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LADY TIGERS GET BIG WIN AT CASEY

The Paris Lady Tigers brought home one of the biggest softball wins May 11 when they took down Casey-Westfield.

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Green light for "Dreamcoat"

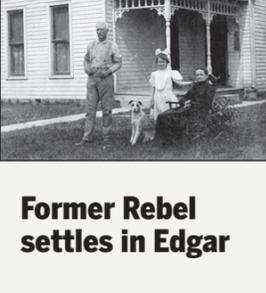
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Firefighters respond to a house fire in Paris on May 15, woman is pronounced dead at the hospital.

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Kansas tackles student safety

Board of Education meets to discuss emergency safety measures so students and staff can be ready for anything.

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Chrisman talks safety

No backpacks in classroom, other changes made to student handbook in Chrisman

BY GARY HENRY
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CHRISMAN – Students at Chrisman High School can no longer carry backpacks into classrooms.

Principal Cole Huber discussed changes to the school handbook created by a committee consisting of students, parents, a board member and administrators during the Monday, May 14, board of education meeting.

"We had some really great discussions," said Huber, adding most changes to the handbook were minor and reflected official board policy that was never placed in the student handbook.

The backpack issue was a little tougher to tackle. Huber explained high school students were previously allowed to use backpacks in the classroom as a time saving measure so they

did not have to visit lockers with every passing period. The backpacks created clutter in the classroom and are now regarded as a major security risk.

"There's a lot of things someone could hide in a backpack and carry from classroom to classroom," said Huber.

Students may still use backpacks for transporting books and other personal items to and from school, but the backpacks must remain in the students' lockers all day. Based on a recommendation from the handbook committee, Huber extended the passing periods by one minute to give students time to swap out books at the lockers between classes.

Other changes to the student handbook clarifies:

■students who fail a quarter are

ineligible for extracurricular activities the next quarter and students who fail a semester are ineligible for the next quarter also;

■student athletes who are academically ineligible for one week may attend but not play in games; a second week of academic ineligibility means the students cannot attend the games; and

■the high school dance policy now states guests must be a minimum of in the ninth grade to attend and must also be under 21 years old.

Elementary principal Kelly Schluter told board members the school has completed PARCC, AIMS Web and Star testing for the year, although results are not back from all of the testing services.

"The AIMS Web scores were very

high," said Schluter. "We saw a lot of improvement since the start of the year."

Interim superintendent Jim Acklin put several items in front of the board for action.

He said the band room has a termite infestation and the administration is still gathering estimates to deal with the problem.

A \$35,496 proposal from Ben Jenness to complete electrical upgrades at the grade school was accepted. The work is necessary to move forward with plans for air conditioning the building.

Acklin said the state board of education approved using life safety funds for the electrical upgrades.

The board authorized Acklin to
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GETTING THE PARTY STARTED



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The Tingley Reception Center, 504 E. Edgar, Paris, is open for renting and provides a large space for a variety of needs.

Reception center now open

Community buzzing over Tingley Reception Center

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The location is familiar, but the purpose is new.

When John Tingley purchased the former Art Reese Lumberyard in March 2017, it wasn't firmly decided what he was going to do with the large tract of ground and multiple buildings. Part of the area was to continue in service as support for his construction and roofing business.

The building that was the office and retail sale space for the lumberyard underwent a four-month transition and is now the Tingley Reception Center. The L-shaped room is equipped with new restrooms and a new, sleek-look kitchen area.

"He (Tingley) wanted to make a comfortable spacious place in the community," said business manager Christy Henry. "It's a way to give back to the community."

Henry said the space is ideal for school fundraisers, large business meetings or parties. It is designed for comfortably seating 200 people, with a 250 maximum.

"If it's a standing event, we can accommodate more," she said.

The new space is unrecognizable



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Getting the party ready left to right, Austin McGehee, Makayla Smith and Morgan Lehmkuhl set up a serving area in the Tingley Reception Center. Smith's graduation party from Chrisman High School was the first event in the space that was formerly Art Reese Lumber, and the serving counter is the refurbished sales counter from the lumberyard.

to anyone familiar with going up to the counter at Art Reese to place an order for lumber or other material. Gone are the tightly packed shelves of tools, fasteners, glues, electrical and plumbing bits and bobs and other things do-it-yourself types needed. Instead, it is an open space featuring white painted walls, a drop ceiling with overhead lighting and the former well-worn floor has a new

carpet covering. One corner features a wood dance floor.

Tingley kept an original piece of equipment from the lumberyard office. The sales counter is now part of the U-shaped kitchen and provides ample space for laying out food for serving guests. Keeping with the black and white décor, the old counter has a fresh
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PHS loses ag teacher

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Paris High School is looking for an agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor, following the resignation of Krista Howard during its monthly meeting Monday evening.

Howard has accepted a position at another school. She has led the agriculture program and FFA by herself since the second ag teacher position was eliminated in budget reductions two years ago.

The Paris Cooperative High School board also accepted the resignation of longtime Paris High School special education teacher Jennifer Keys.

PHS assistant principal Mark Cox was rehired as the school's assistant principal for another year following an executive session. Cox has served as assistant principal for several years.

Monday's meeting was one of the longest public sessions in recent years as the board members heard reports from the students who participated in the school's extensive independent study program. The students — ranging in age from sophomore to senior — studied agriculture, art, E.Elegans (a type of nematode), linear algebra, machine learning, chemistry programming and starting their own business to design and produce remote control vehicles.

Those who spoke to the board and their area of study included:

- Bryce Kohlmeier, hydroponics
 - Kendra Siddens and Ellen Rice, art projects
 - Mackenzie Burgin, agriculture/cattle
 - Lainey Ogle, Kyle Baulmeister, Cory Cearlock and Dylan Creech, nematodes
 - Max Holloway, linear algebra, machine learning and programming
 - Devyn Brown, Noah Holzer and Zach Hall designing and producing remote control model vehicles.
- The independent study program at the high school continues to grow as returning students are already
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Kansas High School has new alumni

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KANSAS – The commencement exercise Friday, May 18, at Kansas High School paid tribute to the past and the future.

An early part of the program recognized teachers retiring at the end of the school year, and two former district employees were inducted into the school's hall of fame.

Class salutatorian James "JC" Walker spoke on behalf of the class. He said tradition is the only thing that justified him speaking at graduation as each of his 16 other classmates have qualities that make them fully capable of addressing the audience.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Some of the young men graduating from Kansas High School Friday evening toasted themselves with juice pouches before the commencement exercise started.

"We are all different. We are all unique, and each of us has the right to live the life we choose," said Walker.

He touched upon how small both the village of Kansas and the school are and while bigger schools may offer more opportunities, there are some definite advantages to a small-town up-

bringing.

Walker said the small town has taught them persistence, self-reliance and adaptability among other positive traits.

"When you attend a small high school, your friends' parents become your parents, and your friends become your family," Walker said. "These small town lessons will keep you grounded."

The class invited principal Robert Edwards to deliver the main address for the evening. He touched upon his experiences and philosophy as a coach as a charge to the class.

His coaching philosophy was not about winning but rather helping
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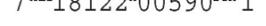
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The Rec is offering two different camps this year to help your kids enjoy summer break and beat summer-time boredom! If your kids will be entering grades K-6 for the Fall 2018 school year, check out the options below!

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Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 5:30 pm

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Summer Adventure Camp Prices
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Whitney Haase (P) 217-466-9622

Participants must be dropped off at the Rec Center Back Gym. Parents will pick up their camper at the same location by noon. This shorter day camp includes snacks, crafts, games, sports, and lots of playtime and playground fun!

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
83 64 Prec: 30%	87 65 Prec: 40%	84 63 Prec: 40%	83 62 Prec: 0%	84 63 Prec: 0%	85 64 Prec: 0%	86 65 Prec: 0%

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

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Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature
High/Low 72°/54°
Record High 92° in 1911
Record Low 35° in 1925

Precipitation
Month to date79"
Normal month to date 2.83"
Year to date 17.56"
Normal year to date 14.57"

SUN AND MOON

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TODAY	5:33 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	9:39 a.m. --- a.m.
SUNDAY	5:32 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	10:46 a.m. 1:15 a.m.
MONDAY	5:32 a.m. 8:04 p.m.	11:54 a.m. 1:55 a.m.
TUESDAY	5:31 a.m. 8:05 p.m.	1:02 p.m. 2:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:30 a.m. 8:05 p.m.	2:08 p.m. 3:03 a.m.
THURSDAY	5:30 a.m. 8:06 p.m.	3:13 p.m. 3:34 a.m.
FRIDAY	5:29 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	4:16 p.m. 4:04 a.m.



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PLAN YOUR WEEK

SUNDAY

PHS HONORS PROGRAM

Paris High School will host its annual honors program and National Honor Society initiation beginning at 1 p.m. in the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

CHRISMAN GRADUATION

The Chrisman High School graduation is 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

MONDAY

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The monthly Red Cross Blood Draw is 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on North Main Street. No appointment is necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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

TUESDAY

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY

MAYO HONORS PROGRAM

Mayo Middle School hosts its annual honors night beginning at 6 p.m. in the school gym.

MAYO RECOGNITION NIGHT

Mayo Middle School hosts its annual Eighth Grade Recognition Night at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Featured speaker is the 2018 Wall of Fame recipient, Robert Colvin.

THURSDAY

VFW AUXILIARY DINNER

The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is pork loin, mashed potatoes and pork gravy, dressing, lima beans

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 **Mail:** Community Calendar, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944 **Questions?** call 217-921-3216.

PARIS BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate services for the 2018 class of Paris High School is 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, hosted by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.

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.

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

CRESTWOOD GRADUATION

Crestwood School's eighth grade graduation is at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

FRIDAY

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or breaded tomatoes. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1. Proceeds support the work of the VFW Auxiliary as well as community projects.

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a setting in the American west instead of Elizabethan England. This is a rain or shine event. In the event inclement weather, the performance moves into the shelter. Those attending should bring a blanket or other seating to watch the free performance.

UPCOMING

MONDAY, MAY 28

CHRISMAN MEMORIAL DAY

Chrisman American Legion Post #477 is hosting a public Memorial Day program 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, in the city park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

HOGAN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The 14th Annual Andy Hogan Memorial Golf Outing benefiting the Edgar County Diabetes Association is Saturday, June 2, at Eagle Ridge Golf Course. The \$65 golf fee includes the green fee, cart, food and beverages and prizes. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available for the event. All proceeds stay local and help Edgar County people with diabetes. Registration is noon and the tee time is 12:30 p.m. More information is available by contacting Leighsa Cornwell, 217-466-4228.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

MARTINSVILLE FAIR 5K RUN/WALK

The Martinsville Agricultural Fair 5K Run/Walk is 9 a.m. Saturday June 16, at the fairgrounds. Check-in and race day registration begins at 8 a.m. at the arts hall. The course is on paved roads with a few hills. Registration fees are \$20 with a shirt, \$10 without a shirt and \$15 on race day without a shirt. Entry forms must be postmarked by June 1 for pre-registration fee and shirt. For additional information contact Karyn at (217)251-2204 or email klcrum22@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

CANNING WORKSHOP

The University of Illinois Extension is hosting a home canning workshop 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the Edgar County Extension Office. YOU CAN workshops teach the latest scientific methods for food preservation. The cost is \$5 per participant.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, MAY 28TH

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

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Hefner currently unfit for trial

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As soon as a mental health treatment plan is created, Justin Hefner will be transferred from the Edgar County Jail to a secure facility with the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Hefner, 40, of Terre Haute, Ind., and formerly of Paris, appeared in custody of the Edgar County Sheriff Monday, May 15, for a fitness hearing before Judge David W. Lewis in Edgar County Circuit Court. The defendant claims he is an agent for the Department of Defense.

Neither state's attorney Mark Isaf nor public defender William McGrath offered any evidence other than the evaluation prepared for the court by psychologist Jerry Boyd of Charleston.

"I previously read the report and opinion," said Lewis. "The final opinion is he is unfit but may be fit within 12 months. I accept that recommendation."

The judge asked both sides regarding what options exist for secure treatment facilities.

McGrath said it does not appear the Veterans Administration has a facility suitable in this case and recommended using DHHS.

Lewis noted by law DHSS must provide the court a treatment plan within 30 days of notification that custody of Hefner is being transferred to the agency. The plan details what treatment options and medications professionals with DHSS will use in the attempt to make Hefner fit to



HEFNER

stand trial. Another hearing was ordered July 30 regarding the status of transferring Hefner's custody. Lewis said the hearing may occur sooner, depending on when the DHSS plan is received.

Before the hearing concluded, McGrath said Hefner complained the jail is not providing him with access to the medical care he needs and wanted the court to intervene.

Lewis declined to take any action at this time.

"The sheriff's office is aware it is under an obligation to provide medical care," said Lewis.

Hefner's belief he is a DOD agent created a tense and possibly dangerous situation when he appeared at the Edgar County Jail Feb. 17 dressed in two types of body armor with a pistol in a chest holster on top of the bullet proof vest.

He identified himself as a federal agent and requested assistance in making several local arrests. Deputies Matt Smith and Dee Burgin convinced Hefner to place the pistol in a locker and enter the jail to discuss the arrests. After he was behind the security of the jail and unable to flee to the outside, Hefner was placed under arrest and taken into custody.

The pistol turned out to be a BB gun but a search of his vehicle revealed a bump stock modified AR-15 rifle, a fully loaded 100-round drum

magazine and several other loaded high-capacity magazines. A security officer badge purchased over the Internet was attached to the car's visor, and the vehicle was equipped with flashing lights.

Hefner's list of people to arrest included city and county officials.

During an April 23 pre-trial conference, Lewis refused to accept numerous motions Hefner filed in the case, including one to dismiss McGrath and act as his own attorney. Lewis told the defendant at that time the court cannot and will not accept pro se motions when a defendant has legal representation.

Hefner has continued filing motions claiming the state lacks a case against him and asking the court to drop all charges as a waste of taxpayer money and the court's time. He also alleges incompetence and a conspiracy of disloyal citizens, based on his own investigation, to keep him incarcerated.

Hefner disputes Boyd's conclusion.

"All of this testing is not called for because Indiana just did it," Hefner wrote in one motion.

He also claimed to have shown the same identification proffered in Edgar County to the police chief at Terre Haute, Ind., and that did not result in an arrest. In the same motion, Hefner insisted he is fit to stand trial and can assist McGrath with a knowledgeable defense.

The motion again concludes by insisting the state has no evidence against him

and asking the court to drop the Class 2 felony false personation of a peace officer

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Woman dies in late-night house fire

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Efforts to rescue a woman from a burning house late Tuesday, May 15, failed to save her life.

Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett said Paris police officers were the first to arrive at 331 East Union Street and were informed by others on the scene the only occupant of the house was still inside.

"They (the police officers) attempted to make entry, but were forced to pull back," said Barrett.

Paris firefighters gained access and found Karen S. Devers, 66, unresponsive. Firefighters got her out of the building and the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance immediately transported her to the emergency room at Horizon Health, where Barrett subsequently pronounced her dead.

"Anytime a death is the result of something traumatic, like a fire or a car accident, that falls on me," said Barrett. "The ER doctors code the death, report it to me and I certify it."

The preliminary cause of death is cardiac arrest.

Barrett said an autopsy performed Wednesday, May 16, confirmed the presence of carbon monoxide in her system and also revealed evidence of an unhealthy heart.

"The stress of the event and the carbon monoxide put her into cardiac arrest," said Barrett, adding a final determination will be made in several weeks after the toxicology reports are back.

He does not anticipate the toxicology will change the cause of death.

"It will still be considered an accidental death even though a cardiac arrest was involved," Barrett said.

Edgar County 911 was notified at 10:42 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, of a structure fire and dispatched first responders from the fire and police departments and the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance.

The coroner said no foul play is suspected based upon current available evidence. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the of-

fice of the State Fire Marshal and the Paris Fire Department.

A go fund me page has been

set up to help Devers' children. The address is <https://www.gofundme.com/Paris-HouseFire>

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Guilty plea in meth case

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BY GARY HENRY
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Methamphetamine cases can drag out for some time from the arrest to resolution but it took less than a month for Charles F. Straw to conclude his prosecution by pleading guilty.

Straw, 40, Paris, appeared in custody for the May 10 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. He pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge and was sentenced to two years of probation, 120 days in jail with credit for 23 days served and the balance subject to a motion to vacate, a \$500 fine, court costs, \$100 for the public defender fund and assorted state fees. The court granted the defense motion for a furlough so Straw can enter Mission House, with a stipulation Mission House is responsible for transporting Straw from the Edgar County Jail, if space becomes available. Straw's other cases involving unresolved charges for a Class A misdemeanor resisting a peace officer, Class A misdemeanor aggravated assault and two Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection were continued and he was remanded to custody.

Other people appearing before the bench for the May 10 call included:

IN CUSTODY
 ■Charlie E. Brown, 28, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody and was handed a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class 4 felony solicitation to meet a child conviction. Brown waived his rights and admitted the petition. He was granted a personal recognizance bond and the matter was continued

to another date for a status check.

■Dillon R. Manhart, 20, Oblong, appeared in custody and was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery conviction. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the court denied a motion for a personal recognizance bond. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference and Manhart was remanded to custody.

■Nathan A. Thomas, 28, Paris, appeared in custody and his unresolved cases involving a Class 2 felony arson charge, a Class 4 felony domestic battery charge, a Class 4 criminal damage to property charge and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge were continued for a status check.

■Seth A. Smith, 19, Mattoon, appeared in custody for his unresolved Class A misdemeanor retail theft case and was granted a personal recognizance bond. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference. Smith's Class A misdemeanor charge of criminal sexual abuse of a person between the age of 9 and 17 was also continued for a pretrial conference.

CHARGES

■Timothy A. Bradley Jr., 34, Decatur, was charged with a Class 4 felony of driving while license revoked for a driving under the influence conviction, second offense. He was sentenced to 30 months of conditional discharge, 30 days in the Edgar County Jail subject to a motion to vacate, 300 hours of community service work, a \$500 fine, court costs and assorted state fees. In return for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 4 felony driving while license revoked for a DUI conviction, this being between the fourth and ninth

such charge and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license charge.

■Sheena R. Chavez, 32, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke her conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license conviction. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Dustin C. Craig, 37, Paris, was charged with Class A misdemeanor of violating an order of protection. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Brandon M. McDaniels, 20, Downers Grove, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit. The public defender was assigned to the case and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Kyle A. Matthews, 24, Terre Haute, Ind., was charged with a Class A misdemeanor speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit. He was represented by private counsel and a not guilty plea with jury trial demand was entered. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Scott L. Pine, 30, Paris, was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was assigned and a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand was entered. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Carley E. Wilson, 17, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit. The public defender was assigned to the case and a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand was entered. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Scott A. Rhoads Jr., 30, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony driving while license revoked for a DUI conviction and this being his third such offense. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■Megan R. Eads, 28, Paris, failed to appear for a motion to vacate jail time associated with her Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. The court ordered Eads serve 14 days in jail, but delayed the start of the sentence to June 4.

■Clyde D. Ferris, 39, Terre Haute, Ind., was advised the state withdrew the petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license conviction. The sentence was terminated and the defendant discharged.

■Ariel A. Norman, 20, Paris, was granted the motion to vacate jail time associated with her Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The state acknowledged Norman has completed the required counseling, and the matter was continued for completion of the probation sentence.

■Levi T. Simpson, 23, Casey, was granted a motion to vacate jail time associated with his Class 3 felony aggravated battery conviction. The case was continued for completion of his probation sentence.

ARREST WARRANTS

Arrest warrants were ordered when the following people failed to respond: Richard E. Durbin, 41, West Terre Haute, Ind.; Cody Allen Peel, 25, Terre Haute, Ind.; Corey D. Weaver, 29, Redmon; and Kristina N. Wilson, 22, Paris.

Library grants awarded

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

SHELBYVILLE - State Representative Brad Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) announced several libraries in the 102nd Legislative District are receiving grants through the Illinois Secretary of State Per Capita Grant program.

"Congratulations to all of the libraries in this area who applied and are being awarded these grants," said Halbrook. "It is a challenge for us in the rural areas of the state with a smaller population base to afford all of the new materials and equipment, but these grants can help support the needs determined by the local library directors and boards."

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A total of \$99,627 in Per Capita Grant funding was awarded to libraries in Halbrook's District. The money can be used for a variety of expenses such as materials, personnel, equipment, electronic access, telecommunications and technology.

Among those getting the grant are: Paris Carnegie Public Library, \$11,046; Newman Regional Library District \$1,461; and the Sidell District Library, \$2,405.

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PEARL NEWMAN
 KANSAS – Ida Pearl Newman, 96, of Hoopeston, and formerly of Kansas, passed away at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston.
 A service celebrating her life is 11 a.m. Monday, May 21, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial follows in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Monday at the funeral home.
 Mrs. Newman was born March 11, 1922, in Edgar County, the daughter of the late Claude and Ida Shy Kirkham. She married Leon Newman Jan. 31, 1943, in Clark County. He preceded her in death Oct. 25, 1995.
 Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Jean (Charlie) Kentner of Rossville; a granddaughter, Becky Jean (Shawn) Drennan of Rossville; two great-grandchildren, Morgan Jean and Tristen Drennan; and several nieces and nephews.
 She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jacob Wayne Kentner; five sisters; and two brothers.
 Mrs. Newman was a member of Kansas Christian Church and attended Rossville Church of Christ.
 Memorial donations may be made to the Kansas Christian Church Building Fund or to Rossville Church of Christ.
 Online Condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

JOHN STROW
 John William Strow, 74, of Paris, went to be with his beloved Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, at 5:18 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Paris Community Hospital. He was a retired janitor from the Paris American Legion.
 All services are private. Templeton Funeral Home of Paris is in charge of arrangements.
 Mr. Strow was born Feb. 25, 1944, at Metcalf, the son of the late John and Bessie Ward Strow. He married Earlene DeWeese Nov. 30, 1963, at Paris, and she survives.
 He is also survived by two daughters, Julie (Terry) Wilhoit of Paris and Lorie (Kelly) Gardner of Chrisman; a son, Tony Strow of Paris; four grandsons, Johnathan (Leanna) Wil-

DAVID NEBERGALL
 David Jacob Nebergall, 76, of Paris, passed away at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at his residence. He was a United States Probation Officer.
 A funeral service is 1 p.m. today, May 19, at Lake Ridge Christian Church, with Pastor Nate Alexander officiating. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home.
 Mr. Nebergall was born Feb. 9, 1942, in Symmes Township, the son of the late Herald and Gladys Emrick Nebergall. He married Janis Kay Frisz Dec. 3, 1965, at Terre Haute, Ind., and she survives.

hoit of Paris, Baylor (Jessica Neu) Gardner of Chrisman, Guthrie (Jessica) Gardner of Charleston and Ezra Strow of Paris; a great-grandson, due in August; two brothers, Charlie Strow of Paris and George Strow of Missouri; a sister, Ella Mae Atkins of Paris; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and longtime best friends, Grant Waggoner, Harold Irwin, Elvis Ward and Dennis Johnson, all of Paris.
 He was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruth Emerick, Rose Gill and Daisey Kramer.
 Mr. Strow was known as a local car mechanic, avid pool player and coffee drinker. He was a stranger to no one.
 Memorial donations may be made to the Edgar County Homeless Organization or to a charity of the donor's choice.
 Online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

MARTY BROWN
 Marty Allen Brown, 50, of Paris, passed away at 1:10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2018, in the emergency room of Paris Community Hospital.
 Private interment is at a later date in Friends Chapel Cemetery near Scotland. A memorial visitation is from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 21, at Templeton Funeral Home.
 Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

FERN FORD
 Fern Louise Ford, 78, of Paris, passed away at 10:22 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind.
 A service celebrating her life was 4 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial was in Edgar Cemetery Saturday, May 19. Visitation was from 2 p.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home.
 Memorial donations may be made to the Compassionate Food Pantry or to Shriners Hospitals for Children.
 Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

RAYMOND WESLEY
 MARSHALL – Raymond R. Wesley, 84, of Marshall, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Burnside Community Care Center.
 A service reflecting on his life was 2 p.m., Friday, May 18, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Pastor Tim Duke officiating. Visitation was from noon until the service time Friday at the funeral home.
 More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

CHARLES MATTHEWS SR.
 Charles Larry Matthews Sr., 75, of Paris, passed away at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at his residence.
 A memorial service celebrating his life was 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at Templeton Funeral Home, with Pastor Gary Williamson officiating. Private interment is at a later date. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home.
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FLOYD HECKLER
 BRAIDWOOD – Word has been received of the May 8, 2018, death of Floyd A. Heckler, 76, of Braidwood, and formerly of Paris.
 A committal service 10:30 a.m. May 10 in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery was accompanied by full military honors. A memorial visitation was 3-5 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Christian Life Assembly of God in Diamond. The R.W. Patterson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.
 More information and online condolences at www.rw-pattersonfuneralhomes.com.

JUANITA HIATT
 MARSHALL – Juanita R. Hall, 89, of Marshall, passed away at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, May 13, 2018, in Burnside Community Care Center.
 A service honoring her life was 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Pastors Paul Burres and Adam Hafenbiddle officiating. Burial was in Dunalp Cemetery. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the funeral home.
 Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.
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MILDRED SEALS
 MARSHALL – Mildred L. Seals, 58, of Marshall, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.
 A funeral service is 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Pearce Funeral Home. Burial is in Marshall Cemetery. Visitation is from noon until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home.
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KAREN DEVERS
 Karen Sue Devers, 66, of Paris, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in the emergency room of Horizon Health.
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Other survivors include two sons, Gary (Lisa) Nebergall of Arthur and Scott (Stephanie) Nebergall of Allenton, Mich.; and two granddaughters, Samantha Nebergall of Arthur and Harper Nebergall of Allenton, Mich.
 He was preceded in death by his brother, Dennis Nebergall.
 Mr. Nebergall served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964 and was a member of American Legion Post 211. He was also a member of Lake Ridge Christian Church, was a Master Mason of Paris Masonic Lodge # 268 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons and a member of Scottish Rite Free Masonry Valley of Danville.
 Memorial donations may be made to the Urological Research Foundation or Wabash Valley Hospice at Union Hospital.
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The family of Pauline Egan



Chrisman farmers market returning for third season

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS
 CHRISMAN – Founders of the Chrisman Farmers Market, high school students Keegan Owen and John Flynn, are preparing for a third season.
 The market opens June 8 with regular hours of 4-6:30 p.m. every Friday during the summer season.
 As is customary for the first day, Flynn will man a grill providing free hot dogs for as long as they last to shoppers at the market.
 Owen announced one of the regular market vendors is planning an upgrade for the 2018 season.
 “Debbie’s Doughnuts is working toward upgrading from a tent to a trailer,” said Owen. “This is the first major upgrade to a business participating in the market that has taken place since its opening, and visitors are highly encouraged to visit Debbie’s Doughnuts when the trailer is complete.”



Whitnie Haton operates a lemonade and beverage stand at the 2017 Chrisman Farmers Market. A new season starts June 8 and continues every Friday through the remainder of the summer.

The Chrisman Farmers Market is dedicated to selling produce, baked goods and handcrafted items to the community.
 Home distributors are permitted to bring their goods to the market the third Friday of the month. Past distributors include

Avon and Scentsy.
 “They play an important role in the local economy, and we are proud to provide them an opportunity to sell their products at the market,” Owen said.
 Getting the market started was a 2016 FFA project for Owen and Flynn when they were sophomores, and they have ramrodded the project since then.
 They are graduating this year and future management of the farmers market falls to younger FFA members.

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NANCY ZEMAN
 LIVING IN PARIS

As many of you know, my dad was the great-grandson of a railroader, the son of a railroad engineer and himself a railroad conductor. Dad has been gone 20 years this month — which doesn't seem possible. And while my memory is fading a bit — OK, more than a bit — I believe I can count on one hand the number of times he missed work. He believed it

was the most important thing he could give us and Dad worked — in snow, heat, rain and at times I know he was probably too sick to switch the Cereal Mills.

But he did it. He worked hard to build a life for us. And all four of us — Cheryl, Mick, Sam and I — we learned the importance of a work ethic and doing our best. Dad missed ballgames, dance recitals, swim meets and birthday parties because he had to work.

This brings me to the inspiration for this column — my brother, Sam.

Sam is one of two of the hardest working people I know — the second being my brother Mick.

Sam's last workday as the director of maintenance for Paris Union School District 95 was Friday. After 32 years of working on boilers, putting in windows, building computer labs, shoveling snow, replacing toilets and sinks and cleaning drains, Sam is retired — from the school district.

Always a hard worker, Sam began working for the school district as summer maintenance help for Art Hand. He helped install the new windows at the old Paris High School. After completing his education at Indiana State University, he returned to Paris and was eventually hired by Bob Redmon to work for the Paris district.

He's worn many hats through the years — computer programmer, asbestos removal, pulling networking cords through the Paris 95 schools and eventually becoming head

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Trump's enemies are frustrated

Donald Trump's many enemies are becoming more and more frustrated.

A year into Robert Mueller's great Russian fishing expedition, the president they desperately want to impeach is still in office.

The liberal media and Democrats have spent a year beating Mr. Trump over the head with whatever they or Mueller's lawyers could find, but the president's popularity has only grown and he keeps winning.

The anti-Trumpers' desperate hatred was exposed this week when North Korea started making noises that it might cancel the summit

with the United States. You remember North Korea? For decades American presidents and statesmen have been trying to get it to stop its nuclear missile program and behave like a civilized nation inside and outside its barbed wire fences.

Our polite diplomatic efforts to tame the communist dictatorship produced a series of false hopes and flops. Nothing improved.

In fact, thanks to a series of bad deals made in the Clinton and Obama years, North Korea only got more brazen and its military more frightening.

But then along came President Trump. His "Not Made in DC" brand of tough diplomacy

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When will it stop?

More students are killed in Texas high school so what do we do to keep safe

"We need to do more than just pray for the victims and their families. It's time in Texas ... to make sure this tragedy is never repeated."

—Texas Governor Greg Abbott

Santa Fe High School seniors were scheduled to graduate Saturday morning — but that all changed when a fellow student opened fire in an art classroom Friday morning.

When it was all over, at least 10 students were killed and 10 injured — including a school resource officer who confronted the 17-year-old gunman and was shot.

It's too early to know what the final cost of Friday's attack will be — not just in lives but those teenagers and teachers who will never be the same after confronting death.

What is the answer?

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, penned an open

OUR VIEW

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

letter to President Donald Trump and our country's leaders after the carnage in Texas became more apparent.

"When is enough enough?" Cuomo asks. "How many more innocent people have to die before you act?"

The governor urges Trump and leaders to take action. "You were elected to lead — do something. Your first responsibility is to the people of this country — not the NRA — do something," he repeated.

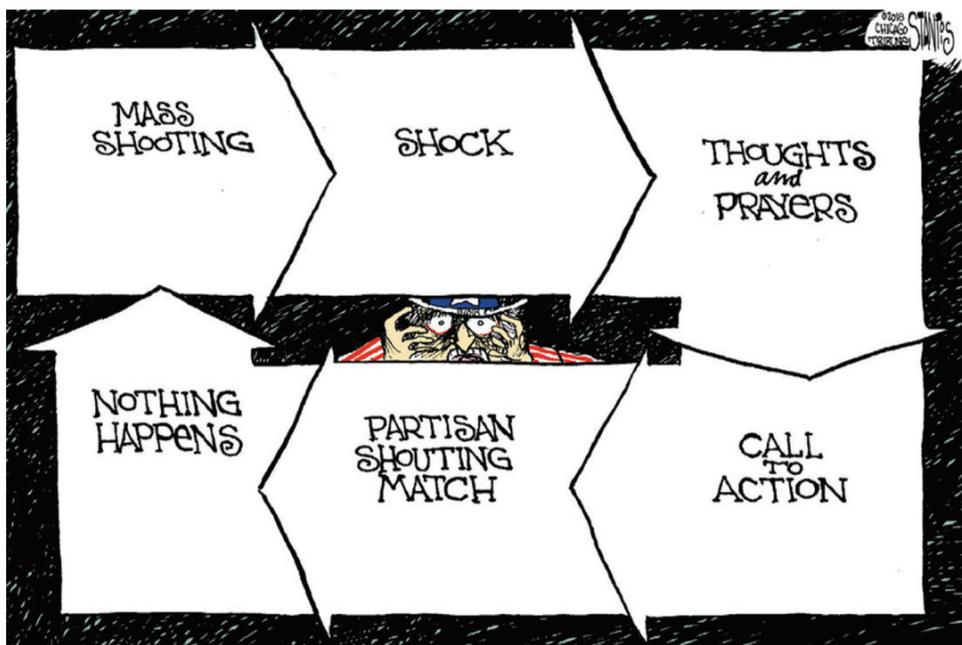
Exactly what should we do? As our editorial cartoon below indicates, Americans are used to the six steps following a mass shooting like Friday's in Texas. We move from

shock to thoughts and prayers to a call to action to a partisan shouting match to nothing happens.

As we've said in this space before, we need a serious discussion about guns in this country. We've advocated there is no need for semi-automatic weapons of any kind. We still feel that way. But Friday's attack didn't involve a semi-automatic gun. The gunman used a sawed-off shotgun and a .38 caliber revolver.

Don't think it can't happen in Edgar County because it can happen anywhere in our country. No matter how many doors someone has to jump through to enter a building — if they want to start shooting — they will.

Here's our challenge to our readers. What's the answer? How do we stop this killing in our schools and public places? Can we ever be safe again?



YOUR VIEW

'Our Home' magazine tells important story

Editor, Prairie Press:

I just wanted to commend your entire staff on the excellent work on the magazine Our Home.

Although it was geared toward agriculture I hope your urban readers read it as well. Agriculture is still the number one industry in the United States and we all should be proud of our heritage.

I am also proud of my wife Jan for being the first woman on the Edgar County Farm Bureau board.

Keep up the good work.

Dale English
 Redmon

We've got plenty to be proud of with Trump

Editor, The Prairie Press:

In last week's issue of The Prairie Press, Ms. Anita Griffith penned another letter which exhibited her utter disdain for President Donald Trump, which disdain is untethered to reality. Rather than again refute what she says, I will just show just what Edgar County residents (and residents of the United States) got when we voted Mr. Trump into office.

This will not be an exhaustive list of accomplishments of our 45th President, but a representative sample of the positive achievements he has accomplished in just 16 short months.

Perhaps one of the most important is the remaking of the federal judiciary, beginning with the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. A pro-life constitutionalist, the positive effects of his elevation to the Court will have a ripple effect for many years. In addition to Gorsuch, Mr. Trump has seen several lower court judges

confirmed who hold the same views as Justice Gorsuch.

The "Tax cuts and Jobs Acts," which was opposed by every Democrat in Congress, has given (according to one highly regarded tax organization) lower taxes to over 90 percent of Americans. In addition, the lowering of the corporate tax rate has prompted more than 500 companies to give out bonuses, raises and other benefits to their employees.

President Trump's rolling back of regulation on our energy industry has unleashed an unprecedented amount of oil, gas and coal production, which, according to energy industry analysts will make America the leading energy producer in the world in a few short years.

In foreign affairs, rather than "leading from behind," the President has made remarkable advances. Just a few examples show our robust policies are paying dividends. By unleashing our military, ISIS is now a faint shadow of its former self.

NATO has begun to pay its fair share of the cost of defending Europe against aggression from the East.

North Korea has now pledged to give up its nuclear capability, with even the possibility of the Korean War coming to an official close after 65 years of an armed truce.

And Monday, the United States moved its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, keeping a promise made by former Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama but not implemented, recognizing the reality in that Middle Eastern nation.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, often used as a benchmark of how the American economy is performing, has

risen from about 18,000 when Donald Trump was elected, to almost 25,000 last Friday.

There are many more instances that can be cited that show the positive effect President Trump has brought to the United States. But many point to his less than stellar personal life and want to force him out of office.

Know your history, Ms. Griffin. Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Bill Clinton were all less than pure in their personal life.

But my question (which has been stated by others more eloquent than myself) for Ms. Griffith is simple: Did we vote for the person we want our daughter to marry, or did we vote for a leader and a champion for America?

Russell Witmer
 Paris

Stormy weather forecast for Trump, Guiliani

Editor, The Prairie Press:

This Stormy weather matter has turned into the president's mess, à la Watergate. What did the president know, and when did he know it?

He knew of the porn star payoff before he denied it, and now Trump and Giuliani are just making this stuff up as they go lying along.

You would think because Cohen had a slush fund to clean up whatever messes Trump got himself into, logical people would be appalled. Not true.

To tolerate lying because of your political agenda and not to insist upon honesty from Trump and the White House is not draining the swamp, it's being stuck in it up to your necks.

Anita Griffith
 Vermilion

Rauner's on the hot seat: Get a budget

"Nothing's more important for a governor than having a good budget



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because that allows you to manage the state to do your job."

Let that recent quote from former Gov. Jim

Edgar as reported by The State Journal-Register sink in for a bit.

"Nothing's more important for a governor than having a good budget because that allows you to manage the state to do your job."

The budget passed last year over Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto was not a good budget because the governor's budget office wasn't directly involved.

Legislators simply don't have the expertise to pass a good budget without the governor's help. The executive branch has experts who know what the agencies and programs need because they are involved with this issue every day.

And so the governor and his administration have been struggling ever since last July to implement a budget that it had almost nothing to do with.

That's insane.

No one who is truly interested in governing would allow that to happen.

Whether the governor believes he will be re-elected or not, it's his job to get something done for the future of his state. And the very least he can do is provide some stability going forward by finally doing what every governor before him has done: Negotiate and sign a workable budget.

I mean, seriously, we all want such a big deal out of state budgets, but this is a routine, mundane matter almost everywhere else.

House Speaker Michael Madigan told his caucus last week that he believes the governor wants an

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ZEMAN
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of maintenance. He is proud of the men he's worked with over the years — Bob Redmon, Floyd Reeley, Allen Berry, Jerry Thurman, Nathan Bell and Larry McCarty (I'm sure I've forgotten someone, sorry) — and he has lots of stories to tell.

Sam has spent a day inside a school boiler and chipping ice off the old high school roof with a rope around him and Floyd Reeley hanging on to him over the roof ridge 40 feet up. He was never one for heights, but I know he climbed the towers at Allen Field plenty of times to replace those big lights.

When there was a fire at Mayo Middle School a few years back, I didn't live here — but I heard the stories. The story I got was Sam got the call, jumped into his truck and drove like hell to get to the scene. There was smoke pouring out of the building — but he ran inside. The firemen told him he had to leave, but Sam was worried about his school.

His pride in the schools in Paris 95 are why he leaves

them clean and well-maintained. When he spoke to the Paris 95 board this past Monday after receiving his retirement plaque, Sam reminded them he expected to see the mowing done this summer. He can't stand an unkempt yard.

Sam is particularly proud of PENS6, which he helped establish as well as all the students who worked with him during those heady years.

The students received press credentials to cover the visit of President Bill Clinton to the University of Illinois. They were asked to broadcast and record the late Sen. Harry "Babe" Woodard's funeral to an overflow congregation attending the services in Chrisman. PENS6 also bought satellite time and broadcast the Lady Tigers state basketball game from Redbird Arena in Bloomington, thanks to the support of not only local businesses but Uncle Bob Dennison and Dennison Ford in Bloomington.

Sam told me Friday he was going to work until the final bell rings, and I guarantee you he did. He says he's loved every minute of his job and

has truly given this job 1,000 percent.

And for those of you who will make disparaging remarks about him on Facebook — we know he is opinionated and likes to be the boss. But you will be hard-pressed to find anyone who cared more about the schools and keeping your children safe.

Don't think Sam is going to watch Netflix all day now that he's retired. He's started a business — AR Services — and you'll find his ad (that he paid for) in this week's paper. He's got a list of people wanting work done and trust me, he's someone you can count on.

We're going to have a little get-together this afternoon at the KC Hall for Sam. Nothing fancy. But if you appreciate the work he's done these past 32 years to make the schools safe for your children and grandchildren, why not stop by and shake his hand around 6 p.m.?

Congratulations Sam. We're all proud of you.

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State fair Karaoke contest set

Edgar County Fair hosting regional qualifying contest

Illinois State Fair Friday, August 12.

The overall winner will be selected that day and will perform two songs prior to the Brett Eldredge concert.

In order to compete in this contest, you must be a solo act, you must be 18 years old and it is highly recommend-

ed that each participant pre-register on the Illinois State Fair website (www.illinois.gov/statefair).

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overtime session so he can blame the resulting gridlock on the Democrats. But Madigan told his House Democrats he believes voters will blame both sides. This was taken by some of his members as a sign Madigan finally realizes he needs to get something done one way or another. We'll see. That assessment could be overly optimistic.

The budgeteers met via teleconference last week, and not a word was said about the governor's repeated demands for an official revenue estimate. Instead, they reportedly had a fairly productive discussion about various pension ideas. So, that's a good sign. The revenue estimate demand was a giant red herring used for political and disruptive purposes.

The Democrats appear to have gamed out the end of the spring session if they can't do a deal with the governor for whatever reason.

Money for the Quincy veterans' home and cash-strapped prisons, universities, etc. will all be put into the appropriations bills to entice Republicans onto the legislation.

Some of the Republicans who broke ranks last year may not vote for the legislation when it passes, but may vote for it during the override

motion.

Some Republican top dogs have said privately they believe rank-and-file Democrats and Republicans who voted for the vetoed budget last year feel betrayed because they were told the budget they passed was balanced when it actually wasn't. But in talking to those folks, that doesn't appear to be the case. Many knew what they were getting into and, besides, what's done is done and they want another budget now.

Plus, some disaffected House Republicans are itching for one last fight with the governor before they retire.

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin has painstakingly put his caucus back together twice in the past year. The first time was after the budget override vote, which badly split his caucus. Members were essentially told if they voted for the education funding reform bill, all would be forgiven. And then another blow-up was threatened after Rep. Jeanne Ives nearly defeated Gov. Rauner in the GOP primary. Durkin has managed to keep things mostly cool and separated from caucus business since then.

It's abundantly clear from his public and private remarks that Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady wants a negotiated budget deal. Durkin, meanwhile, has

solidly allied himself with the governor, both in public and reportedly during the leaders' meetings.

Durkin badly needs Rauner's money to fund his campaigns against Speaker Madigan this fall. But this alliance can also help move things along if Rauner's staunch ally Durkin eventually informs the governor that he needs to cut a deal for the good of the state or face yet another stinging defeat. That worked last year on the education funding reform bill.

Whatever happens, it's long past time the governor do whatever he can to put together a good budget for his state.

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REAGAN
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created a sudden and seemingly miraculous breakthrough.

We don't know yet if Trump will resolve the North Korean problem, but we know what the Left and its pals in the liberal media would like to see — another failure.

They hate President Trump so much they were almost gleeful this week when they heard North Korea may reneg on the summit meeting.

They'd be happy to see North Korea cancel because they don't want Trump ever to succeed with anything at home or overseas.

For them, hating President Trump trumps putting America first.

It's a similar story with the Trump administration moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.

For decades Democrat and Republican presidents and congressional candidates have been promising to do it — during elections, that is, when they knew it'd get them votes and campaign contributions.

Once they were elected, of course, nothing happened. It was all talk.

It was just a cynical and cheap campaign slogan — like the Republicans' promises to repeal and replace Obamacare.

But in 2016, when candidate Trump promised he'd put the embassy in Jerusalem, he wasn't lying.

President Trump kept his promise this week. And how did the Left and the liberal establishment media react?

They screamed bloody murder that it was a dangerous and reckless thing to do that will

only create violence in Gaza and hurt the chances for peace in the Middle East.

You remember how peaceful things were in Gaza before President Trump?

Next thing you know, if it's not already true, the Trump-hate media will be rooting for the Hamas protestors in Gaza who are being killed by Israeli soldiers.

Donald Trump is president of the United States. He doesn't do things at home or abroad the way they were done in past, to say the least.

Sometimes the Trump Way doesn't work. But sometimes you have to break the rules, buck the experts or kick some butt to get the job done right.

My father did all of those things to get Mikhail Gorbachev to come to the table during the Cold War.

He built up the U.S. military. He blew up a Soviet natural gas pipeline.

He called the USSR "The Evil Empire" when everyone around him told him it wouldn't be polite to do.

No matter what good things President Trump does, as long as he has the keys to the Oval Office, he will be hated by the Left and run down in the mainstream liberal media.

You may not like his methods or his personality. You may think he's a complete blank.

But he's a blank who's doing in North Korea and Israel some important things that a lot of Democrat and Republican politicians promised but never had the guts to do.

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High School

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preparing presentations about their proposed independent study, interim principal Lorraine Bailey noted.

Bailey said the board's building and grounds committee met recently to finalize plans for summer maintenance projects. Items include terrazzo repairs, sealing the school parking lots, theater rigging inspection, batting cages, improved signage around the building and lightly sanding and sealing the gym floor.

The board accepted milk, bread and food bids for the 2018-2019 school year.

Bailey explained there was only one bid by milk and bread vendors, which has been the case in recent years. The milk bid was awarded to Prairie Farms Dairy while the bread bid was awarded to Alpha Baking Company.

Three companies submitted food bids. The board approved a first-time bidder, Kohl Wholesale of Quincy as the primary food provider followed by B & B Foods and Cisco.

The board approved a two-year contract for a new auditor — Larsson, Woodyard and Henson. The audit will be conducted by the Tuscola office led by Curtis Root at a cost of \$7,500.

Paris 95 Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Larson, who put the audit out for bids, said no auditing firm would bid for less than a two-year contract.

The board also:
 ■ Approved a lease agreement with EnerStar to allow the PHS FFA to farm seven acres of land owned by the cooperative adjacent to the high school.

■ Approved membership in the IHSA for the 2018-2019 school year.

■ Approved an agreement with the Illinois State Library through the Heartland Library System (formerly the Lincoln Trail Library System) to allow the school to borrow books not available in the school library. The cost is \$200.14.

■ Hired Jessica Navarette

as a French teacher.

■ Hired Brett Block as a summer school teacher.

■ Approved Teresa Twigg as a volunteer cheer coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

■ Appointed board members Cindy Mathis and Mary Liz Spillman to the Parent-Teacher Advisory committee.

■ Heard the school's Environ team finished seventh in the state.

■ Heard the school passed the major Regional Office of Education compliance visit with no areas of non-compliance found.

■ Heard track coach Jordan Stallings plans to install a track and field record board for boys and girls near the weight room in the school. The cost of the board is \$1,200 with \$500 from the Paris Booster Club and the remainder out of the track program's budget of \$300 and support from athletic director Creighton Tarr.

The board approved six facility requests for the school gym, campus and the Paris Center of Fine Arts including:

■ Leslie Mills for the school gym for a three-on-three basketball tourney today to benefit Pullin' for ALS.

■ Stuart Metcalf on behalf of the Paris Community Theater Company for rehearsals and the performances of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

■ Tanner Laughlin for his annual "Home for the Holidays" show Nov. 24 in the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

■ Use of the track and cross-country course by Bee Well of Edgar County for running training for third through fifth graders to prepare them to run in the Doc Acklin 5K Aug. 25.

■ Request by Paris Athletic Director Mick Roberts to host two IESA state tournaments Dec. 1 and 6 for the Class 7-2A girls and Feb. 9 and 14 for the Class 8-2A boys.

PARIS LEGION CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



Special to The Prairie Press

Paris American Legion Post 211 honored six Crestwood students this past week as recipients of the good citizenship awards. Pictured, from left, are sixth graders Annie Li and Robert Wells, seventh grader Brady Crippes, Paris American Legion Commander Jim Robinson, seventh grader Lily Graham and eighth grade students Drew Pinkston and Rebekah Alexander.

City declares May 25-26 "Poppy Days"

BY NED JENISON
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Paris officials were given advance notice of Memorial Day activities to recognize veterans at the Monday, May 14, city council session.

Representing the Paris American Legion Auxiliary, Diane Boyer presented each commissioner a traditional Memorial Day lapel poppy while Mayor Craig Smith proclaimed Friday and Saturday May 25-26, as Poppy Days in Paris. Funds raised by the Auxiliary are used for various services to veterans, including a diner for veterans and their families at Paris Post 211 on Memorial Day, following the ceremonies on the east side of the square.

Some civic housekeeping actions occupied the brief business meeting.

The city's Commercial Revitalization Incentive Program was amended to broaden the availability of larger grants for property improvement. A \$10,000 per grant limit, except for historically designated structures, was amended to make all properties within the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts eligible for grants up to \$50,000.

In related actions, the council granted historic recognition to the business building at 104-110 East Washington Street, upon the recommendation of the city's historic preservation committee. The property is occupied by the Jones

and Griffin law firm and has made application for a building improvement grant.

The council also approved a TIF recommendation for a \$10,000 improvement grant to Dustin and Kiesha Reed for work on the On The Track Café at the corner of North Main and Union streets.

Salaries for the superintendent of sewage treatment plant, and the plant operator, were revised, and Quality First was approved to replace the roof on the chlorine building at the plant on a quote of \$27,414.

Several bills from B & T Drainage also were approved covering various sewer maintenance projects in the city. Included were:

\$1,040 for storm sewer repairs on Madison Street; \$4,585 for a manhole near Milton Street; \$2,600 for repairs to a sewer on Central Avenue; and \$4,510 for a new sewer lateral.

Communication Products and Services was authorized to install a replacement communications tower at the new water treatment plant near Shepardsville, Ind., for \$13,300.

Completing various advisory boards, the council appointed Travis Vice to the Police Pension Board, and Brenda Martin to the Paris Park Board.

The next city council meeting is Tuesday, May 29, due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday.

Center

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coat of white paint on the base and is capped with a shiny black top.

Henry said the kitchen area is well equipped with cabinets for storage, two refrigerators with one capable of serving as a freezer, an oven, a microwave and plenty of electrical outlets for a caterer to use.

Clients renting the space are free to use whatever catering service they choose. The reception center does not cater.

She acknowledged being somewhat surprised by the amount of buzz created after she posted some pictures to Facebook as work was finishing up.

As a result of the pictures, inquiries started coming in and some people have looked at the space.

"We have two birthday parties and a wedding reception scheduled, and we've already

got a Christmas party booked," Henry said.

In addition, Darkhorse Theatre Company is doing a dinner theater production of "Steel Magnolias" there Aug. 10, 11 and 12. A cast audition is 7 p.m. June 5 for those interested.

The first rental was May 12, when Henry hosted a family graduation party for her daughter.

The initial public response is encouraging for Henry.

"This is new for us," she said. "We want to make sure we get it right and answer all of the questions people have."

To obtain more information, make an appointment to see the space or talk about booking it, visit the Tingley Reception Center Facebook page or call 466-1020 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kansas

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his players believe in themselves and others.

"The goal is not to be the best catcher or to be the best guitar player," Edwards said, adding it was more important his players achieve academically. "To be successful academically, you will be the best father, mother, husband, wife or anything else. High school is where you get your foundation."

He closed by telling the soon-to-be graduates, "Until you believe in yourself, it won't make a difference. Take the road you want to take."



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The Kansas High School graduation was Friday, May 18. James Walker, left, was named class salutatorian, and Kayla Brimmer, right, was announced as the valedictorian.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Paris American Legion Post 211 Commander Jim Robison, in back, presented the annual American Legion Good Citizen awards Thursday, May 17, at Mayo Middle School. Award recipients are, left to right, sixth grade Sammy Milam and Carter Cash; seventh grade Lily Smittkamp and Logan Myles; and eighth grade Kendall Mathews and Vincent Briseno.

Kansas meeting examines safety issues to students

BY GARY HENRY
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KANSAS - Finding ways to keep students safe in the Kansas School is a top priority.

Interim superintendent John Hasten distributed recommendations from the safety committee during the Wednesday, May 16, board of education meeting.

"The safety committee has been working very diligently," said Hasten, noting some of the suggestions are easy to implement, while others will require more work and some expense.

He asked the board members to review the list for discussion and action at the June 20 board meeting. The suggestions deal with myriad issues such as designating safe distances from glass entryways during tornadoes; im-

proved and more detailed building maps for first responders; authorizing and training some staff members for shutting down ventilation, gas, water and electrical systems in the school; rekey the doors and control access to areas of the building; backing up crisis management records on a flash drive and keeping it secure; improve signage for evacuation routes; making sure all door numbers are visible; continue training staff and students in safety procedures; change the main entrance to the building so there is a direct line of sight from the office; review the practice of time locks on some doors; and continue investigating enhanced door barricading.

Another recommendation was the expenditure of between \$3,000 and \$3,500

for a communication device that links district and staff cellphones to provide immediate communication and information sharing during an emergency.

Hasten specifically mentioned the recommendation of purchasing evacuation ladders.

"We have a second story," said Hasten. "If it is impossible to get down the stairs, we need another way."

In a related matter, principal Robert Edwards reported the school has completed all required safety drills for the year.

The board voted to post the tentative budget for the required 30-day public review prior to adopting a final document at the June 27 meeting.

"It (the budget) will be constantly changing over those 30 days," Hasten said.

Chrisman

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work with Horizon Health to place a sign at the grade school indicating the location of the Chrisman Clinic. According to Acklin, the Illinois Department of Transportation refused to place such a sign within the state Route 1 right of way and that is why Horizon approached the school district.

Acklin reported the superintendent of the recently consolidated Salt Fork School District between Catlin and Jamaica approached him about entering consolidation talks with Chrisman Unit 6.

"He was asked by his board to reach out to all adjoining districts - our district comes into contact with Salt Fork on our northwest border," said Acklin.

The Unit 6 board members dismissed the idea with little discussion.

Another rejected proposal came from the junior high basketball coaching staff to let fifth grade students play on the junior high school team. The proposal was justified by a perceived need to get athletes involved at an earlier age as a way of rebuilding the program.

"There are other venues for the fifth graders," said board member Steve Lorenzen.

Karen Webster agreed, noting the board moved the fifth grade students back to the elementary school from the junior high out of concern the younger students were not prepared to cope with a junior high school environment.

Huber contacted six other districts about the issue and found four do not let fifth grade students play junior high sports, but two do. A couple of the schools that do not permit it do offer combined fifth/sixth grade teams.

"I'm not opposed to the coaches scheduling fifth grade games after the junior high season," said Lorenzen.

Titans fall in regional

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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MACON — A spot in the IHSA Class 1A Macon Regional baseball title game was on the line Wednesday (May 16) as the Tri-County Titans faced the Okaw Valley Timberwolves.

It was the second match-up between the teams within a week.

The Titans were held to just three hits as the Timberwolves advanced with a 17-1 win via the run rule in five innings.

Blake Lee, Jacob Neill and Cody Richardson all had hits for Tri-County, with Richardson's being a double. Trenton Pinnell gave up nine hits and nine earned runs on the mound striking out one taking the loss.

The Titans finish the season at 4-16 overall and 2-8 in the LOVC Southeast.

TCT 7, ARCOLA 4

KANSAS — It was win or go home time for IHSA Class 1A baseball teams on Monday, May 14, as the Tri-County Titans hosted a first-round regional game against the Arcola Purple Riders.

The Titans got a four-run first inning, held off a Purple Riders rally to score three more runs in the fourth inning for the 7-4 win.

Trenton Pinnell was huge going 1 for 2 with a home run, a run scored and an RBI, while Dalton Conner was 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored and two RBIs. Mitch Pollock was 1 for 3 with two RBIs.

Titans pitcher Cody Richardson went the distance giving up six hits and four runs — three earned — while walking three and striking out nine. Richardson was also 1 for 3 with a run scored at the plate.

Softball is seeded fourth

Lady Tigers must make long trip to Lincoln for regional

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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The IHSA Class 3A brackets have been posted, and the Lady Tigers will face a long road trip for their Regional opener.

Lincoln High School will be the site for the Lady Tigers' bracket, and they will face seventh-seeded Jacksonville in the opener on Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Paris (13-9) earned the fourth seed in the regional, with Chatham (26-6) earning the top spot. Rochester (20-12) came in as the two-seed, and Mahomet-Seymour (13-14) earned the third-seed.

Should Paris win their game, they will face the winner of Chatham vs Springfield/Lincoln winner on Saturday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

PHS banners to return

New sports banners to be placed in high school gym honoring proud Paris sports past

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The accomplishments of former Paris High School athletes may soon find a home in the new school, the Paris Cooperative High School Board learned Monday, May 14.

Paris High School basketball coach Shawn Nugent and athletic director Creighton Tarr presented plans to hang banners in the new gym recognizing all of the school's sports teams and honoring the rich tradition of the past.

"These will be new vinyl banners, not the banners currently in Eveland Gym," Nugent explained.



When the school was opened there was thinking by some of the athletic banners touting past successes by Paris teams over the years should not be included.

"In addition to providing a facility to educate young men

and women, we should want the facility to be a place of great memories and stories of success we can pass along to future generations," Nugent observed.

He emphasized the banners are also a source of pride for alumni who frequently visit the school by linking the past to the present.

Nugent said in talking to all the school's present coaches, each felt it is imperative the banners find a place in the school's gym.

"Banners for each sport help to maintain and build tradition and motivation," he said. "Banners are a symbol

of our community and those who dedicated their time, energy and efforts to sports they loved as a student athlete."

The new building is beautiful, Nugent said, while noting the foundation of the athletic programs should be honored in the display of banners for those respective programs.

Tarr and Nugent presented a picture of a four-foot by six-foot mock-up for PHS boys basketball. The projected cost of the banner is \$185, he said. The banners are expected to be placed on the east and west walls of the gym.

Nugent also presented a

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PARIS TIGERS HONOR AMERICA, SENIORS



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

The Paris High School baseball team lines up for the National Anthem prior to the first pitch Monday at the PHS field. The last home honored the 10 seniors who have led the Tigers to the 27-2 record this season.

Tigers pick up second loss

Teutopolis downs Paris 3-1, but Paris picks up three more wins before regionals

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For just the second time this season the Paris Tigers baseball team suffered a loss, dropping a 3-1 contest to the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes Monday (May 14) at the PHS field.

It was senior night for Paris, as 10 Tigers took the home field for the final time. Though the loss to T-Town was not the result the boys wanted, the career numbers these players have posted are nothing to sneeze at. There will be more on these numbers in a future article.

Things started out well for the Tigers in the first inning, as the first three batters reached base. Austin Littleton and Zach Burger singled, followed by a TJ Potter walk.

In a foreshadowing of things to come for the Tigers, they only mustered one run when Littleton scored on an RBI groundout from Reese Sutton.

T-Town took the lead in the third inning 3-1, and that was the end of scoring — but not an end to the action.

Paris stranded six base runners throughout the final four innings of play but never came up with that big hit to close the gap.

Littleton led the way offensively for the Tigers as he was 2 for 4 at the plate, and scored the only run for Paris. Burger and Brody Spencer had the other two hits for the Tigers, both singles.

Austin O'Neal went three innings on the mound for Paris and was saddled with the loss. He allowed three runs on five hits, no walks and struck out one.

Brock Minor finished the game and shut the Wooden Shoes down. He allowed four hits, two walks and struck out three.



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Paris Tiger Raven Thompson looks for his pitch in baseball action this week. The 27-2 Tigers head to the Class 3A regionals next week.

PARIS 6, TAYLORVILLE 0

MATTOON — The Paris Tiger baseball team squared off with old Apollo Conference foe Taylorville on Thursday, May 17, and shut them out by the final of 6-0.

Playing at Lake Land College, the Tigers were in control from the outset, scoring five times in the first two innings to gain the 27th win of the season.

Austin Littleton led things off with a double down the left field line and

scored on a double by TJ Potter. Brock Minor singled to left, bringing home Potter to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

In the second inning, Austin O'Neal and Jude Sullivan each led off with an infield hit. Brody Spencer laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt, which got away from the first baseman for the Tornadoes. O'Neal scored on the play and Sullivan scored on a single up the middle by Littleton. Reese Sutton singled home Littleton to make the score 5-0

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Softball season ends in regional

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BROADLANDS — Another game between the Tri-County Titans and Heritage Hawks softball teams was pretty much a repeat of their last meeting.

The teams met again Monday (May 14) in the first round of the Fisher Regional of IHSA Class 1A softball.

With a spot in the semifinals on the line, both teams had to put everything on the field. The Titans played without pitcher Grace Kile, who was on concussion protocol after being hit in the face with a line drive during the May 9 game against Heritage.

The game was close throughout, but the Hawks advanced on a big three-run bottom of the fourth inning and held off a late Titan rally to take a 6-4 win.

Alexis Hunter was 2 for 4 with two doubles and a RBI scored for the Titans. Taylor Bennett went 1 for 4 with an RBI. Andrea Benner was 1 for 2, and the duo of Jessica Massie and Cheyenne Connor added a stolen base each.

Cailynne Phillips pitched the entire game giving up four hits and six runs — four earned — while walking nine and striking out seven. Phillips was 3 for 4 with a double, three stolen bases, two runs scored and an RBI at the plate.

The Titans finish the season at 4-17 overall and 4-6 in the LOVC Southeast under first-year Head Coach Clay Bess.

HERITAGE 6, TCT 4

HUME — It was highly competitive softball Wednesday, May 9, as the Tri-County Titans and the Heritage Hawks faced off.

The Titans were looking for a second win of the season series against the Hawks to gain momentum going into regional play Monday, May 14.

Play was tight early on with the Titans pulling ahead to a 4-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh inning. It all quickly

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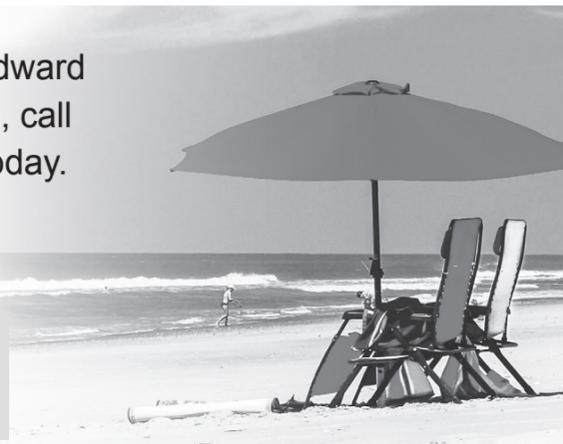
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mock-up of a state championship banner. There are two boys state championship banners — 1943 and 1947 — and four state cross-country championships from 1946-1950.

In addition, a Little Illini Conference team banner with all the members would be included, Nugent said. "Just about everyone (schools) has one in their home gyms," he said.

Board president Steve Eitel expressed concerns whether the proposed lettering listing team years for conference, regional, sectional and super-sectional are large enough to be seen when hung high in the gym. Nugent agreed some measurements need to be made.

The \$185 cost of the team banners are to be covered by each sport and the coaches have agreed to this arrangement, Tarr said. The cost of the state banners and the LIC banners — a total of about

\$1,400 — will be covered by PHS.

There was discussion among those present about how far back in time to include conference champions. Tarr said that will be discussed.

"The problem is that a lot of those old records were lost when Bud Wittick died," Nugent said.

The banners — if approved — will be purchased from BSN Sports, the school's primary sport equipment and uniform vendor.

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changed when the Hawks used some costly errors by the Titans to plate four runs and then held on for a 6-4 win.

Taylor Bennett, in her final home game as a Titan, went 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored, two stolen bases and an RBI. Another senior playing the final home game was Jessica Massie who added a run scored and a stolen base, and senior Alexis Hunter also had a stolen base and a run scored. Baileigh Hillyer went 1 for 2.

Grace Kile pitched three and one-third innings giving up four hits and two earned runs, while walking four and striking out eight. Kile scored a run. Cailynne Phillips pitched three and two-thirds innings in relief, taking the loss.

SMART PLAY AT FIRST



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Paris Lady Tiger first baseman Sydney Fox got pulled off the bag but still made the out, tagging Casey-Westfield's Harley Davidson in Friday (May 11) win over the Lady Warriors.

Historic win

Lady Tigers take down LIC foe Casey-Westfield 10-7

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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CASEY — For the first time in recent memory the Paris Lady Tigers softball team took down the high-powered Casey-Westfield Warriors 10-7 Friday (May 11).

The Lady Tigers took the lead late in the game in the victory.

Paris Lady Tigers trailed 6-5 in the top of the sixth inning when Carlei Sapp homered on a 3-2 count, scoring three runs and giving the Paris the lead for good.

Sapp — who was also behind the plate for Paris — went 4-for-4 at the plate, singling in the first, singled in the fourth, homered in the sixth, and singled in the seventh.

Kaitlyn Mathews earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for Paris Mathews went the distance for the Lady Tigers allowing 10 hits and seven runs while striking out three.

Kate Jones started on the mound for the Lady Warriors and was lifted after two-thirds of an inning. She struck out one and walked one.

Claire Maulding finished the game for Casey-Westfield allowing 10 runs and 10 hits over six and a third innings, while striking out 11.

Sapp and Mathews all managed multiple hits for Paris Sapp went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead Paris while Mathews was 2 for 5 — all singles.

Casey-Westfield scattered 10 hits in the game. Maulding, Eva Richardson, and Lindsay



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Paris catcher Carlei Sapp protects the plate and tags out a Casey-Westfield runner in the Lady Tigers 10-7 win over the Lady Warriors May 11.

Beasley each managed multiple hits for Casey-Westfield. Casey-Westfield stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Beasley led the way with three. Casey-Westfield didn't commit a single error in the field. Rachel Weger had the most chances in the field with 12.

PARIS 8, DANVILLE 3

Paris Lady Tigers broke open a tight softball game in the sixth inning and took an exciting 8-3 win over the Danville Lady Vikings Thursday the the PHS softball field.

Danville got things moving in the first inning. Jazzmyn Hicks drove in one when she singled.

In the bottom of the first inning, Paris tied things up at two.

The Lady Tigers pulled away for good with two runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Paris scored one run on a stolen base and Kaitlyn

Mathews tripled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

Paris pushed across four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The offensive firepower by the Lady Tigers was led by Brooklyn Westerfield, Mathews and Whitney Todd, all driving in runs in the frame.

Sami Potter earned the victory in the circle for Paris. She allowed two runs on four hits over four innings, striking out three and walking one. Mathews and Sara Burger entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Mathews recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Paris.

Billi Shank took the loss for Danville. She went one inning, allowing two runs on zero hits and walking one.

Freshman Whitney Todd socked a homer in the big sixth inning for the Lady Tigers.

Kelsie Dosch, Todd, Carlei Sapp, Bailey Bradley, Terra Fancher, Mathews and Westerfield all had one hit to lead Paris. Westerfield collected two stolen bases, the Lady Tigers they ran wild on the base paths with seven stolen bases.

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TOP PHS ATHLETES HONORED



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Four Paris High School athletes were honored as quad letter winners during the annual letterman's breakfast this past week hosted by PHS athletic director Creighton Tarr. Pictured, from left, are Sarah Wells, Sarah Isaf, Brooklyn Westerfield and John Bryant Eslinger. These athletes earned major letters in four varsity sports during the 2017-2018 school year.



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These Paris High School student tri-letter winners were honored at the annual letterman's breakfast this past week, hosted by PHS athletic director Creighton Tarr. Pictured first row, from left, are Kaitlyn Matthews, Sammi Potter, Savannah Mays, Hailey Underwood and McKayla Watson. Second row, from left, are Coy Landrum, Brody Spencer, Jude Sullivan, Bryce Kohlmeier, Noah Holzler and Colton Underwood. These athletes earned major letters in three varsity sports during the 2017-2018 school year.

TCT athletes shine at LOVC meet

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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ARTHUR — A warm May Friday (May 11) greeted track athletes to Wilson Field in Arthur as the Tri-County Titans track teams co-hosted with the Sangamon Valley Storm the 2018 Little Okaw Valley Conference Championships.

Both Titan teams came into the meet with solid hopes of contending for the league title as the regular season was winding down.

As the meet ended, the top athletes that have been setting the bar for the Titans shined once again showing the area that they will not be denied a chance at victory.

In the boys meet the Titans took seventh place with 51 points. The ALAH Knights won the title with 95 points.

Ramsey Hunt continued his impressive run in the field events winning both the triple jump — his speciality — and the long jump with leaps of 45 feet, 6 inches (a season and personal best) and 21 feet, 1 inch respectively.

Max Cox continued his quest to qualify for the IHSAA state meet winning the shot put with a toss of 50 feet, 10.5 inches while taking fifth in the discus.

Donavon Smith took second in both the shot put and discus with tosses of 46 feet, 1.25 inches and 129 feet, 10 inches respectively.

Levi Coonce took sixth in the 800 with a time of 2:10.80 while the 4x100 relay team of Coonce, JC Walker, Michael Hawkin and Mason Hutchinson took fifth place in that relay event.

In the girls meet, the Lady Titans take fifth place with 60 points.

The Cumberland Pirates won the title with 127 points.

Kaylenn Hunt was a girl possessed winning both the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 13.10 and 27.31. She also took second in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 4 inches and third

in the triple jump with a distance of 30 feet, 10 inches.

Meila Eskew was solid taking second in the 800 meter run with a time 2:38.56 and third in the 1600 meter run clocking in at 6:01.05. Julia Mickler took third in the 3200 at 13:16.42 continuing her strong success while Kiersten Price-Wilson continued her solid effort in the shot put taking third with a toss of 32 feet, 1 inch.

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Regional pairings are set

Post season play open Thursday for 27-2 Paris Tigers

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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The second season begins Monday, May 21, for members of the Illinois High School Association Class 3 and 4A schools, and the Paris Tigers baseball team starts a post-season quest Thursday, May 24.

Paris (27-2) earned the fifth-seed in the Decatur MacArthur Sectional, and faces third-seed Mattoon 4 p.m. Thursday at Baker Field in Charleston.

Mattoon was one of just two teams to defeat the Tigers this season, winning 9-2 April 9. The other loss for the

Tigers came Monday, May 14, to the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes.

Mt. Zion (22-4) earned the number 1 overall seed in the sectional, with Effingham (21-5) at number 2, Mattoon (22-7) at number 3 and Champaign Central (20-13) at number 4.

Mt. Zion won the Apollo Conference with an 11-1 record, followed by Effingham with a 9-3 record. Central finished in fourth place in the Big Twelve Conference with a 9-4 record.

Strength of schedule was the main contributing factor in the Paris seeding, even though the Tigers have the best win percentage in all of class 3A baseball at .931. Par-

is faced just four 3A schools this season, and had a 3-1 record in those games.

Paris Coach Creighton Tarr and his squad are looking forward to the rematch with Mattoon on Thursday, and Tarr said his team will play better against the Green Wave than in April.

"Mattoon is a quality program, and they have been for a long time," said Tarr. "For us to get the opportunity to avenge one of our only losses is something that fires me up, and I know it fires the boys up as well. Hopefully, we give them a better game than we did last month. There is a lot more on the line than there was then, and we are up for the challenge."

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for the Tigers.

Paris added another run in the sixth as Blayne Roberts doubled into the left field corner. Matt Stetler singled to bring Roberts home with the sixth and final run of the game.

Head coach Creighton Tarr praised his squad following the win.

"This was one of the cleanest games that we have played all year," Tarr said. "We had guys making plays all over the field, and we controlled the entire game. Our bats seemed to stay hot throughout the entire game."

The Tiger bats were hot as they pounded out 13 hits in just six innings of play. Littleton was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate with a double and three singles. Minor and O'Neal had a pair of singles each. Potter and Roberts each had a double with Stetler, Sutton, and Sullivan each adding a single.

Minor picked up the victory for the Tigers on the mound as he went 4.2 innings of scoreless ball. He allowed just three hits and struck out two. Raven Thompson went 1.1 innings allowing a pair of walks, while striking out two. O'Neal pitched the seventh inning allowing just a walk and a strikeout.

"Kudos to LLC for giving us the opportunity to play on their field," he said. "The field was in great shape. It was a fun experience for our guys to go and play well on that stage."

PARIS 9, CLINTON 7

CLINTON, ILL. — After sitting on a bus for nearly two hours, the Paris Tigers offense had no problem scoring early against Clinton High School Wednesday (May 16)

The long trip may have taken hold in the middle innings, as the Tigers were held scoreless for three frames. The tea, regained form and held on for a 9-7 victory. T. Austin Littleton got things going early on as he crushed the second pitch of the game over the head of the right fielder for a stand-up double. T.J. Potter singled to center to bring Littleton home with the first run of the game. Reese Sutton followed up with a single, and both runners came home on a double by Brock Minor.

Clinton added a run in the second and Paris added a run in the fifth as Sutton led off with a single.

Minor laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt and the throw got away from the first baseman to put runners at second and third with no outs. Caleb Gates brought Sutton home on an RBI ground out to make the score 4-1.

Clinton tied the score in the bottom of the fifth inning, but that lead was short-lived. The Tigers added five runs in the top of the sixth inning. Brody Spencer walked, Jude Sullivan singled and Littleton reached on an error by the second baseman to give the Tigers the lead. Potter reached on an error, which scored Sullivan with the sixth run of the game.

Paris took advantage of a pair

of bases loaded walks and an RBI double by Austin O'Neal to grab a five run lead, 9-4.

Sutton and O'Neal had two hits each, with O'Neal adding a double and an RBI to lead the way for the Tigers. Littleton and Minor each had a double and an RBI, and Potter and Sullivan each added a single.

Dylan Creech started on the mound for the Tigers and went 2.1 innings of scoreless ball. He allowed three hits, three walks and struck out one. Gates came on in the third and went 3.1 innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on three hits. He walked one, hit one and struck out three. Garrett King finished the sixth inning, allowing two earned runs on one hit; he walked one and struck out two. O'Neal got the final out of the game but not before allowing one earned run on two hits, and he struck out one.

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Chrisman scholarships announced

BY GARY HENRY
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CHRISMAN – The Chrisman High School took some time Tuesday, May 15, to honor academic achievement.

A Freshman-Senior Honors Day announced recipients of more than 19 scholarships and presented a variety of other awards.

Opening the program, principal Cole Huber urged the junior high school students and underclassmen to be attentive to the scholarship presentations.

“These guys are giving free money today,” Huber said of the various presenters. “Pay attention to how much opportunity is out there for you. All you have to do is work for it.”



The Chrisman Athletic Booster Club presented four scholarships to graduating seniors. Left to right, presenter Karen Webster and scholarship recipients Chantel Switzer, Kyle Webster, Madisyn Norman and Kristen Hoult.



Leslie Henry, left, presented the OSF Health Care Sacred Heart Medical Scholarship to Jordan Ford, right, during the May 15 honors day at Chrisman High School.



Kayla Anderson, left, of Longview Bank and Trust, presented the Walter E. and Mary Lee Buntain Scholarship to Chrisman senior Keegan Owen.



The Chrisman Community Club gave three scholarships to members of the 2018 Chrisman High School Class. Left to right, presenter Derrick Lorenzen, Keegan Owen, Kirk Hoult and Kristen Hoult, who received the P.J. Wiseman Memorial Scholarship.



Kyle Webster was named the recipient of a Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program award during the May 15 Chrisman High School Honors Day.



Chrisman American Legion Post 477 gave four scholarships to graduating Chrisman High School seniors. Left to right, presenter Rick Jenness, Kristen Hoult, Kyle Webster, Chantel Switzer and Keegan Owen.



Keegan Owen received the Ralph McKee Scholarship during the May 15 Chrisman High School Honors Day program.



Chrisman High School seniors in the 2018 class received five scholarships from the Danville Area Community College Foundation. Left to right presenter, Tracy Wahfeldt and recipients Madisyn Norman, Keegan Owen, Chantel Switzer, Julie Phillips and Kirk Hoult.



Kristen Hoult is the 2018 recipient of the Millard Yount Scholarship at Chrisman High School.



The Sons of the American Legion of the Chrisman American Legion Post gave three scholarships at the May 15 Honors Day at Chrisman High School. Left to right, presenter Rick Jenness, Kristen Hoult, Madisyn Norman and Levi Kirby.



The Jerry Lunger Memorial Scholarship in different categories went to three Chrisman High School seniors. Left to right, presenters Patti Lunger and Tyler Sayre and science recipient Kristen Hoult, agriculture recipient Kyle Webster and education recipient Madisyn Norman.



Kim Adams, left, presented two Chrisman American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships to Madisyn Norman, center, and Jordan Ford, right.



Recipients of the 2018 Dee Wilson Scholarship at Chrisman High School are, left to right, Kristopher Ragle, Kyle Webster and Keegan Owen.



Kristopher Ragle, left, and Jalieanne Holvani, right, are recipients of Indiana State University scholarships. The announcement was made during the May 15 Chrisman High School Honors Day Program.



Kevin Julian, left, representing the EnerStar board of directors, presented the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship to Kyle Webster at the Chrisman High School Honors Day Tuesday, May 15.



Shelby Phipps, left, presented the Brett Krabel Sky is the Limit Award to Kyle Webster, right, during the academic awards ceremony Tuesday, May 15, at Chrisman High School.

Fun at the ballpark

I'm a genuine St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan — been that way since birth during WWII. This doesn't make me special because Cardinals fans number many thousands across the Midwestern U. S. Some people around here are Chicago Cubs fans. I must admit Wrigley Field is a beautiful baseball stadium, but I just don't have a low enough I.Q. to be a Cubs fan.

About once each summer I manage to save enough money to travel to St. Louis and watch a Cardinals game. Of course, I follow them devotedly on TV. In my living room, wearing a hole in my lounge chair while the cat sleeps on my lap.

Television coverage is excellent, but actually being inside a stadium offers so many advantages.

The functions inside the stadium operate like a well-oiled machine. A public address announcer keeps the fans informed with basic information. The electronic scoreboard adds extras.

Prior to the game you notice the organized work of public relations reps. Perhaps a school choir is led behind home plate to sing "God Bless America." At the same time a band lines up near right field to play the national anthem.

A grounds crew prepares the playing field, waters the dirt surface, and smooths it to perfection. Between certain innings they smooth it some more. The same crew hustles into action in case of a rain delay.

Batboys retrieve bats and foul balls very proficiently during the game. They also keep the umpire supplied with new baseballs.

Should an emergency occur, there are unseen specialists ready to respond to injuries — even take charge of 40,000 fans if there's an earthquake or tornado — and that has happened.

Between every half-inning, security personnel line the field's perimeter in case some nut decides to streak nude to the pitcher's mound, or some lame-brain attempts to harm a player or umpire. All this and more, which you don't see on TV.

My main interest is to sit in the stadium and observe the players in real action.

One thing that boggles my mind is Ball Park Village. Hundreds gather there across the street from left field. They eat, drink, and merrily watch the game on a huge T.V. screen. Each in a group of friends, say six, pays \$9 per bottle or glass of beer, easily consuming three or four. They gorge on tasty, but expensive foodstuffs.

The group easily spends a total of \$700, or more if they purchase jackets, shirts, and hats.

Why don't they stay home, gather at someone's home, share a case of beer for less than \$30, grill some hot dogs and save hundreds of dollars? And that's not factoring in gas money.

I reckon it's the enjoyment of the atmosphere. They probably earn lots more money than me. Everyone has a right to spend their money as they choose. After all, they are Cardinals fans. Give them credit for that reason alone.

An old joke relates that a disturbed man with a tremendous I.Q. consulted a brain surgeon, complaining that he couldn't associate with normal people. The request was for removal of 10 percent of his brain, leaving 90 percent. Though the surgeon initially refused, the patient's threat of suicide convinced him to honor the

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'Play it forward' makes goal

Committee raises \$70,000 to provide PCFA with piano

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There will be a new grand piano at the Paris Center of Fine Arts, thanks to the work of the "Play It Forward" committee, according to Lisa Tucker, who made the announcement on behalf of the committee.

The piano is in honor of longtime Paris music educator and professional musician the late Moke Owens. Owens taught at Mayo Middle School for many years, was organist and pianist at First Christian Church and taught piano lessons to a generation of Paris musicians.

The \$70,000 7.7 foot Yamaha C7X grand piano — is expected to arrive sometime later this summer, Lisa Tucker said.

In addition to the piano to be purchased at The Piano Network in Effingham, accessories such as benches, covers, a humidity monitor and an hydrolic dolly must also be bought. The dolly will be used to move the piano on and off stage from the storage garage to be constructed backstage at the PCFA.

Lisa Tucker said the committee, the Paris High School administration — which oversees the PCFA facility — and the Paris Cooperative



Special to The Prairie Press

Paris educator and pianist will be honored when a new concert grand piano becomes a part of the Paris Center for Fine Arts.

School Board — are planning the design and installation of the storage area, which must be installed before the piano becomes permanently part of the PCFA.

The Hasler Foundation provided a matching gift \$15,000. Lisa Tucker said, and "a generous local benefactor's gift at the end of April took the fundraising to its conclusion."

The campaign began in October, 2017, after PHS alum and Edgar County native Bill Tucker developed an idea of getting a new piano for the center and dedicating

it to the memory of Moke Owens.

Tucker, an attorney in Aiken, S.C., was a piano student of Owens, whom he described as "an extraordinary pianist who touched the lives of hearts or all who knew him."

Tucker kicked off the fundraising campaign with a \$10,000 gift.

In an interview this week from his South Carolina office, Tucker said he was delighted the community was able to raise the money, noting, "Hundreds of individuals and businesses from a half dozen states contributed

gifts of all sizes."

The new grand piano will replace one purchased in 1965 by the late Virginia Allen in memory of her husband, John P. Allen, who was killed in a tragic automobile accident in March, 1963, along with two high school cheerleaders.

The Allen piano is in bad shape and incapable of staying in tune, he said, noting the piano is inconsistent with the quality of the fine arts center.

Lisa Tucker noted there are fabulous pianists in the Edgar County community and the committee plans to christen the new grand piano with a concert and give community members an opportunity to play it.

"We have visions of home-grown talent," she said. The date for the concert is yet to be determined.

As for Bill Tucker, he hopes to be sitting at the PCFA at that concert — although he doubts he will be playing that night. "I'll be enjoying everyone else's music," he said.

Lisa Tucker expressed the committee's thanks to Bruce Bannister of The Piano Network for "his thoughtful advice and expertise. Mr. Bannister has invested countless hours in this project and is providing invaluable experience regarding the housing and maintenance of the piano."

Bring on a drought to spare yardwork

The only difference between a weed and a truck is one of them has wheels.

Because of my profound ignorance of plants, for many years, my wife has lived in terror of her beloved

flowers, shrubs and an untold number of soil-bound creatures being destroyed by my hand.

Droughts earned my highest praise, due to the fact they alleviated the guilt manifested when someone was called in to cut the grass, trim the hedges; and my beloved had to spend her time doing the weeding. But, she did not complain.

Farmers race up and down their fields in the spring. They try to plant their crops in tune with the rain. They pay a high price in terms of financial and mental anguish when the rains do not come during the growing season. Farmers will complain — a hallowed tradition. When they are drinking their coffee, and, perusing this column; they will really complain. And quite possibly, having no means of getting their hands on me will turn on the newspaper.

Fortunately, for the editor of this fine publication, there are few farmers who can spare the time, in the wake of my column, to burn down the newspaper and lynch the editor. Editors fret enough when readers, or maniacs, take offense.

In any case (cliché), there is little reason for farmers to climb down from their tractors, or stop feeding their cattle and hogs so they can drive into town, purchase some sturdy rope and dispatch the editor. My love of droughts has been confined to my yard — until several months ago, when quite suddenly, my opinion of plants underwent a miraculous change.

I do believe in God, but had no inkling of his fondness for my wife's begonias. Upon reflection, however, I realized plants are part of the heavenly plan. We are all made of dirt. Perhaps, my inspiration was due to recalibration.

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HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

Community theater a go

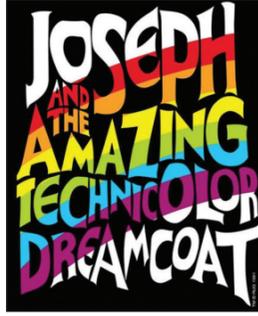
Auditions are set for all ages for the 'Joseph' musical

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Signups for the auditions for the first production of the Paris Community Theater Company's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" are now open, according to show director and Paris native Stuart Metcalf.

Auditions for the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice production are set Saturday, June 9, with callbacks scheduled Sunday, June 10. The auditions will be at the Paris Center of Fine Arts, located at Paris High School, located just north of Paris off State Route 1. The school address is 14040 E 1200th Rd, Paris, IL 61944.

Tanner Laughlin, who announced the creation of the group and its first show, said the production will be presented is July 13-15 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Laughlin is the show's producer and provided the seed money for the production. Other members of the production team



besides Metcalf and Laughlin are musical director Jessica Hendrickson, choreographer Jane Smittkamp and rehearsal pianist Peg Dixon.

"We encouraged all ages to audition for the production," Metcalf said. "We are inviting everyone from the East Central Illinois and West Central Indiana to audition and participate."

Auditions begin and noon Saturday, June 9 at PCFA. Those who have questions about the auditions or wish make appointments for auditions may email pariscommunitytheater@gmail.com.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing. An accompanist will be provided. No CD or recorded music will be allowed for auditions, he em-

phasized. Please bring sheet music.

"Music from the show is encouraged but not required," he said.

Auditions will take about five minutes and may include interviews, he said.

Callbacks for the production are Sunday, June 10, Metcalf said, with casting to follow. The first cast meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, June 11 and will include rehearsal and general information.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical is celebrating its 50th year. A pit orchestra directed by Hendrickson will provide the music, Metcalf said.

Auditions for the 30-member children's chorus — an integral part of the show — will be held at the same time as the other auditions, Metcalf explained. Children ages kindergarten and up are invited to audition.

"The children will be singing something unaccompanied and we will talk to them for a couple of minutes," Metcalf said.

Metcalf also emphasized this isn't just a Paris show. "We're hoping to have men



METCALF



LAUGHLIN

and women from Chrisman, Hume, Kansas, Marshall as well as college students who are home from the summer," he said.

The musical, celebrating its 50th year, is the retelling of the Bible's story of Joseph and his coat of many colors. The musical was originally written for a school Lloyd-Webber's son attended.

Metcalf said besides the lead role of Joseph, there are also supporting roles of 11 brothers, his father, Jacob, the Pharaoh, a narrator as well as a supporting chorus.

Metcalf is a graduate of Paris High School and Tulane University. He worked as an actor in the U.S. and Europe, touring with "Jesus Christ, Superstar." He is now a production manager most recently for two touring companies of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Allergies: When the human immune system attacks

The human immune system protects us from germs and diseases. It has evolved over the eons to be remarkably efficient at identifying and destroying foreign pathogens.

Sometimes the immune system misidentifies cells and attacks our own body. Last week we discussed how the immune system can interfere with pigment producing cells leading to early graying of hair. The same science journal also published new research to explain how the immune system contributes to male pattern baldness.

The immune system can attack hair stem cells in the scalp resulting in failure to grow new hairs. Women have a better immune system, so this tends to be a greater problem for men, but then women may have more allergy problems.

Allergic reactions have their root in how our body reacts to substances we encounter. Allergic or hypersensitivity reactions are the inappropriate responses of

the immune system to a normally harmless substance. Common allergic reactions make the eyes water and itch, the nose run, the skin itchy, rashes develop, people sneeze and the linings of the lungs may constrict.

The immune system consists of white blood cells, and custom antibody proteins. Their purpose is to defend the body against antigens or dangerous foreign bodies like bacterial and viral infections.

When dangerous bacteria invades the body the immune system responds by increasing blood flow to the area, flooding white blood cells in to surround and digest the antigen. We develop antibodies which are a proteins shaped to attach to the foreign substance and neutralize them. This is wonderful when our body

protects us from a flu virus. We can cure ourselves of the common cold in three to five days by eliminating the invading virus material.

Sometimes a non-threatening material triggers this response in our body and makes us miserable from the allergic response.

The trigger is now called an allergen rather than an antigen. The allergen may be a common food substance as a food allergy. It may be a chemical in a drug as a drug allergy, or possibly a substance present in the environment as a seasonal allergy, which are mostly caused by increased pollen and molds in the air.

An allergic reaction is when the immune system falsely identifies a substance as dangerous. The body produces a type of antibody called immunoglobulin-E (IgE). IgE binds to a basophil white blood cell and to a related tissue cell called a mast cell. These connected cells surround the misidentified foreign substance and release histamines, prosta-

glandins and leukotrienes designed to destroy the allergen, but they also irritate tissue.

The body increases blood flow to the area and swells by retaining fluid. A basketball coach teaches defense to players by having them stretch out and fill up the lane to prevent the opponent from penetrating to the basket. Our tissue does the same by swelling with fluid to block the allergen from moving, and we get a rash and puffy eyes.

The best allergy treatment is avoiding the allergen, but that is not always possible. Over the counter antihistamines like Benadryl, Zyrtec or Allegra block the production of histamines to reduce tissue irritation. Severe reactions may cause extreme asthma attacks and dangerous tissue swelling. Those can be life threatening. An emergency injection of epinephrine can block the immune response.

Alcohol promotes allergic reactions, because alcohol in the blood stream dilates

capillaries in the skin tissues and increases the blood flow. The extra blood flow only serves to increase the swelling and antibody concentration. Antihistamines taken for allergies are central nervous system depressants, the same as alcohol, and thus the reason for warnings not to mix with alcohol.

Pollens are the primary seasonal allergen. Pollens are tiny particles released in the trillions by plants for reproduction. When pollen touches our eyes, the lining of our nose or ears, the lining of our lungs they are trapped by fluid, and it may trigger the allergic reaction.

This year has been worse than normal for pollen. A typical spring pollen season is from late March to the end of May. This year March and April were too cold and wet for pollens to develop. As a result, the pollen season was compressed into about four weeks, meaning the concentration of pollen in the air is many times greater than normal.

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Paris resident Elvis R. Ward, a 32nd Degree Mason, was recently honored by the Scottish Rite of Danville recognizing his milestone as a 50-year member of the Masonic Order.

MILESTONES

Couple welcomes daughter

Henry A. Dudley III and Archer Davis Dudley of Washington, D.C., are the parents of their second child, a daughter, born at 10:35 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2018, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington.

The baby weighed seven pounds and four ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. She has been named McKinley Maness Dudley.

McKinley was welcomed home by a sister, Holden, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Holden Davis of Paris. Paternal grand-



MCKINLEY MANESS DUDLEY

mother is Ann Dudley of Chevy Chase, Md.

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Clinics set Memorial Day hours

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Horizon Health clinics in Paris, Chrisman, and Oakland will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

All locations will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, May 29.

Also note that the EZ Care walk-in clinic, located at 1 Phipps Lane in Paris, will have regular hours Memorial Day.

REYNOLDS

FROM PAGE 1B

Upon revealing my intent to do yard work, my wife immediately drove to our church to implore the minister to repair to his sanctuary to argue for reconsideration of my inspiration. Perhaps, it was a cosmic joke, the preacher thought, but his prayer went unanswered.

She returned home to issue a warning of the dire consequences if any of her plants should fall prey to my appalling ignorance of

horticulture.

This she addressed to me as I sat on the porch drinking my thermos of coffee.

Like most husbands agreeing not to do something their wives enjoin them not to do, I did the opposite.

Why men do that, women have the least inkling. I suppose it goes back to the time when men with their spears attempted to kill mastodons, after being told by their wives not to do it.

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Couple to be married May 25

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

A Paris couple will be married next weekend.

Jesse Corbin and Elisha Bennett will marry Friday, May 25, in a ceremony at Fox Ridge State Park, near Charleston. The couple resides in Paris.



JESSE CORBIN, ELISHA BENNETT

Vermilion student graduates

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La. — Mickaela Clark, of Vermilion, graduated May 5

from Centenary College of Louisiana. Clark graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's of arts in religious studies.

SHARE YOUR MILESTONE: Submit news of your anniversary, engagement, wedding or birth for free: email nzeman@prairiepress.net or mail The Prairie Press, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944.

April Red Cross blood drive collects 55 pints

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The April 23 blood draw collected 55 units of blood.

The next blood drive is May 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Paris. All blood types are needed for the summer approaches. For an appointment call Nancy Englebright at 217-465-6494. Walk-ins always welcome.

Volunteers helping were Betty Ray, Debbie Walters, Mary Lou Wilson, Bob McHenry, Bruce and Sharon Wilken, Rosemary Ogle and Nancy Englebright.

Lion Club members help-

ing were Brad and Sharon Cash, Dan and Velda Vice and Ron Stickler.

Brian Blair completed a four-gallon donation.

Janie Martin completed an eight-gallon donation. James Piper completed a six-gallon donation.

Bell Ridge Church was in charge of the food canteen. Monical's donated pizza for the event. Also food donations were received from McDonald's and Larsson, Woodyard and Henson LLP.

The First Christian Church of Paris is in charge of the May 21 food canteen.

Evening TOPS group meets

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, May 15, with 15 members weighing in and 13 attending the meeting.

Members recognized were Jayne Peters, TOPS weekly loser; Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Jamie Larson, three-weeks loser; Sharon Phillips, top walker

and Patty Felgenhauer, top exerciser.

Felgenhauer delivered a program about health and exercise.

TOPS #IL. 2318 meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Weigh-in is 5:45-6:50 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. More information is available by calling 217-808-0078 or 217-822-6300.

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Besides the late warm up, we are experiencing climate change. The extra carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the rapid spring temperature rise caused plants to produce up to twice as much pollen as normal. This extra pollen all released into a much shorter season is causing allergic reactions in people who

typically did not react.

There is a direct connection between gut health and our immune system. Nearly 80 percent of our immune system resides in our digestive system.

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truly dangerous materials from harmless allergens leading to an allergic response from overreaction of the immune system. The more diverse microbial exposure as a youth, the healthier we are long term. It trains our immune system to respond appropriately.

For all of us, increasing the fiber in our diet and probiotic supplementation improves our health and reduces allergic reactions.

(Terry Sullivan's fascination with science started as a child watching Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" and James Burke's "Connections" on PBS. He is the technology and curriculum director for the Shiloh School District. Email him at sullivan@shiloh1.us)

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OUT OF THE PAST

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Paris Beacon-News

The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of May 13-19, 1918, and from the Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

MANUFACTURER TO TALK

There will be two short, snappy talks at the next Chamber of Commerce luncheon. O. T. Merkle will have for his subject "Some Practical Suggestions." Mr. Merkle's suggestions are always good. He is a real live wire, a man who knows what to say and how to say it. Second Lt. Rue Link, R.M.A. Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps., headquartered at Chanute Field, Rantoul, will talk on the interesting subject "How I Learned To Fly." Lunch will be served by the King's Daughters of the Christian Church.

CONTRACT FOR NEW ROADS

The contract for paving of the Redmon and Springfield roads was let to Alan Jay Parrish, local contractor. The letting was under the supervision of Road Commissioner J. Frank Bristow. Division State Highway Engineer Rodney Bell was present to inspect the letting. The specifications call for monolithic brick pavements to be completed by September. Work will be started first on the Redmon Road, it is understood.

VOLUNTEER FIRE EQUIPMENT

An order has been placed for a half-dozen complete outfits for the volunteer fire department recently organized to assist the city firemen. The equipment consists of boots, coats and helmets. The city also has under consideration the purchase of a new fire alarm which is guaranteed to be heard from four to five miles.

50 YEARS AGO

METHODISTS BREAK GROUND

Impressive groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church were conducted to officially start construction of the new two-story educational wing of the church. Church pastor the Rev. Charles Hanson led the special services, as the congregation gathered in the east parking lot, site of the new building. Building committee chairman Mrs. Beryl Bristow turned the first earth. Stephens Construction is the general contractor.

COUNCIL OKS ZONING

City zoning was approved for Paris in a first reading by the city council with final consideration expected at the next council session. The plan to zone the city is basically the same as the proposal presented to the council several weeks ago. In essence the plan would restrict future growth of the city to the same basic areas of interest that it now has. The Rev. John Faust is chairman of the zoning commission that has worked a half-year on the proposal.

GARDEN PARTY FOR SENIORS

A big social weekend for the upperclassmen of Paris High School opens with a "Junior-Senior Garden Party" scheduled for the high school gym. This is the program traditionally sponsored by each year's junior class for the seniors, with themes and decorations carried over for the next night's Junior-Senior Prom. The program will be emceed by co-chairmen Mike Cheney and Jim Lehman and will feature skits and entertainment alternatingly "roasting and toasting" the graduating seniors.

Walgreens born in state

BY CHRISTOPHER PLACEK

The Daily Herald

A pharmacist at Walgreens for 37 years, Joel Karlinsky might often see people on their worst days, coming to him for antidotes to their health maladies.

But in providing a helping hand and friendly smile, Karlinsky formed a bond with his customers. One regular appreciated the service so much that he had an engraved Montblanc pen made for Karlinsky with the pharmacist's name on it.

"I tried to go out of my way to be nice to them," said Karlinsky, now retired, who for a time managed the pharmacy at a Walgreens near the company's Deerfield headquarters. "Customer service goes a long way. Everybody fills the same prescriptions, but if you're providing them with a friendly, knowledgeable individual, that gives them a level of service above and beyond."

That pharmacist's personalized touch mirrors the 117-year-old company's origin

story, when founder Charles R. Walgreen Sr. and colleague Arthur C. Thorsen personally greeted each customer who came to the door of their modest 20-by-50-foot pharmacy on Chicago's South Side.

Some customers also called in their orders to Walgreen. He famously tried to keep the person on the phone long enough to give his assistant Caleb Danner time to gather the requested items and personally deliver them.

Company historians have coined it the "two-minute drill." "He was bringing a new level of customer service to the industry," said Michael Polzin, a longtime Walgreens spokesman. "It was one of the things he focused on early on."

Walgreen, born near Galesburg, moved to Dixon with his family as a child. At 16, he got his first pharmacy job, working for Horton's Drugstore, where he earned \$4 a week. He quit after a year and a half, but continued in the pharmacy business, working for sever-



Photo Courtesy of Walgreens

Pictured in front of Walgreens' first drugstore, circa 1901, is store handyman Caleb Danner, right, and an unidentified man on the left. The store was located at 4134 Cottage Grove Ave. in Chicago.

al pharmacists after arriving in Chicago in 1893.

Walgreen ended up at Isaac Blood's drugstore inside Barrett's Hotel at the corner of Cottage Grove and Bowen avenues. In 1901, Blood sold the store to Walgreen for \$6,000. It took Walgreen years to pay off a loan he needed to make the purchase.

Walgreen became an inno-

vator, taking what had been a dimly lit drugstore and installing bright lights. He widened the aisles and started selling items uncommon for pharmacies at the turn of the century, like pots and pans.

Walgreen, like other pharmacists, introduced the soda fountain to his stores, but he kept his open year-round, serving his wife Myr-

tle's homemade specialties, like chicken, tongue and egg salad sandwiches, bean and cream of tomato soup, and cakes and pies.

In 1919, Walgreen had 20 stores, which a decade later grew to 525.

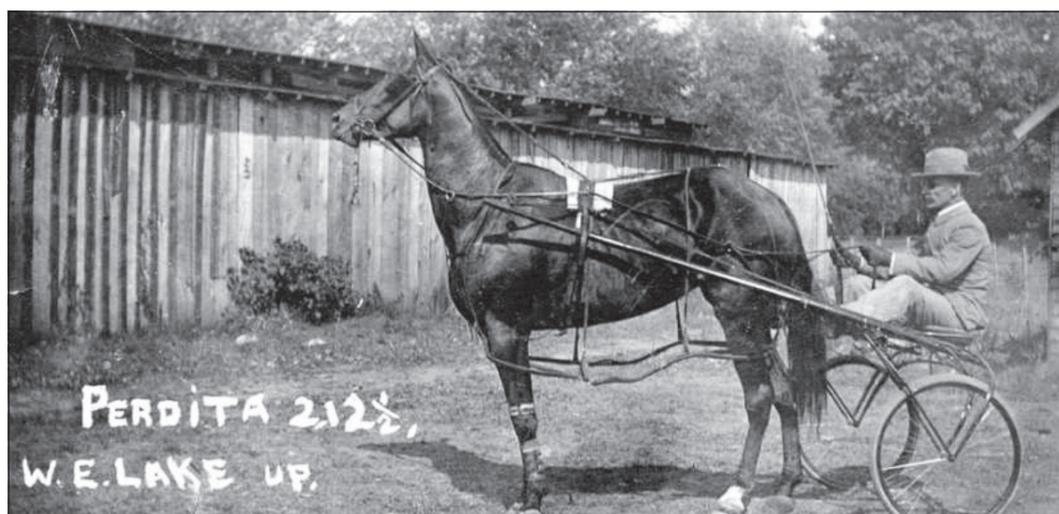
Company historians have attributed Walgreens tremendous growth in the 1920s to the popularity of the malted milkshake, invented by soda jerk Ivar "Pop" Coulson in 1922. Coulson added vanilla ice cream to the common malted milk drink, which consisted of milk, chocolate syrup and malt powder.

Daniel Okrent, in his book "Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition," suggests the store also benefited from alcohol sales during that time, because pharmacies were allowed to sell booze for medicinal purposes.

It was in the 1950s when Walgreens entered the modern retail era, with the introduction of self-service stores.

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CONFEDERATE TROOPER SETTLES IN EDGAR COUNTY



Special to The Prairie Press

In his later life, Erasmus Bergen was a well-known breeder of trotting horses. He is shown with his horse Perdita on the family farm south of Paris in Conlogue.

Confederates settled here

BY DANNY BRISENO

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With the centennial anniversary of World War I upon us there are few veterans of the Great War remaining. Soon all that will be left are the stories the soldiers passed down and what is written in books — just like the veterans of the American Civil War.

One such Civil War story involves a veteran of the Confederate Army, who moved to Edgar County after the war to rebuild his life.

Erasmus Taylor Bergen was born March 28, 1846, in Shelby County, Ky., to John Bergen and Amanda A. Fallis Bergen. The family was a well-off farming family with several slaves. Bergen's father passed away when he was six years old and his mother and her father-in-law, George Bergen, parented the boy through childhood.

When Erasmus Bergen turned 16 the Civil War was in full swing, and he wanted nothing more than to join the Confederate Army and fight against the Northern states. His mother and grandfather wanted Bergen to forgo the army and finish his schooling. Bergen went against their advice and, accompanied by a slave named Jim, joined the Confederate Army Sept. 10, 1862.

Bergen was a private in Company C, Eighth Kentucky Cavalry Volunteers and served in Morgan's Raiders under Captain W. A. Shucks and General John H. Morgan.

Morgan's Raiders fought in many battles during the Civil War but the most memorable exploit



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Former Confederate cavalryman Erasmus Bergen came north to Edgar County in 1876 to build a new life. He is shown here in later life with his wife Lou Ann in front of their farmhouse in Conlogue.

was Morgan's Raid that started in Tennessee and ended in Ohio. The raid coincided with the timing of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Siege of Vicksburg between June 11 and July 26, 1863.

Bergen started the raid but was captured July 19 at Buffington, Ohio, a week before the raid was over. He spent the next 18 months as a prisoner of war at Camp Douglas in Chicago.

Prisoners of war, on both sides, suffered horrible ordeals during the Civil War. The winter Bergen spent at Camp Douglas was bitterly cold and the prisoners had very little heat. In addition, Bergen had insufficient clothing and food was only hardtack and water. Two months before the

Civil War ended Bergen was sent back to the Confederate Army on a prisoner exchange.

After the war ended, he returned to Shelby County, Kentucky, and married Lou Ann Yount in 1866. They lived happily in Shelby County for the next 10 years. In 1876, Bergen moved his family to a farm three miles southwest of Paris in the village of Conlogue in Grandview Township.

Bergen farmed and also engaged in raising and breeding blooded trotting horses and fancy registered cattle. Out of all the horses Bergen bred his favorite was one named Spanish Cavalier. The horse was a well-known trotter and racehorse in the area.

Bergen was always a hard worker

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Something good about being lazy

It seems a lot of folks my age, or a little younger, have a way of telling Rosie and me all about how they



ROGER STANLEY

NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

get their garden planted about a month before we do. When I start planting mine those same wonderful gardeners tell me

they have already had radishes and lettuce to munch on.

There surely has to be a reason why I am so far behind. First of all, my dad always did yesterday what I always planned to do tomorrow. He always had the corn-planter ready to go in March and the combine ready for fall harvest in August. I use to plant early, but many times I didn't get the planter out until I decided I better get something in the ground.

I don't plant corn and bean crops any more, but I try to keep my yard halfway mowed and try to grow a few things in the garden.

Last year, when the grass was growing like crazy in the early spring my mower needed to go to the mower shop, but they were so busy it took three weeks to fix it. I had to go to Oblong, borrow my son-in-law's mower and haul it back and forth for two weeks until mine was fixed.

That sounded like I was behind the eight ball, but it was a good excuse for us to make those trips, and I got to visit with my daughter and great-grandson a couple of times. I guess that told me grass was not as important as people are, but I kind of wish I could have done the mowing a little easier and more timely.

I still have to see an

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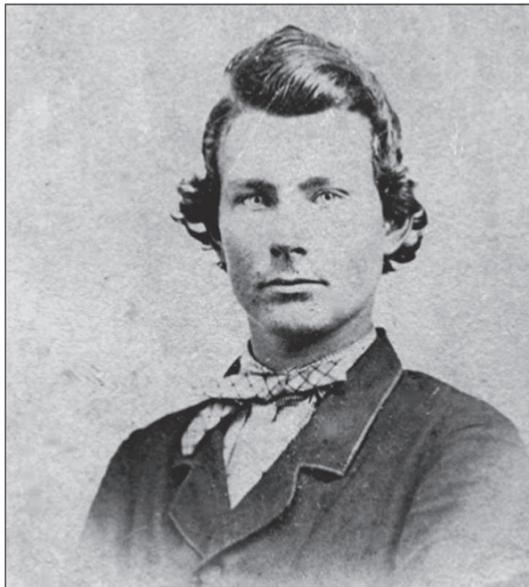
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This image of Erasmus Bergen is believed to be around the time he was in a Union prisoner of war camp in Chicago.

REBEL
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when it came to the family farm. One Wednesday, despite the extreme heat, Bergen spent the whole day threshing wheat and oats. He was up the next morning early to take on his normal day. At around eight o'clock Thursday, July 27, 1910, he suddenly became ill. His illness continued to get worse until Bergen succumbed to acute indigestion complicated by heart problems.

In his life with his wife, Bergen raised six children, four boys and two girls. The family was staunch Presbyterian and believed greatly in the denomination's precepts

and tenets.

Bergen was a man of great judgment, and it showed with ability while living in Edgar County to get along with the soldiers he fought against. He attended many local G.A.R. meetings and took part in many of the local ceremonies.

Bergen was one of many Confederate soldiers who settled in the north after the fighting stopped. All who knew him liked him and many citizens attended the funeral out of respect. One fellow soldier of the 18th Kentucky Cavalry, named James Woodard, carried the flag of Morgan's Raiders at the funeral.

WALGREENS
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Until then, clerks working behind counters retrieved goods off shelves for customers.

By the 1980s, the company was building more and more stand-alone stores instead of those in strip malls or attached to other retailers. By the next decade, the company started building drive-through pharmacy lanes.

Expansion has continued in recent years: in 2010,

Walgreens acquired New York-based pharmacy chain Duane Reade.

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Officials find 2 new diary pages

Discovery in Anne Frank diary reveals earthier teen author

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When Anne Frank was arrested in the "secret annex" she and her family had hidden in between 1942 and 1944, she had to leave her beloved diary behind. She had no idea she would one day become one of the Holocaust's most famous symbols.

Now, officials from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam have announced the discovery of two previously unknown pages of her diary — material that reveals an earthier side of its teenage author.

The previously unknown writing was discovered behind brown paper that covers up two pages in Frank's diary. In 2016, conservators took photos of the condition of the diary during a routine check. This time, advanced imaging technology revealed the text beneath the pages.

Frank apparently began an entry on September 28, 1942, then ruined the pages. "I'll use this spoiled page to write down 'dirty' jokes," she wrote — then listed four, along with an imagined lesson on sex education and some information on prostitutes. "At the end she explicitly names her father, Otto, who had been in Paris and saw houses with prostitutes," the Anne Frank House writes.

It's not clear when Frank wrote each portion of the newly discovered text. Anne herself presumably pasted the paper over the written pages, though it's not clear when or why. The Anne Frank House did not release the text itself along with the announcement.

At the time, Frank was 12 years old and curious about

sex and relationships like other children her age. In her diary, she wrote about other jokes that were sexual in nature, discussed her changing body and menstruation, and explored her own budding sexual feelings toward members of the same and opposite sex.

Frank's candid words on sex didn't make it into the first published diary, which appeared in English in 1952. Though Anne herself edited her diary with an eye to publication, the book — released eight years after her death from typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at age 15 — contained additional cuts. These were only partially restored in 1986, when a critical edition of her diary was published. Then, in 1995, an even less censored version, including a passage on Frank's own body previously withheld by her father, was published.

It isn't the first time new material by Frank has been uncovered. In 1998, five additional pages were released — pages that dealt with what Anne saw as the strained and false relationship between her parents.

The inclusion of the pages in a biography of Frank sparked a copyright furor, and they were only released in a new critical edition of the book in 2001.

Frank's inclusion of sexual material in her diaries makes sense — during her 25 months of hiding, she matured from a young girl into a young woman and even conducted a brief romantic relationship with Peter van Pels, a boy who hid with the Frank family.

But to those who have read Frank's diary, the real surprise is not that she addressed sexual topics — it's that there's more to discover about a 15-year-old murdered 73 years ago.

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awful need for something before I do it, and I kind of like to ruminate about having to do work before it absolutely has to be done. Some people might call that being lazy.

As I get older I enjoy my lazy time more, but Rosie keeps telling me that I always believed I had time to take a nap especially when my eyes didn't focus right. I call that instinctual awareness to prevent me from getting so much done that I just didn't feel right about it.

I must get back to my gardening efforts for this year and hope it is easier than last year when the ground stayed colder and every time we planted something the rains came hard and I had a nice concrete garden. I fall worked the garden in preparation for this year and the ground is warm. It probably could have been planted three or four weeks ago.

We didn't order seed this year from those seed catalogs that come in February, but decided to see if we were in the mood to plant a garden or not. May 15 sounds like a good time to plant, even though my yard needs mow-

ing, but I can't use teaching at school as an excuse. It was also cool enough so I wouldn't get too hot so I went to the barn and tried to fire up the tiller.

I checked the oil and filled it with gas and then tried to start it. I adjusted the choke and the throttle and pulled on the rope. Nothing, no fire and I remembered from last year that starting the tiller was a lot harder on the back than actually using the device. So I decided it was a good time to open the other shed door to let in more light and get the breeze to cool off the steam from my ears.

I went to the cabinet and found the book on the tiller and read how to start it. It didn't say anything about what to do if it failed to start the first time. It seems like the manuals that go along with implement devices never have a good index and the information and pictures always tells you something about what your really don't care to know. About the time you think you find the right page you are in the Spanish section. You go a little further and find a picture that might help, but the language is in French.

Hey, I am English only and really don't care about how

fluent the writers of the little gem-dandy manual are with their diversity.

Anyway after about a half-hour, I finally found the right instructions so I followed them. The first pull and the fool thing started. I really think the reason it started was because I flooded the carburetor and that evaporated, and it was going to start anyway. I then realized that I might as well head for the garden cause my back didn't hurt so much to use the tiller and grind up some dirt.

Rosie and I went to the store and bought seed and we planted some peas, lettuce, beets and corn. Then we took a break and went to get some tomato plants and flowers from the high school greenhouse and got one heck of a deal.

We got home and planted the tomatoes, but didn't plant the flowers as we both were pooped, which is one way of being legitimately lazy. There are times when lazy is good — either that or the body tells us when to use our brains instead of our backs.

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Episcopalians in the spotlight

American presiding bishop to deliver sermon at wedding

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As 3 billion people worldwide prepare to watch the royal wedding of Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle today, one faith group is especially keen to make the most of every pageantry-filled moment — Episcopalians.

From North Carolina to Washington state, they've been scrambling all week to set up for parish viewing parties, update church websites and get their hands on bingo cards designed to reward those who listen most closely. And why not?

Episcopalians not only trace their religious roots through King Henry VIII — whose 16th-century reign ushered in the Church of England — they'll also have one of their

own in the pulpit when Presiding Bishop Michael Curry delivers the wedding sermon.

"The idea that someone you've (known), that this individual with this message, is given the opportunity to be heard by 3 billion people — how could we not be listening to this together while he delivers this good news to the entire globe," said Helen Probst-Mills, who will join fellow members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, N.C., for a 6:30 a.m. viewing party at the parish. "The whole point is that we're all hearing it while the rest of the globe is hearing it."

Curry leads the 1.7 million-member Episcopal Church, which encompasses dioceses in 17 countries, including the United States. He's the church's first African-American bishop and the first American to give a homily address at a royal wedding.

For the Episcopal Church, the occasion marks a moment



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Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry speaks during a service at the Washington National Cathedral on Nov. 1, 2015, in Washington. Curry will deliver the sermon during the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle today.

of opportunity to welcome newcomers and show the world Episcopalians are not entirely marginalized for their progressive views on gay ordination and same-sex marriage.

"After all those threats of schism ... the presiding bishop

has been invited to preach at a royal wedding," said the Rev. Susan Russell, senior associate for communication at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, Calif. "It's hard not to be proud that Bishop Curry will bring the good news not

only to the royal couple but to everyone who has ears to hear."

The Episcopal Church has had a bumpy ride since 2003, when the church's first openly gay bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, was consecrated in the Diocese of New Hampshire. Hundreds of congregations left the denomination to join the newly formed Anglican Church in North America. After the Episcopal Church redefined marriage to include same-sex couples in 2015, the church was barred from Anglican Communion decision-making and from ecumenical dialogue on behalf of the communion. From 2006 to 2016, the denomination's active membership dropped by 19 percent, according to the most recent Episcopal Church statistics.

But none of that history is the focus this weekend, when all eyes turn to St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle for the main event.

Probst-Mills and fellow Emmanuel parishioner Lynn Healy got the idea for a viewing party two days after Curry's address was announced. They had gotten to know Curry in his prior role as bishop of North Carolina and are excited for him to step onto his biggest stage yet.

Meanwhile, some sermon watchers are going to pay particular attention to his words — and by design.

Specifically, the design comes in the form of a bingo card, where listeners can mark off Curry's use of phrases known to pepper his sermons, such as "I'm not going to be up here long" or "If you're breathing, God's calling."

The communications staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, put together a "Michael Curry Sermon Bingo" card that can be downloaded and printed for use during the broadcast. Demand for the

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Life is full of choices requiring guidance

In the month of May, we do a lot of celebrating as those we love go from one stage in life to another.



NATE ALEXANDER
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

We see those who finish kindergarten and will move up to the big school, or

it's the eight graders who are now freshmen in high school. Then there are the bigger transitions from high school to college or college into the job force. These are the moments we celebrate, but with those celebrations come a change.

Every time a season is left and a new one is started there are new opportunities, but there are also new challenges because of how we change through life's stages.

There are more pressures as we make our way through those stages, which require our awareness and ability to make those choices that keep clear of difficult consequences. The key to every change or transition is to be aware and alert that you may be going through some new territory and as the experience is new it will require some outside help.

We often miss this opportunity when we are in a new place in life to find someone who has already walked through this stage of life to better know what choices need made and how to do them well.

Scripture calls this wise counsel and throughout the book of Proverbs we find a challenge to seek out those in our life who have already gone through what one is about to for the first time and listen to what they have to say.

We may be able to miss out on some of the rocky places in life if we just spend some time with someone who is wiser than we are and could possibly share some great wisdom.

Proverbs 12:15 says, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice."

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PENTECOST IS SUNDAY



Special to The Prairie Press

In the 16th century, Alessandro Filipepi Botticelli painted this depiction of the holy ghost descending upon the apostles with flames depicted above the head of the disciples and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The birth of the church

Pentecost marked the beginning of the church

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

From a historical perspective, Christianity didn't start with Jesus' birth, his death or even his storied ascension to heaven.

The birth of the church was at Pentecost — the day the Holy Spirit entered a room holding the apostles and entered each of them, an event which — as Christian ministers and priests explain to their congregations and parishes — makes the church the church.

Although Pentecost is full of religious significance, it is a holiday not widely celebrated — sort of the opposite of Hanukkah, which is widely celebrated but not religiously important.

Pentecost is a bigger deal in liturgical churches, which follow a formal, standardized order of events — like Catholics. Non-liturgical refers to churches whose services are unscripted.

Pentecost — the birthday of the church — is 50 days after Easter. Pentecost literally means 50.

The importance of Pentecost depends on the person and their beliefs. A Presbyterian minister might explain as religious observances go, Easter rates a 10, Pentecost a 7 and Christmas a 6. The average member of a Presbyterian congregation would probably say Easter was a 10, Christmas an 8 and Pentecost a 3.

Pentecost shares its roots with the Jewish holiday of Shavu'ot but isn't associated with feasts or elaborate traditions. Generally, it is a holiday marked in liturgical churches. Because the holiday's liturgical color is red, to symbolize the apostles' tongues of fire and also the blood of martyrs, sometimes Christians will dress in red or decorate church-

es with red. Many churches hold baptisms and confirmations on that day, as well.

At the Last Supper, Jesus instructed his 12 disciples to go out into the world to minister and heal the sick on their own. It was at that point they became apostles. Fifty days after Christ's death, as the story goes, the Holy Spirit (part of the Holy Trinity — God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) descended onto the apostles, giving them the power to speak in foreign tongues. This experience allowed the apostles direct communication with God, which signaled a major shift in the religious landscape and laid the foundation for what would become Christianity. The disciples are always depicted in artwork as regular-looking men while the apostles are depicted with halos around their heads.

Although all the original 12 apostles are important, some are talked about and studied more than others. Here's why:

■ Peter — also called Simon Peter — established the first church in Antioch and is regarded as the founding pope of the Catholic church. Instrumental in the spread of

early Christianity, Peter was said to have walked on water, witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and denied Jesus — for which he repented and was forgiven. The Gospel of Mark is ascribed to Peter, as Mark was Peter's disciple and interpreter.

■ John also is said to have witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and went on to pen the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John and Book of Revelation. He died at age 94, having outlived the other apostles — all of whom were martyred — except him. John is often described as the disciple sitting to Jesus' right at the Last Supper.

■ Thomas — the Doubting Thomas — is best known for questioning Christ's resurrection when first told of it. According to the Bible, Thomas saw Jesus himself several days later and proclaimed, "My Lord and my God," to which Jesus famously responded: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:28.)

In the Bible, foreign tongues referred to foreign languages — suggesting the apostles could now

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Pentecost is a time to celebrate faith

This Sunday, May 20, marks the day of Pentecost — the holy celebration of the birth of our church.

Churches celebrating Pentecost decorate with red flowers and banners and the pastors wear red vestments.

Red is symbolic of the fire which appeared above the apostles' heads as flames, or as some people refer to as tongues of fire. Fire is a powerful symbol because it is that which gives light in the darkness and warmth in the coldness. Throughout scripture, the Spirit of God is most often portrayed by wind or fire.

At the time of Pentecost, not only did there appear flames of fire above the apostles' heads, but also a gust of strong wind swept around the upper room where they had gathered.

The Spirit of God is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. From a theological understanding, one can discern the role of the Holy Spirit as related to us and creation and the Giver of Life.

The Heavenly Father created the whole world and everything in it, through his word, which is Jesus Christ, his son. He sent his spirit to breathe life into all creation. For example, in Genesis, the Spirit of God is referred to as "the ruah," which can also be translated as the breath of God.

It was the spirit that breathed over the waters giving them life and breathed into the nostrils of Adam that made him into a living human being. Throughout the Old Testament, the Spirit of God continued to be an active part of the Israelites' faith; however, it is Jesus who reveals for the first time the Holy Spirit is an actual person of the Holy Trinity.

It is this third person that Jesus promised to send after he left as a comforter or advocate and to remain with us always.

The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on Pentecost and gave them the gift to boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ without any fear or reservations. The Holy Spirit empowered them to work the same miracles Jesus Christ had done, while he was with them, including raising the dead and curing the blind.

Before the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were in such fear they could not even persist in staying with Jesus during his agony and crucifixion. They ran and hid. After receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they were completely transformed.

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download was so great, according to Communications Director Katie Sherrod, the diocese's website crashed for several hours on Wednesday.

Sherrod noted, "in the wake of Barbara Bush's funeral (on April 21), our website got thousands of hits asking about the Episcopal Church," which

led staffers to wonder what the response to Curry's royal wedding role might bring.

"We were just trying to look at our website through new eyes," Sherrod said. "Not through the insider's eyes, but the (eyes of the) seekers."

That led Sherrod and colleagues to adapt an infographic on the "Top 10 Things You Might Hear Michael Curry Say in a Sermon" and then develop

the game card.

"We hope it gives people fun and gets them to focus on what Michael is saying," Sherrod said. "He can change lives with this sermon, and we hope they'll pay attention to what he's saying."

At the Church of the Advocate in Chapel Hill, N.C., about 10 members will gather early Saturday to watch the wedding live, said the Rev. Lisa Fischbeck, rector of the 175-member parish.

"If Michael weren't preaching, we'd watch the reruns on YouTube," Fischbeck said. "Here he is, one of our own, going to speak at the royal wedding — and there's something pretty stunning on its own."

But, she added, it's the sermon more than the ceremony that's the draw.

"It's got to be something good to get me out of bed so early in the morning," she said.

Not every Episcopal church will host a viewing at the crack of dawn, however. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City will convene a British-style tea at 1 p.m. and show a recording of the event.

Vicki Zust, spokeswoman for the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, which includes Curry's hometown of Buffalo, said pre-wedding publicity about Curry's address has boosted web traffic by 30 percent. Zust said parishes around the diocese are getting ready for new visitors on Sunday, the day after the nuptials.

Episcopalians are hopeful they can capitalize on all the attention paid this weekend to Anglican ritual and spirituality. If all goes well, Curry might be their ticket to framing the church in a fresh light.

"For those who know enough about Christians not to want to be one," Russell said, the wedding brings a chance, "to hear someone who gives a message of justice and compassion."

God is not always found in grand works

Lately, I lie awake in the pre-dawn darkness and listen to the birds in full song outside my bedroom window. It is, for me, the glorious manifestation of the faithfulness between creation and its creator. All is well.

As a child, my father often told us God loves to hide or disguise himself. We were taught to be ever observant for signs of the extraordinary within the ordinary. Sneaky Jesus was the code word my family used when we encountered a person asleep at the bus stop or begging beside the interstate of our city. Recognizing such individuals as Jesus served to teach us the inherent worth of those individuals and to consciously respond lovingly.

"Let those who have eyes see, those who have ears, hear..." scripture confirms what I know to be true — our God is well and alive.

The CCC is truly blessed to exist within a supportive community. We are grateful to all who give of their time, talent or treasure to ensure that God's promise of provision and presence and peace becomes a tangible reality to all who enter our door.

Our success is directly correlated with the selflessness of our volunteers. Hence, a note of sincere gratitude is extended to Saint Mary and Saint Aloysius parishioners who served the CCC in the month of April. Specifically, we honor the service of Fa-

ther Ron Hilt, Doris Bernard, JoEllen Edmonds, Misty Elsberry, Julie Gross, Carole Halloran, Mary Jir'on, Deb Kirsch, Ann Robison, Bruce Scott, Ann Staats, Cindy Sullivan, Karen Voelz and Jody Crandell. In addition, we highlight the continued faithfulness of Helen Prouse, Kim Thomas, Barb Lemler, Neal Scott, Ron Hensley, Richard Melendez, Micci Cox, Sally McMahan and Elder Savage and Elder Zeller of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

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Our door is always open to you. Your gifts, including the prayerful support offered in private, can be used by our God to transform and enhance the lives of those who share our community and world. Welcome.

"Love's a curious thing, it often comes disguised... Look at love the wrong way, it can go unrecognized." (Love Never Dies by Andrew Lloyd Webber & Glenn Slater)

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go into other parts of the world to preach their message. Today's version of tongues is generally believed by those who recognize themselves as members of Pentecostal denominations (Assembly of God, Church of God in Christ and Pentecostal Holiness Church) to be speaking God's language created when the Holy Spirit enters a person. Many followers of Pentecostalism — a protestant denomination that emphasizes a direct, personal experience with God — still speak in tongues when they are baptized or born again into the faith. They believe at the moment of this second baptism the Holy Spirit fills them, which causes them to speak in tongues.

Roman Catholics will mark Pentecost — which they believe is the establishment of the Catholic Church — with Mass emphasizing the Holy Spirit. This weekend's gospel is John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27 or John 16:12-15.

HILT

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It is as if they are a new creation. They courageously defend the gospel knowing they will all be martyrs for the faith. Despite going through many perils and sufferings, they spend the rest of their lives glorifying Christ in their work as our first priests and bishops.

Each year we commemorate Pentecost on the 50th day after Easter. Pentecost is the Greek word meaning "50th Day."

It was the 50th day after Jesus rose from the dead that he fulfilled his promise and gave us the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate this feast every year, let us pray that we will also be given the continued outpouring of the spirit to live the holy lives we are called to live.

The seven gifts of the spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and holy fear of the Lord. The 12 fruits that flow from the gifts marking the characteristics of a Christ-filled believer are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, goodness, modesty, self-control, faithfulness and chastity, which are listed in the Letter from Paul to the Galatians.

May God grant us these gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout our lives to become his faithful servants, in Christ Jesus we pray, amen.

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Interfaith group urges Pompeo fill envoy post

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

WASHINGTON — An interfaith group of more than 1,100 leaders is urging Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to appoint a new U.S. envoy to fight anti-Semitism after the post has been vacant for more than a year.

"Mr. Secretary, anti-Semitism starts with Jews, but doesn't end there: when any minority is threatened, everyone is less safe," the signatories told Pompeo in a letter coordinated by the American Jewish Committee and released Wednesday (May 16).

"The world looks to America for leadership on this as on so many other matters. America can and must lead, beginning with the appointment of the next Special Envoy."

The faith leaders said the position, empty since January 2017, should be filled to oppose the physical harassment of Jews and new campaigns to distort the history of the Holocaust.

Congress mandated the envoy position in 2004.

Last year, the State Department said it would retain the post.

Museum of Bible visitors top 500K

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Good Book is shaping up to be a good draw on the crowded landscape of museums in the nation's capital.

The Museum of the Bible, the newest tourist attraction near the National Mall, has drawn 565,000 visitors since it opened six months ago, according to museum figures released Thursday (May 17).

While that's less than half as many as visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture in its first six months, it's enough to assure organizers that a robust audience is hungry for Bible-related exhibits.

"We are pleased that more than half a million people have walked through the iconic Gutenberg Gates since last November to experience the largest museum dedicated to the Bible," said Museum of the Bible President Cary Summers. "As we enter the peak of our season, we look forward to welcoming new and return-

ing guests to engage with the history, narrative and impact of the most influential book ever written."

By comparison, other museums have had a smaller draw in their first half-year. The Broad, a new contemporary art museum in Los Angeles, attracted fewer than 500,000 within six months of its 2015 opening.

More than 1,700 groups have visited the high-tech Museum of the Bible, which sits two blocks from the National Mall near the U.S. Capitol, art galleries and other museums. Officials said visitors travel an average of 260 miles to the 430,000-square-foot museum.

The museum cost \$500 million and took three years to build. Co-founded by Steve Green, the president of the Hobby Lobby craft store business, it opened with 1,600 items in its permanent collection, about three-quarters of which are Bibles and biblical manuscripts.

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Program discusses trauma

HRC year long effort to tell public about healing, coping

BY GARY HENRY
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Recovery healing can do amazing things. It gives people the courage to stand up for themselves or to share their deeply personal stories in hopes of helping others find a way from their personal darkness. The Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties hosted a lunch and learn session Wednesday, May 16, as part of the year long effort to educate the community about what trauma is and the adverse impact it has on victims. Some people are traumatized by a sudden and unexpected event like a car accident

or a fire. Other trauma victims come from an ongoing insidious systematic effort like child abuse or domestic violence. According to presenters, trauma is when people live with more fear than hope and everyone copes with trauma in different, and frequently unhealthy, ways. The session Wednesday focused on healing and recovery. It was noted there are several aspects of recovery that are consistent for everybody although each person approaches things individually. Spirituality can play an important role in recovery. For some people, spirituality is tied to religious faith but others may find it in exercise, music, art or anything that helps give a sense of purpose to life. To help illustrate the point, a small art show accompanied

the event featuring works by HRC staff, clients and community members. A representative of the St. Mary of the Woods music therapy program was present with a display as were people from different therapy animal programs. Jack Weber, an employment specialist at HRC and recovering alcoholic, told the audience working at HRC helping people is an important part of his ongoing recovery and healing. "I see myself in the mirror sometime," he said about working with clients who have lost hope. Weber recounted how his life crashed at 41 when the drinking destroyed his career and his immediate family wrote him out of their lives. He came to Paris because a distant relative he did not know well was 35-years sober

and that seemed to offer some hope. He also started counseling and a rebuilding process at HRC. "My first job in sobriety was pushing carts at Wal-Mart. That was a lesson in humility," said Weber. "What I had to change about myself was everything." He eventually got a job at HRC helping people develop work skills and assisting them with finding employment as a critical element of recovery. "It's amazing what a job can do for someone," he said. HRC employee recovery support specialist April Littleton is also a former HRC client. Her story is one of childhood abuse, early marriage at 17 to escape and quickly becoming a mother. She moved frequently because of her husband's career in the restaurant industry.

When they divorced she voluntarily gave up custody of her children because she lacked the means to support them. It was supposed to be an amicable arrangement with frequent visitations but she said her ex-husband poisoned the children's attitude toward her and she didn't see any of them for 20 years. Littleton spiraled down in dangerous behavior. "I didn't care about myself. I wanted to die," she said. Eventually, Littleton made it back to hometown Paris and began treatment at HRC. She explained the counseling helped her realize she had to stop blaming others for her plight and accept responsibility for her life. "It's been a long arduous journey for me," Littleton said, adding she has restored contact with some of her children. "I'm

proud of what I've accomplished from where I've been." Mandy Garvin credits HRC counseling with giving her the strength to move forward, but it was a tough road attempting to get healthy. She was abused as a child by an older brother. A cold and emotionless mother told her she was not wanted, and she experienced school bullying. Garvin described herself as an above average student but the bullying was so intense she dropped out. "School was not a positive experience for me. I never returned," she said. Pregnant at 15 and a mother at 16, Garvin's husband was controlling to the point he was also physically, emotionally and financially abusive. His abuse included ignoring Garvin and her child's asthma by smoking

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Opioid crisis is national challenge

The opioid crisis is a major talking point on the national political stage. On the white-house.gov website, President Donald Trump says, "Together, we will face this challenge as a national family with conviction, with unity, and with a commitment to love and support our neighbors in times of dire need. Working together, we will defeat this opioid epidemic."

Despite much talk by the president and many others, relatively little has been done to date to combat the crisis, which continues to grow. This is a problem for all parts of the nation, including rural areas. A May 1 report in the Journal of the American Medical Association stated, "Drug overdose deaths are at unprecedented levels in the United States." According to the National Safety Council, 63,632 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2016. Over 42,000 of those deaths — about two-thirds — were due to opioids. The council recently published a white paper titled, "Prescription Nation 2018." In it, Deborah A. P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council, said, "Our nation is confronting the most fatal drug crisis in U.S. history." The paper is available for download from www.nsc.org.

The opioid crisis — and drug dependency in general — is a nationwide problem. Too many people think of it as an inner city or urban issue and treat it as such. However, rural America has been hit especially hard by the drug epidemic, and dealing with the crisis can be significantly harder in rural areas due largely to the lack of available treatment options.

For many living in rural areas, the nearest treatment center for addiction is a two- or three-hour drive away.

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Thania Sayne of Effingham weeps at the grave of her husband, Sergeant Timothy Sayne in Arlington National Cemetery in this 2013 file photo. Sgt. Sayne was killed in Afghanistan. War widows like Thania Sayne often struggle with complicated grief — often in isolation.

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Complicated grief identified

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Stephanie Muldberg felt like she would be sad forever. She felt isolated and preferred to sit alone at home, overcome with waves of emotion — anger, guilt and bitterness. Muldberg's 13-year-old son, Eric, died of cancer in their home in New Jersey in 2004. For years after his death, Eric dominated her thoughts. She felt guilty that she lived and he didn't. She couldn't drive past the baseball field where he used to play. "I wasn't able to adapt to my loss," Muldberg said. Four years passed before Muldberg, now 58, received help. She learned there was a name for the long-lasting, intense type of grief she suffered: complicated grief.

Complicated grief can be defined as a more persistent form of intense grief in which maladaptive thoughts and dysfunctional behaviors emerge, along with continued yearning and sadness or preoccupation with thoughts of the person who died.

Yet more often than not, many people are unaware that this type of grief exists — and that it may require short-term therapy. "It can happen to anybody," she said. "When people hear about complicated grief or read about complicated grief, they either often recognize it in themselves or in somebody else that they know."

A study published in the journal Pediatrics in April found among bereaved mothers who had lost a child to sudden infant death syndrome, half experienced symptoms of prolonged grief, alternatively called complicated grief, after their

Signs and Symptoms of Complicated Grief

- Extreme focus on the loss and reminders of the loved one
- Intense longing or pining for the deceased
- Problems accepting the death
- Numbness or detachment
- Preoccupation with sorrow
- Bitterness
- Inability to enjoy life



infants' deaths. The study, conducted between May 2013 and July 2016, included data on 49 mothers in Cape Town, South Africa, and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the United States and 359 mothers across the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands. When it comes to SIDS, "I think it's a very important window into understanding the concerns of grief that are particular to young families," said Dr. Richard Goldstein, assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and director of the Robert's Program on Sudden Unexpected Death in Pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital. "There's a body of research that goes back decades showing that the loss of any young child causes a more severe form of grief," he said, and the rubric of prolonged grief gives

researchers a standardized way to examine that severe form of grief. Jenna Brandt, a 40-year-old mother of four — three who are alive and one who died — said she would guess complicated or prolonged grief is under-reported, especially among mothers. "The deeper the love, the deeper the grief," she said. After her son died of SIDS in 2014, Brandt didn't show signs of complicated grief, but she said she and her family sought counseling to help them process their grief and their loss. One of Brandt's biggest fears was she would become a permanently sad person and never feel as happy again, she said. "The most profound thing my grief counselor told me, he said, 'In any other circumstance, people would think you're going crazy, but in the circumstances you are in, in this profound loss

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Caregivers are getting a break

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WASHINGTON — For today, there are no doctor's visits. No long afternoons with nothing to do. No struggles over bathing — or not. At the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., a group of older adults — some in wheelchairs, some with Alzheimer's — and their caregivers sit in a semi-circle around a haunting portrait of a woman in white. "Take a deep breath," said Lorena Bradford, head of accessible programs at the National Gallery, standing before "The Repentant Magdalen" by Georges de La Tour.

"Now, let your eyes wander all over the painting. Take it all in. What do you think is going on?"

"I think she looks sad," said Marie Fanning, 75, of Alexandria, Va., an Alzheimer's patient.

"Yes. Yes, she looks sad," said Bradford.

"This is such a gift," Bill Fanning, 77, Marie's husband and caregiver, said of the outing.

Across the country, community groups, hospitals, government agencies and nonprofits are doing more to support at least some of the estimated 42 million people who are the primary caregivers of adults and children who have disabilities, are recovering from surgeries and illnesses or are coping with Alzheimer's and other chronic diseases. The National Gallery's program is part of the trend focusing on the health, well-being and education of caregivers.

"We know that involvement with art improves well-being. In our own research for persons with dementia, we see a reduction in apathy. For caregivers, we see less isolation and a reduction in stress," said Carolyn Halpin-Healy, executive director of the Arts & Minds program for caregivers and patients at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

She co-founded the program with Columbia

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heavily in the house. A turning point came when the family physician referred Garvin to HRC. "I learned the mind and body are connected," Garvin said. "My therapist helped with my anxiety and depression."

The transformation gave her the courage to leave the abusive relationship, establish her own home and the day before speaking at HRC, Garvin graduated from Lake Land College. "My transformation was an 18-month journey," said Garvin. "Sometimes it was one-step forward and two-steps back."

A sudden car accident propelled Mitchell Harrold into life as a trauma victim. A brain injury and nerve damage were among the wounds he suffered in the accident. Harrold woke up in a hospital not knowing where he was, or who he was. "I was lost, confused," said Harrold.

The difficulty coping with the changes caused by the brain injury and pain from the nerve damage caused depression and ultimately destroyed his marriage. Like many, Harrold assumed these were problems he had to handle alone and counseling or therapy could not help. He finally reached out to HRC one day when his depression was so overwhelming he did not know what else to do. "It humbled me how HRC helped," said Harrold. "It took a long time to accept I needed help."

He explained how the therapist made it clear they could spend hours in the office talking about recovery and health but it was only talk until he made the commitment to help himself. While battling depression, Harrold was unable to hold a job but with HRC's help he has remained steadily employed and is rebuilding his life. "Recovery is different for everybody," said Harrold.

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The expense of such a trip — including time away from work and, possibly, the need to pay for childcare — may be financially untenable. Treatment may prove to be out of reach.

Indeed, the lack of local healthcare may be not only hindering treatment but contributing to the problem as well.

For many, prescription pills lead to addiction when other options for pain management, like physical therapy, are not available nearby.

Another impediment to treatment may be the view of many that drug addiction is some sort of moral failing. Fear of being judged and condemned by family and friends can keep addicts from reaching out to the support system they need.

Recovering from opioid dependence is not simply a matter of getting clean. It can take months or even years to recover from the bodily changes caused by opioid abuse.

The cravings can crop up again long after an addict has stopped using. That is why many recovering addicts can fall off the wagon, even if they have been clean for years. Therefore, ongoing treatment and therapy are essential.

The National Safety Council has prescribed six key actions states should take to combat the crisis:

- Mandating prescriber education.
- Implementing opioid prescribing guidelines.
- Integrating prescription drug monitoring programs into clinical settings.
- Improving data collection and sharing.
- Treating opioid overdose.
- Increasing availability of opioid use disorder treatment.

To date, only Nevada and New Mexico have taken all six actions. Ten states plus the District of Columbia have taken five of the key actions: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Virginia.

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of a child, you are not going insane. You are not crazy. This is a normal reaction. What you are feeling, how you are feeling, this tremendous loss, this anxiety, this not wanting to get out of bed, this not wanting to function, this is normal — but it is temporary," said Brandt, a historical fiction author in California.

A major difference between a normal or healthy grief and a complicated or prolonged grief appears to be, in part, how long the grief continues. Another difference seems to be how much the grief symptoms interrupt daily functioning.

"You don't move on. There's not a single day that goes by that I don't think about my son, that something doesn't trigger a memory of him or the pang of loss, but there is a difference between when it first happened and I literally couldn't get out of bed," she said.

Complicated grief, the only grief condition described in scientific research, has gone by many names, including prolonged grief, persistent complex bereavement, pathological grief and traumatic grief, said Katherine Shear, founder and director of the Center for Complicated Grief at Columbia University.

In and of itself, grief is natural and healthy after a loss, Shear said. She added what can be unhealthy is struggling with the difficulty or inability to adapt to the loss — and when that happens, prolonged or complicated grief can develop.

In the diagnostic handbook of psychiatric disorders — the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders or DSM — persistent complex bereavement is listed under the category of conditions for further study.

The handbook describes it as experiencing the death of someone with whom you had a close relationship, and since that death, symptoms of the condition occur on more days than

not, to a clinically significant degree. They persist for at least 12 months for bereaved adults but six months for bereaved children.

The prevalence of prolonged or complicated grief among those who have experienced a major bereavement has been estimated at 6.7 percent, with some estimates pointing to 10 percent.

"Given this approximate prevalence and the fact that about 60 percent of the population has lost someone important to them, we estimate approximately 10 million people in the United States may be suffering in this way," Shear said.

Goldstein, of Boston Children's Hospital, said his study and others contribute to awareness about the many unrecognized parents who may suffer from prolonged grief — and how prolonged grief is different than depression or post-traumatic stress disorder.

"It is true that people can get depressed after loss, but there are very significant differences in the behaviors that we're talking about when someone's depressed after loss than what is seen in prolonged grief," Goldstein said.

Symptoms could include persistent yearning or longing for the deceased; intense sorrow and emotional pain; preoccupation with the deceased; preoccupation with the circumstances of the death; reactive distress to the death, such as self-blame or avoiding places associated with the deceased; and social or identity disruption, such as a desire to die to be with the deceased or having difficulty trusting other people.

Treatment options for prolonged or complicated grief might include a combination of psychotherapy, behavior modifications and possibly medications, such as antidepressants for people who have clinical depression as well as complicated grief, according to Mayo Clinic.

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University neurologist James Noble in 2010 at the Harlem Studio Museum in New York. The Just Us program in Washington is a spinoff of that program. Other museums in New York and Dubuque, Iowa, have similar programs.

A new bipartisan law signed by President Donald Trump in January calls for a national strategy to address the needs of caregivers, who are primarily women and provide 37 billion hours in unpaid care to relatives or close friends valued at \$470 billion, according to an AARP study. The law will require the Department of Health and Human Services to set up an advisory council and develop a blueprint for government action on financial, workplace, respite care and other caregiver issues.

At the same time, 42 states have passed laws requiring hospitals and other nursing facilities to provide

training for caregivers who perform medical tasks, and to record them as the "caregiver" when patients are admitted or released from hospitals or nursing facilities. In states without that law Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin (Kansas' law takes effect in July) — patients can be dismissed from the hospital without family members being told or briefed fully on what care the patient needs.

The CARE Act is "more than just a law," said Elaine Ryan, AARP vice president of state advocacy and strategy. "It's a change in the practice of health care."

Caregivers are almost two times more likely to have emotional and physical problems, and three times more likely to have productivity problems at work, according to a 2015 study by Johns Hopkins. The more intense the care, the greater the effects, the study said.

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Brocton Village Board receives clean audit

BY GARY HENRY
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BROCTON — It took awhile to hear it, but the Brocton Village Board got confirmation of a clean audit during the May 9 meeting.

Auditor Matt Morgan said the financial review was completed several months ago and filed within the state deadline but scheduling conflicts prevented him from making an in-person presentation before Wednesday.

“We are giving you a clean opinion. There were no findings,” said Morgan.

He noted income was

steady and expenses, except for one, were consistent with previous years. The unusual expense was the demolition of buildings, but the village had dedicated funds to cover the cost so it was not a concern from an auditing standpoint.

“We occurred no difficulty in the course of the audit, and we have no significant findings we need to bring to the board,” Morgan said.

He explained the notes portion of the document is where the auditor is required to make suggestions regarding best bookkeeping

practices and fund management but should not be construed as an indication there are problems with the village books.

One issue is separating duties to spread out the responsibilities for village funds so everything is not concentrated with one or two people.

“You don’t have the staff to separate duties, and you are like many other communities in that regard,” he said.

The recommendations also urged the village to convert records to an electronic system rather than hand en-

tries in a physical ledger.

Something else Morgan asked the village to resolve is if the water superintendent is a paid employee or a contractor. He said the books sometimes indicate the superintendent is paid as an employee and other times the payments are made as a contractor.

Morgan said either option is permissible but a decision is necessary to protect the water superintendent.

“You need to resolve that for tax purposes,” said Morgan.

His other recommen-

dation was meeting with Prospect Bank to resolve why three months of loan payments were credited to interest rather than being divided with some money going toward interest and some toward the loan principal.

According to Morgan, the bank explained the interest only payments were needed

to fix a prior mistake by the bank. He noted the bank’s action means the village amortization schedule for the loan is off.

“You should contact the bank to have them prove to you the problem is fixed,” said Morgan. “We could not verify that with what the bank gave us.”

Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

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ANSWER:

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- Across**
- Sold at a higher price
 - Instill fear
 - Can be domesticated
 - Oohed and ___
 - Make too simple
 - Plutonium
 - Necessary for breathing
 - Make happy
 - Mythological bird
 - A baglike structure in a plant or animal
 - Put on ___
 - Type of dough
 - Blushed
 - Celestial object
 - Point ___ National Seashore
 - Purplish red
 - Towards the mouth or oral region
 - Portuguese musical genre
 - Steals
 - Acts insincerely
 - City in Belarus
 - Anticipates
 - Paris airport
 - Deal with
 - No (Scottish)
 - Opens lock
 - Central parts
 - Sheep disease
 - Indicates position
 - Doing many things at once
 - Khoikhoi peoples
 - Informal alliance between countries
 - Long poems
 - The state of being poorly illuminated

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- Portico
 - Delicacy
 - Punish with an arbitrary penalty
 - Household god (Roman)
 - Public television station
 - ___ Lilly, drug company
 - Degraded
 - Free from danger
 - Low bank or reef of coral
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - Lies down in rest
 - Give an education to
 - Provides
 - Fat from a pig
 - Belonging to a thing
 - Branches of a bone
 - Having a cheerless aspect or disposition
 - Edema (archaic)
 - Bo __, “10”
 - Unfledged or nestling hawk
 - Surrenders
 - Type of dessert
 - Planted with trees
 - Washington town
 - Listen in
 - Inwardly
 - Chinese province
 - Garrison
 - Converts thermal energy to mechanical work
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Winners of the James Jones Literary Society annual contest for Marshall High School students were recently announced. Students write an essay about Jones' short-story "The Valentine." Pictured left to right are Marshall High School English teacher Amy Gard, students Garrett Frank Phillip Gorrell, Fox Angus, Kearston Peters, Rachel Morris and Alyson Thompson, Director of Marshall Public Library.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY PARIS, ILLINOIS

CITY OF PARIS, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2018-MR-38

LIS PENDENS NOTICE AND NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given to THE HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY VIRGINA COLTER, that a Complaint has been filed in the above entitled cause on May 1, 2018, requesting abatement of nuisance, demolition of unsafe buildings, and other relief.

(i) The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is THE HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY VIRGINA COLTER.

(iv) The legal description of the property is: Lot No. 209 in the Commercial Club Addition to the City of Paris.

PREIN: 09-18-12-181-003

(v) Common address of subject real estate is: 1408 Ten Broeck, Paris, Illinois

THE HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY VIRGINA COLTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS are served by publication of this Notice. Unless THE HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY VIRGINA COLTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS file an answer to the Complaint in this case or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before June 11, 2018, a default judgment may be entered against such THE HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY VIRGINA COLTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Complaint.

ANGELA R. BARRETT CIRCUIT CLERK

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Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 2

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A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/. All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

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By: Richard J. Mark, President

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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 IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE "ILLINOIS NOXIOUS WEED LAW" to the owners, occupants, Agents and public officials in charge or control of any land in Edgar County that they are required to control or eradicate all NOXIOUS WEEDS growing upon land under their control prior to blooming, maturing of seed or other propagating of such weeds.

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BRIEFLY

Madigan wants information on governor's Legionnaires' fix

SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) — House Speaker Michael Madigan wants more detail on Gov. Bruce Rauner's proposed fix for the Quincy veterans' home before agreeing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars.

A Madigan statement Friday says Democrats' concerns and questions need resolution before approval of the governor's \$230 million plan to rebuild the home beset by Legionnaires' disease.

The Chicago Democrat responded to Republican Rauner's Wednesday comment the General Assembly should have already sent him legislation to rebuild the home where 13 people have died from Legionnaires' since 2015.

Madigan says for three years, Rauner, "failed to act, attempted to shift blame, and hid the truth," about the problem.

Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold says Democrats should "clearly articulate" questions they have.

A rebuilding plan was introduced this week in the Senate.

Water service restored after pipe break in southern Illinois

BENTON, III. (AP) — Officials say drinking water is flowing again to several southern Illinois communities after a pipe break disrupted service and forced the closing of some schools and businesses.

The Rend Lake Conservancy District says crews completed work on a bypass pipe early Friday at its water plant near Benton.

Repairs were finished later Friday on the 36-inch water distribution line that broke Wednesday evening.

The district provides water to more than 175,000 people in all or part of seven southern Illinois counties. District spokesman Larry Sanders says a boil water order will remain in place until Sunday afternoon.

The city of Marion ordered the Thursday afternoon closing of all hotels, restaurants, hair salons, bakeries and bars. Johnson City and Carterville ran out of water, forcing the closure of some schools.

Survey shows improving economy rural parts of 10 states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly survey of bankers shows that the economy is slowly improving in rural parts of 10 Plains and Western states.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says that while commodity prices have improved recently, they remain below breakeven for a large share of grain farmers.

The overall Rural Main-street index slipped slightly to 56.3 in May, up from 53.5 in April. It's the highest level since July 2013. Any score above 50 suggests a growing economy in the months ahead, while a score below 50 indicates a shrinking economy.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

More than one-third of bank CEOs identified rising regulatory costs as the top economic challenge to their operations over the next five years.

Addiction criminalized

Homeless jailed frequently under 1930s 'habitual drunkard' law, critics call harassment

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — For the past six years, Richard Walls has been in jail more often than not. The longest stretch of time he's spent outside a cell is 30 days.

Walls is not a hardened criminal, but he is what Virginia calls a habitual drunkard, a designation that allows police to arrest him and jail him for up to a year if he's caught with alcohol.

The law, which dates back to the 1930s, is being challenged by the Legal Aid Justice Center, a nonprofit advocacy group that provides legal services to low-income people. The group accuses state prosecutors of using it to punish homeless alcoholics. A judge dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the group appealed. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is weighing the case.

Virginia and Utah are the only two states with so-called interdiction laws that make it a crime for people designated as habitual drunkards to possess, consume or purchase alcohol, or even attempt to do so, according to a survey of state laws done by the legal aid center.

Under the law, prosecutors

can go to court to ask a judge to declare someone a habitual drunkard. Once that happens, police can arrest that person for being publicly intoxicated, possessing alcohol, being near open containers of alcohol or even smelling of alcohol. In addition to jail time, they face fines of up to \$2,500.

Walls, 48, has been locked up at least 30 times for alcohol possession since being given the habitual drunkard designation in 2012. He says his father was an alcoholic who was prosecuted under the same law and set him on the same path at a young age, when he would often put moonshine in his baby bottle.

"They put me in this jail to harass me," he said in a recent interview at the Richmond City Justice Center, where he's been jailed for the past three months.

"I never hurt anyone in my life or committed a felony," he said.

Opponents say the law targets homeless alcoholics who have nowhere else to drink but in public. People without the habitual-drunkard designation can also be arrested for public intoxication, but they don't face any jail time.

From 2007 to 2015, more than 1,220 people were designated as habitual drunkards in Virginia, according to data reported to the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The lawsuit alleges the law criminalizes addiction and violates the 8th Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. It also says the law violates due-process rights because the cases are brought in civil court and the defendants are not guaranteed a lawyer as they are in criminal cases.

"This criminalizes the status of being a homeless alcoholic," said Mary Frances Charlton, the lead attorney challenging the law.

The law gives prosecutors discretion on when they can go to court and seek the habitual drunkard designation. It doesn't require a specific number of alcohol-related offenses.

Municipalities vary on how they enforce the law. In Virginia Beach, a coastal city that relies heavily on an economic boost from millions of tourists, the law is aggressively enforced. Between 2007 and 2015, 616 people were designated as habitual drunkards there, well

above any other municipality in Virginia.

"They've essentially been ordered by the court to stay away from alcohol. It's trying to dry them out and get them back to some sort of normalcy in their life," Virginia Beach police Lt. Johnny Gandy said.

"Our officers would much rather do other things than this," he said. "We hate seeing people destroy their own lives."

In Roanoke, 140 people were dubbed habitual drunkards during the same time period.

"Generally, there has to be something they do that brings them to the attention of law enforcement. It's often citizens complaining that the person has passed out or is doing something else," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney John McNeil.

Utah is the only other state that criminalizes possession of alcohol by a habitual drunkard, according to the Legal Aid Justice Center. But some municipalities have local ordinances that make it a crime for liquor stores, bars and taverns to sell alcohol to them.

In Aurora, Illinois, police keep a list of habitual drunkards. Their names and photo-

graphs are distributed to local businesses that sell alcohol. Businesses that sell alcohol to people on the list can be fined anywhere from \$25 to \$2,000.

"One of the big draws to Aurora is our downtown," said Aurora police Lt. Matthew Thomas. "Having public intoxication is a deterrent to get people to come down there."

"At the end of the day, if it's a chemical dependency, we're offering them assistance — the medics are taking them to the hospital — but if you can make it harder for them to supply their habit, sometimes that is effective."

The Virginia Attorney General's Office says the state has a legitimate interest in discouraging alcohol and drug abuse.

"If Virginia could not constitutionally restrict habitual offenders from accessing alcohol, it would undermine the Commonwealth's well-established authority to control the sale, use, and possession of alcohol," the office argued in a legal brief.

But Charlton says the law is used to keep homeless alcoholics out of sight.

"It's a law that is designed to warehouse people that, frankly, society would rather not have to know exist," she said.

A GOOD REASON TO PLAY WITH FIRE



Charles Mills/Effingham Daily News

Clayton Mellendorf, senior at Dieterich High School, uses a torch to burn the wood on his bench project to create a rustic look. The bench was given away as a door prize during the annual DHS Future Farmers of America banquet.

Building suite skills

Dieterich class turning out skilled woodworkers

BY CHARLES MILLS
Effingham Daily News

EFFINGHAM, III. (AP) — Kip Johnson is among a special class of teachers that, he says, is dwindling.

Johnson teaches a wood-working shop class at Dieterich High School.

"This is a craft that is disappearing," Johnson said. "Schools are going to lose this program soon if they are not careful."

Johnson said there aren't as many trained teachers who can teach the craft of cabinet-making and woodworking. However, in Dieterich, the program remains popular.

"My first year I taught this I had three kids in class," Johnson said about when he began to teach the class 30 years ago. "And a few years back, I had to have two classes."

"There has been a year or two we had to turn kids away," Johnson added.

Johnson says the kids in his class don't fit one particular stereotype.

"I have kids in here that have been valedictorians, salutatorians, some of the best basketball players. Half these kids are on a ball team," he said.

Johnson plans to retire after next year, but will miss this class, where he has watched his students become skilled woodworkers.

"These are not kits. This stuff is handmade from a



Charles Mills/Effingham Daily News

In this May 1, 2018 photo, Devin Flach, a senior at Dieterich High School, works on a drop leaf table he is making out of red oak wood under the instruction of teacher Kip Johnson during woodworking shop class at the school in Dieterich. Johnson is among a special class of teachers that, he says, is dwindling. "This is a craft that is disappearing," Johnson said. "Schools are going to lose this program soon if they are not careful."

pile of lumber," Johnson said about his classes' projects.

Dieterich High School Senior Clayton Mellendorf has spent the last two years completing a bedroom suite for himself.

"Last year I built the headboard and foot board I wanted with two night stands," Mellendorf said. "This year, I was like, I might as well complete the set. So, I made a chest of drawers and the dresser."

The pieces of furniture he made for his bedroom suite include places to store guns.

"There is a gun that can go into everything he's made," Johnson said about Mellendorf's furniture design.

"I have a hunting back-ground," Mellendorf added.

Mellendorf estimates he has invested nearly \$1,800 into the project. Johnson believes Mellendorf could sell the bedroom set for between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

American bishop brings human rights focus to royal wedding

BY DAVID RISING
Associated Press

He's the son of an American civil rights activist and the descendant of African slaves. He condemned last year's white supremacist rally in Charlottesville as fascist and he has outspokenly stood up for gay rights.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry also plans to join a march on the White House next week that rejects U.S. President Donald Trump's America first stance as theological heresy.

The 65-year-old leader of the Episcopal Church was hand-picked by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to deliver a sermon at their wedding Saturday even though the couple had not met him at the time.

The bride and groom haven't said why they chose Curry, but he's known as an engaging, impassioned speaker who preaches openness and tolerance. He can be relaxed and jocular at the pulpit, peppering his sermons with jokes and personal anecdotes, but also fiery as he delivers more serious messages.

Curry, who has two grown daughters with his wife Sharon, was born in Chicago and raised in Buffalo, New York. His father, the late Rev. Kenneth Curry, was rector of an important African-American parish there and an outspoken civil rights activist.

In 2015, Curry became the first black presiding bishop of the predominantly white Episcopal Church, an offshoot of the Church of England in the United States that has been the spiritual home of many of the American founding fathers and U.S. presidents.

His appointment came just after the church decided to bless same-sex marriages, and in his sermons and writings has frequently compared the black civil rights movement to the LGBT struggle for equality.

The Episcopal Church's stance on gay marriage has caused friction with the greater Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who will be officiating as the latest royal couple make

their marriage vows.

Despite those differences, Welby tweeted that he was thrilled Curry had been asked to deliver a sermon during the royal wedding, calling Curry a, "brilliant pastor, stunning preacher and someone with a great gift for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ."

Curry's stances have also brought him into open conflict with several Trump administration policies, including its move to end the Obama-era immigration program that shielded hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation, known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

In a September statement, Curry emphasized the Episcopal Church's support for the immigration program and the youth affected, saying, "our Christian values are at stake; humane and loving care for the stranger, the alien and the foreigner is considered a sacred duty and moral value for those who would follow the way of God."

Earlier last year, Curry denounced Trump's plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. military saying it was, "a violation of the fundamental ideal of equality in America."

He has also thrown his support behind the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation's protest against a planned oil pipeline backed by the Trump administration.

On May 24, Curry plans to join other Christian leaders in a march on the White House to draw attention to a joint declaration that sets out a number of concerns. It says that, "we are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches."

In rejecting Trump's America first policy, the declaration says, "while we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others."

It also adds: "Global poverty, environmental damage, violent conflict, weapons of mass destruction and deadly diseases in some places ultimately affect all places, and we need wise political leadership to deal with each of these."

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