 87 and while during the day she did the excursions in a wheelchair, at night this diminutive lady danced quite happily.

Truly a delightful time and I only shared a small part of our trip.

Getting back home we were pleased to see the crops up and thriving and the warm temperatures were so different from when we had left.

What more could anyone wish for?

(Ruth Patchett is a resident of rural Brocton, a retired teacher and is famous for her pies. Email her at rpweb1@gmail.com.)

## Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

# SUDOKU

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	1		6				7	5
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Level: Intermediates

### Fun By The Numbers

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4	9	4	1	2	8	7	3	6
8	1	8	5	6	3	9	2	7
7	5	6	1	8	4	2	9	3
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3	2	5	4	1	8	9	6	7
9	7	4	5	2	6	1	8	3
1	8	6	9	7	3	5	4	2

ANSWER:

# Summer blasts off with Space Camp

### SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Children who love all things about space will have a blast at the Terre Haute Children's Museum Space Trek Camp, 8 a.m.-noon, June 11-15.

Participants are launched into a galaxy of fun and learning exploring fictional space worlds, as well as real-life space from NASA.

The Museum has several other camps available this summer. Each week's hands-on educational activities coincide with each camp's unique theme. While the topics chosen for the various camps are appealing to kids, parents can appreciate the programming is designed to actively engage children in scientific practices. They become scientists in an age-appropriate way while building their communication, collaboration, critical thinking and character skills.

The five-day morning camps are for children entering kindergarten through fourth grade during the weeks of June 11, June 18, June 25, July 16 and July 23. During the week of July 9, the museum is offering a three-day, pre-K camp from 8 a.m. to noon for potty-trained 3 and 4 years olds.

Space Trek starts the camp schedule and other camps during the summer are:

Messy Science, June 18- 22, gives children an opportunity to experiment with chemistry, create gooey globs, colorful concoctions and exciting explosions.

Exhibit Designer Camp, June 25-29, train lovers unite to plan a future exhibit for the museum in this project-based learning experience. Children learn about trains, how exhibits

are developed and then suggest designs to museum staff.

Pre-K Explorers Camp, July 9, 11 & 13, for potty-trained 3-5 year olds: The age-appropriate three-day session allows young campers to have fun exploring living things in our neighborhood. Discover what is living, how it grows and what can be done to make neighborhoods a better place.

Health and Heights Camp, July 16-20, participants must be at least 48 inches tall. Participants take on new heights with this heart racing new camp exploring the museum's new Ropes Challenge Course. Campers jump, pull, bend, push, and balance their way through camp to make their bodies healthy and strong.

Coding Camp, July 23- 27, is the perfect camp for all young tech enthusiasts. There is so much more than screen time involved. Campers learn about the basics of technology through play and hands-on activities then practice coding their own project.

Each of the five-day camps is \$115 for members of the Terre Haute Children's Museum and \$125 for non-members. The Pre-K Explorers three-day camp is \$75 for museum members and \$85 for non-members. A limited number of camp scholarships are also available based on financial need. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register online, or to download a copy of the 2018 Summer Camp registration form visit thchildrensmuseum.com/camps. For more information, contact Alex Hendrix at ahendrix@terrehautechildrensmuseum.com or 812-235-5548.

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## CROSSWORD

### Across

- Matter
- Puzzled
- Well wish
- Frightened
- Home of the Cowboys
- Between the jejunum and the cecum
- Founded the Union Colony
- Read-only memory
- Sorcerers
- Female parents
- Unexpected obstacle
- Of I
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Rock TV channel
- Revolutions per minute
- Exclamation: yuck!
- Be afraid of

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- Arizona
- Red liqueur \_\_ gin
- More discourteous
- Type of chef
- Mother (Brit.)
- Untidly in character
- Inhibitions
- Pains
- Politician
- Unofficial fighter
- Type of Mustang
- Branch of Islam

- Astragals
- Egg-shaped
- Nothing more than specified
- Measures speed of wind
- In the middle of
- Actinium
- The Master of Shadows
- Dutch cheese
- Valley
- A river between China and Russia
- Masses of matter
- They live along Gulf of Guinea

- George \_\_, actor
- Latvia's largest city
- One thousandth of an ampere
- Millihenry
- Swiss river
- Individually
- Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- Without armies (abbr.)
- Portuguese municipality
- Old Marxist-Leninist state
- Malicious satisfaction

- Actress Julianne
- Rural delivery
- Bar or preclude
- Unit of measurement
- Peninsula in Greece
- Bird genus
- Releases gonadotropin
- Racquets
- Southwestern state
- Town in Benin
- Car mechanics group
- Brother or sister
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- Satisfaction

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ESTATE OF PAULINE S. EGAN, Deceased

No. 2018 P 30

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Pauline S. Egan Letters of Office were issued on May 11, 2018, to Sharon Egan Bailey, 115 N. Shore Dr., Paris, IL 61944 and Jerry R. Egan, 3 Woodhall Place, Paris, IL 61944 as independent co-executors whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2018, (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice) and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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**Notice of Public Hearing Kansas Community School District #3**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of School District Number 3, in the County of Edgar, State of Illinois, that a final budget for said School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Unit Office, 310 South Front Street, Kansas, Illinois between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on the 17th day of May, 2017. The office will be open Monday through

Thursday during the summer. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m., on the 27th day of June 2018, at the Unit Office, 310 South Front Street, Kansas, Illinois. Dated this 21st day of May, 2018 by the Board of Education of School District 3, in the County of Edgar, State of Illinois.

**The Paris Community Fire Protection District will be taking sealed bids for the sale of a 1990 Ford 350 Brush Truck.** The truck can be seen at the Vermilion Fire Station, Vermilion, Illinois. Bids may be turned in at 208 East Jasper Street, Paris, Illinois between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The bids will be opened on June 15th and the winning bidder will be notified. For questions call Trustee Ben Lueken at 217-465-8562.

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**The Clubhouse at Eagle Ridge**  
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**NOTICE**  
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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT SYMMES TOWNSHIP TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2018**

**REVENUE SUMMARY:** Replacement Tax 2564.57, Property Tax 49433.69, TOIRMA 841.00, Edgar Co 45.00, Enerstar 119.45  
Total Revenues: 53003.71

**SALARY SUMMARY:** Salary Under 25000.00; Patricia Blackburn 2955.20, Jeff Switzer 14070.84, Amanda Roberts 221.90, Lynn Dawson 295.52, Silas Litteral 369.60, Don Foley 1847.00, Stacy Strow 2401.08, Jeremiah Hall 295.92.  
Total Salaries: 22457.06

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** TOIRMA 5421.00, IRS 5150.71, Elbridge-Symmes MTAD 7500.00, All Other Disbursements Less Than (2500.00) 4403.20

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

Beginning Balance:	325077.66
Revenues:	53003.71
Expenditures:	44931.97
Ending Fund Balance:	333149.40

Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of April, 2018.

Patricia Blackburn, Treasurer

I, Stacy Strow, Clerk of Symmes Township, Edgar County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurers report for the fiscal year ending 03/31/2018.

Stacy Strow Township Clerk

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT SYMMES TOWNSHIP ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2018**

**REVENUE SUMMARY:** Replacement Tax 2350.41, Property Tax 93896.67, Young Farmers 50.00  
Total Revenues: 96297.08

**SALARY SUMMARY:** Salary Under 25000.00; Jim Elledge, Eric Switzer, Mark Elledge  
Total Salaries: 2373.38

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** McCann Conc Prod Inc 13202.00, Edgar Co Hwy 26757.44, Quality Lime 18371.74, Altorfer 10817.76, IL Best One Tire 5331.78, All Other Disbursements Less Than (2500.00) 10417.34

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

Beginning Balance:	236803.36
Revenues:	96297.08
Expenditures:	87271.44
Ending Fund Balance:	245829.00

Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of April, 2018.

Patricia Blackburn, Treasurer

I, Stacy Strow, Clerk of Symmes Township, Edgar County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurers report for the fiscal year ending 03/31/2018.

Stacy Strow Township Clerk

# Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017  
This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made.

The source of drinking water used by PARIS is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:  
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Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Information	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
Source Water Name			
WELL 1 (01640)	GW	ACTIVE	1 N INDIANA
WELL 2 (01641)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA
WELL 3 (01930)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA
WELL 4 (01931)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA

### Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 217-712-0151. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.p1>.

Source of Water: PARIS The source water assessment for this system has not yet been completed by the Illinois EPA. EPA is required to complete source water assessment for all public water supplies, when this assessment becomes available we will summarize the results and incorporate the information into this report.

### 2017 Regulated Contaminants Detected

#### Lead and Copper

Definitions:  
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.  
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2017	1.3	1.3	0.12	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2017	0	15	1.8	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

#### Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.  
Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.  
Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.  
Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.  
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology  
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.  
Maximum residual disinfectant goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.  
na: Not applicable  
mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)  
ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.  
ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.  
Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2017	0.8	0.7-1	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	2	2.35-2.35	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	19	18.91-18.91	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely source of Contamination
Arsenic	1/31/2015	1.2	1.2-1.2	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	1/31/2015	0.069	0.069-0.069	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	1/31/2015	0.995	0.995-0.995	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2017	2	1.5-1.5	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	01/13/2015	46	46-46			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2017	0.508	0.508-0.508	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.



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Representatives of the Edgar County Community Foundation (ECCF) presented 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the annual honors day Sunday, May 20. Scholarship chairperson Cindy Patrick said the committee received 210 applications for the 18 scholarships. Pictured front row, from left are ECCF directors Ned Jenison and William Minnis, Montana Boatman, McKayla Watson, Emily Hall, Allison Blystone, Bethany Lawson, Kelsey Chambers, Taylor Evans, Cindy Patrick and ECCF president Brad Tucker. Second row, from left, are Ellen Rice, Brody Spencer, Alivia Cline, Hunter Cusick and Katherine Smith.



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PHS guidance counselor Staci Skelton presented scholarships for Vincennes University during the annual honors program. Pictured, from left, are Skelton, Devyn Brown, Zoe Orndorff and Noah Holzer.



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PHS Co-Principal Carol Jones, left, presented the Capital Scholars Honors Program Full Ride Scholarship to the University of Illinois Springfield to Nate Johnson.



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William Minnis, dean of the Lumpkin Business School at Eastern Illinois University, presented the EIU Commitment to Excellence scholarship to Hunter Cusick.



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Tanner Laughlin, representing Indiana State University, presented the John Charles Geekie Memorial Scholarship to Sarah Campbell.



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William Minnis, dean of the Lumpkin Business School at Eastern Illinois University, presented the EIU presidential scholarship to Katherine Smith.



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Paris High School alumnus and world-renowned scientist Stephen Elledge has established scholarships in honor of his friends and a beloved teacher. The first recipients of the \$1,000 Kenton "K.C." Lamb scholarships presented by Bruce Baber, from left, were Sarah Campbell, Emma Moreschi and Madison Thomas. Not present were Elizabeth Allanson and Max Holloway.



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Jackie Joines of the Lake Land College Foundation presented scholarships to Paris students who will be attending classes there in the fall. Pictured, from left, are Joines, Parker Gann, Erin Gahimer, Mackenzie Burgin and Tucker Marrs. Not present was Olivia Groves, Alanson Gann and Terra Fancher.



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North American Lighting presented three PHS seniors each with a \$2,000 scholarship during the honors program. Pictured, from left, are Amanda Martin of NAL, Madison Thomas, Emily Hall and Garrett Clark.



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Selected as the Wall of Fame winners for the class of 2018 were, from left, Katherine Smith, Emma Moreschi, Zach Burger and Emily Hall. Not present was Max Holloway.



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Paris High School alumnus and world-renowned scientist Stephen Elledge has established scholarships in honor of his friends and a beloved teacher. The first recipients of the \$5,000 scholarships were presented by Bruce Baber and Cindy Sullivan. Pictured, from left, were Baber, Emily Hall, Anne Jennings Scholarship; Savannah Mays, Bruce Baber Scholarship; Morgan Rigdon, Mark Adams Scholarship; McKayla Watson, Richard Tatar Scholarship and Courtney Devers, David Wishart Scholarship.



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Paris High School honored students selected as Illinois State Scholars during the annual honors program Sunday (May 20) at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Honored, from left, are Zachary Burger, Erin Gahimer, Zane Blair, Mikayla Wilson, Brody Spencer, Katherine Smith, Madison Thomas, Abigail Minnis, Corey McKenna, Nathaniel Johnson, Emily Hall, Hannah Emberton and Hunter Cusick.

MORE PARIS HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PHOTOS WILL APPEAR IN THE JUNE 2 PAPER.