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Horizon Health growing

EZ Care, dialysis, expanded surgical center among areas of expansion, CEO says

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Horizon Health's brands are growing with new services and buildings scheduled to open in the next few months.

"We're excited about not only our growth but the position we are in to provide a better experience and care for our patients," said Oliver Smith, the president and chief operating officer of Horizon Health. "These are major endeavors we are undertaking to improve the quality of care."

The new EZ Care building located just south of Paris on state Route 1 is scheduled to open no later than June

15, Smith said. The new building includes radiology and a lab for the facility as well as one additional clinic — an industrial clinic.

Approximately 30 days after the opening of EZ Care, the industrial care clinic will open, under the direction of Tiffany Turner, the wellness coordinator. Turner, a family nurse practitioner, has been serving as manager of the Occupational Health Clinic and functioning as a dedicated health provider for local business partners. Smith said she works closely with area employers to provide a full-range of occupational health services, including routine health and

wellness services. The goal is to provide these services locally, which will effectively lower companies' health and safety costs.

There will be an on-site manager for EZ Care, Smith said, and at least two staff to serve patients.

Also expected to begin receiving patients this summer is the dialysis clinic, to be located in the new physical therapy building, Smith said. "We're pushing to get that area finished before the physical therapy addition because we have patients who need it," he said. Presently, dialysis patients must travel out of town — some as far as Champaign — to

receive dialysis treatment.

"There has been a need for dialysis services in our area for a long time," Smith noted. "Our organization's vision is to meet the ever-changing healthcare needs of our communities, which this service does. We are extremely pleased to finally offer these services to people in our communities who need them."

The new pre-operation and post-operation areas for the hospital are also expected to be completed in June, Smith said. The area will have additional patient areas for the growing out patient surgery being

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In the know



'OUR HOME' INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

"Our Home" magazine is a comprehensive, free glossy magazine celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Edgar County Farm Bureau. Readers can also catch up with those who are from here but are making a difference in other places. Listings of county businesses and other reference information are also included. **INSIDE**

Youth minister makes difference

First Christian Church in Paris has a new youth minister, John Snidle, who began working with the church's growing pre-teen and teen programs earlier this year. **GRACE, 5B**



PHS independent study a good fit

PHS students involved in the school's independent study are expanding their education — and providing educational challenges. **C'EST LA VIE, 1B**

TODAY'S WEATHER

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Sunny and much cooler. **2A**



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Simonton Windows employees celebrated the 75th anniversary of parent company Ply Gem Tuesday, May 1, with a catered meal and good news about the future of the local factory.

Simonton celebrates

BY GARY HENRY
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Employees of Simonton Windows were treated to a special noon meal Tuesday, May 1, and given good news about the future of the Paris manufacturing facility.

Art Steinhafel, president of the U.S. Window Group for Ply Gem, was in town to celebrate Ply Gem's 75th anniversary. Ply Gem is Simonton's parent company.

"You guys are doing a great job," Steinhafel told the Simonton employees.

Plant manager Jason Cox agreed, telling employees he is proud to lead the facility at this time as it gains momentum and is producing well.

Steinhafel delivered several pieces of good news pertaining directly to the Paris plant. He said plans are in place to expand patio door manufacturing, and the Paris factory remains the only Simonton Windows facility that builds doors.

"We have partnered with Home Depot. That means Home Depot customers can order Simonton Windows," said Steinhafel. "That will drive volume into Paris."

He also announced a new manufacturing line is coming to Paris later this year to build windows under both the Simonton or Ply Gem brand names. The new window line will serve a large portion of the United States.

According to Steinhafel, the new line will use the most modern machinery available for win-



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Management treated Simonton Windows employees to a special hot lunch by Country Rhodes Catering Tuesday, May 1, as part of the 75th anniversary celebration for parent company Ply Gem.

dow manufacturing.

"It will be one the most automated lines in the window industry," Steinhafel said.

Cox anticipates the creation of between 50 and 60 jobs for the new line. He said approximately 400 people are now employed by the factory that opened in 1994.

Ply Gem, Steinhafel said, started as a manufacturer of interior paneling for homes but as interior styles changed and technology evolved, the company moved into windows and other exterior construction elements.

"We are one of the largest exterior manufacturers in the county," he said, adding 30 manufacturing centers are in operation under the Ply Gem or Simonton Windows brand. "We have the number one position in vinyl windows."

He reviewed the seven core values that guide Ply Gem's business operations:

- Integrity — being committed to doing what's right in day-to-day actions;
- Respect and fairness — caring about the people and communities where employees live and work;
- Teamwork — recognizing that no one person can do it and everyone is important to the company's success;
- Safety — is a priority so that employees go home the same way they came to work;
- Innovation — everyone is expected to challenge the status quo and consider new ways to do business;
- Environmental responsibility — having a concern about future generations and working to create a sustainable environment; and
- Profits and stakeholder value — profit is necessary to create

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Kansas wants dog park

Residents discuss possibilities at board meeting

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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KANSAS — Early discussions of a possible dog park were held Wednesday, May 2, at the regular Kansas village board meeting.

Residents Evan Kubicek and James Musgrove approached the board seeking village support for a project to create a park specially designed for canines. The duo explained they will fundraise to earn the initial startup cost of approximately \$5,000.

Wanting the site in a central location, Kubicek asked to place the dog park in a portion of the village park. Village board members expressed concern about taking up too much room at the existing park that currently has a playground area and a pavilion with picnic tables.

It was suggested the canine park be located near the community garden adjacent to where the village stores mulch and rock.

Musgrove and Kubicek estimated \$5,000 is needed to erect a fence, purchase doggie playground equipment and sanitation stations. Board member Susan Saxton noted a need for liability insurance, and she raised questions about future maintenance for the dog park.

Musgrove replied dog parks in nearby Charleston have signs that read "at your own risk" along with rules requiring the animals to always be on a leash. Both men pledged to initially maintain the park.

After much discussion, the board directed the duo to contact Charleston and other towns with dog parks to learn about the details, including how many incidents occur annually and what type of regulations are necessary to operate the canine play area. Saxton said the board will approach the village's insurance provider to inquire about the necessary coverage needed for such a park.

Kansas Police Chief Jeff Goodwin reported the police department issued 10 citations, eight written warnings and seven verbal warnings. KPD officers made three criminal arrests and responded to two criminal complaints and three non-criminal complaints.

The police worked in conjunction

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5 Days - Members: \$80	Non-Members: \$95

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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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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Whitney Haase
(P) 217-466-9622

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LOCAL FORECAST NORMAL: High: 70 Low: 49 More weather: go to www.prairiepress.net and click on weather.

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
80 54 Prec: 0%	76 47 Prec: 40%	68 45 Prec: 0%	72 52 Prec: 0%	76 58 Prec: 20%	74 56 Prec: 40%	78 59 Prec: 0%

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

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Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature
High/Low 70°/49°
Record High 91° in 1952
Record Low 32° in 2005

Precipitation
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date76"
Year to date1677"
Normal year to date 12.50"

SUN AND MOON

	Sun	Moon
	Rise	Set
TODAY	5:47 a.m. 7:49 p.m.	12:54 a.m. 10:03 a.m.
SUNDAY	5:46 a.m. 7:50 p.m.	-:-- a.m. 10:56 a.m.
MONDAY	5:45 a.m. 7:51 p.m.	1:35 a.m. 11:50 a.m.
TUESDAY	5:44 a.m. 7:52 p.m.	2:11 a.m. 12:47 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:42 a.m. 7:53 p.m.	2:35 a.m. 1:46 p.m.
THURSDAY	5:41 a.m. 7:54 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 2:46 p.m.
FRIDAY	5:40 a.m. 7:55 p.m.	3:48 a.m. 3:48 p.m.

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PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY

BLACKHAWK NATURE WALK
The monthly nature walk at Blackhawk Park is 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy a wildflower walk with bonus spring bird songs thrown in. Join us for a walk of about 1 hour.

PLANT AND BAKE SALE
The University of Illinois Master Gardeners of Clark County annual plant and bake sale is 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Extension Office on state Route 1, south of Marshall. This unique event allows anyone to thin extra plants and sell them or homemade baked goods. Participants set their own prices. There is no table rent, but donations are appreciated. The event is open to the public and free to attend. Anyone wishing to reserve table space should call the Clark County Extension Office at 217-826-5422. Those looking to buy need to come early for best selection. As part of the event, master gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions.

MAY AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING
Author Kristie Krabel Booker is doing a book signing of her new book "Blooming Into Life" 1 p.m. May 5 at the Chrisman Public Library. Krabel is an inspirational author and wellness coach. Her new book is about a woman's struggle with self-acceptance and self-discovery. The event is part of the library's participation in the Chrisman Spring Fling and other library sponsored activities

DON'T MISS

FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULED JUNE 9
Eastern Illinois Foodbank will distribute a truckload of food to hungry area families 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Paris Fire Training Facility, 11200 Cherry Point Street. The distribution is part of the Foodbank's Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to areas of chronic or extreme need. Through the program, local companies and organizations are invited to contribute toward a one-day distribution of food and optionally participate in the distribution process. The cost to partner with the Foodbank on a Foodmobile distribution is \$3,000. The Foodmobile distribution comes at a critical moment for area residents. Data released by Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks, shows that a staggering 14 percent of people in eastern Illinois are considered food insecure, which means they sometimes lack adequate access to food. More shockingly, nearly 20 percent of children are food insecure. All eligible residents of Edgar County who are in need of food and grocery product are welcome to attend the Foodmobile distribution. To be eligible, a household must have an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. That means a monthly income of \$1,859 for an individual; \$2,504 for a two-member household; \$3,148 for a three-member household; \$3,793 for a four-person household; \$4,437 for a five-member household; \$5,081 for a six-member household; \$5,726 for a seven-member household; and \$6,370 for an eight-member household. Those attending to receive food must bring boxes or bags to transport food away from the site. No bags or boxes are provided as part of the distribution.

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.

for the day include a flower and bake sale from 8 a.m. to noon. weather permitting, and exclusive of holidays, at the Human Resources Center, 118 E. Court Street, Paris.

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

THURSDAY MORNING TOPS MEETING
Tops #1L 1563 meets every Thursday morning at the Highland Manor Community Room with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m. More information is available by attending a meeting or calling Jo Ellen Edmonds at 251-4722.

GIVERS OF SONG CONCERT
The Givers of Song from the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark County perform a "Made in the USA" themed concert 10 a.m. at the Highland Manor in Paris.

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 lasagna, garlic toast and slaw or salad. 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.

MONTHLY EUCHRE NIGHT
The monthly euchre night at Red Oak Inn, 219 W. Madison, Paris, is 6:30-9 p.m.

FRIDAY SHILOH GRADUATION
The Shiloh High School 2018 graduation is 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 PLANT AND HERB FAIRE
The Wabash Valley Herb Society is hosting a Spring Thyme Plant and Herb Faire 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (EDT) Saturday, May 12, at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, Terre Haute, Ind. The free event is a rain or shine activity featuring more than 80 booths offering a wide variety of plants, crafts, soaps and outdoor garden décor.

AFTERNOON TEA
The Scotland United Methodist Church is hosting afternoon tea 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, sisters and friends. Door prizes, games, food and laughter are planned for the event. More information is available by calling 217-465-8069.

UPCOMING POWER OF HEALING
The next lunch and learn event by the Human Resources Center of Clark and Edgar Counties is noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the Café France, 118 E. Court, Paris. As part of the trauma series introduced to the community, the May 16 session explores the power of healing and various ways to approach healing. The deadline to make lunch reservations is noon May 14. Contact Ellen Auten at 217-465-4118 or ellen.auten@hrcec.org. to reserve a place.

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Hannah Emberton
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Pictured from left are: Parents of Award Recipient, Craig and Sheryl Emberton; Award Recipient, Hanna Emberton; Regional Deposit Officer for Prospect Bank, Linda Rogers; Director of Bands, Paris Cooperative High School, Kevin Puiett; Assistant Director of Bands and Choir Director, Paris Cooperative High School, Jessica Hendrickson.

Hannah, daughter of Craig and Sheryl Emberton, has earned the Musician of the Month award sponsored by Prospect Bank. Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society and an Illinois State Scholar. Her musical activities include Band, Beacon Brigade, Pit Orchestra and Paris Municipal Band. Hannah's other school activities include Spanish Club, Chemistry Club, Prom Committee, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and FCA. Her community activities includes Community Nurse delivery, Shop with a Cop, served at Rotary Fish Fry, Bell Ringer for Salvation Army, server at REC Auction and Christmas for Kids gift wrapper.

The officers and staff of Prospect Bank understand the discipline and commitment of excellence required of our outstanding senior musicians. We are proud to honor this outstanding PCHS student for working to be the best!

SUNDAY SHILOH BACCALAUREATE
Baccalaureate services for the Shiloh High School Class of 2018 is 5 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Church, rural Newman. The event is sponsored by the Shiloh Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Olivia Groves, left, and Sophia Minnick, right, wait for May Fete festivities to start at Paris High School Friday, May 4.

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The V.F.W. Post 3601 is offering scholarships to qualifying 2nd, 3rd or 4th year college students. Students must be the child, grandchild, great grandchild, step grandchild, or step great grandchild of a past or present member of Post 3601 or its auxiliary.

Applications may be picked up after May 1 at the
V.F.W. Post 3601
601 West Court, Paris

They must be returned to the Post by June 1, 2018 at Noon

PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAYS "D-FENCE"



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April marriage licenses

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The Edgar County Clerk and Recorder's Office issued the following marriage licenses during April: Lynn Elmer Good and Margaret Louise Biggs, both of Chrisman; Mark Allen Wolfe and Janna Miriam Sublett, both of Paris; Craig Allen Crunk and Misty Ann Wilguess, both of Paris; David Arthur Collier and Rebecca Jean Simpson, both of Paris; Justin Michael Gardner and Jessica Ann Rose, both of Fishers, Ind.; Michael Joseph Groves and Jasmine Michelle Weis, both of DeWitt; James Matthew Huxford of Paris and Pamala De-Ann Mitchell of Terre Haute, Ind; Jason Christopher Covey of Flora and Paige Diane Teegarden of Olney; Errol Wayne Hale and Rita Yvonne Hepburn,

both of Paris; Daye Lynn Murphy and Shelley Ann Butler, both of Paris; Shawn Douglas Miller Seibert and Betsy Leanne Bogle, both of Paris; Jesse Eugene Kollman and Billi Gene Wilson, both of Paris; and Caleb Michael Grissom and Kayla Jean Petticrew, both of Paris.

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Floyd sentenced to prison

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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COURT

Violence is sending Shane W. Floyd, 27, Paris, back to prison. Floyd appeared for the April 26 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions charge. He was sentenced to 18 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections with credit for 27 days previously served and the sentence is to run concurrently with his sentence for a Class 2 felony burglary conviction. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 3 felony aggravated battery charge.

Floyd was taken into custody for immediate service of the prison sentence.

This is Floyd's third trip to prison. He was sentenced to

prison in 2008 for a Class 3 aggravated battery conviction and again in 2015 for a Class 2 felony burglary conviction.

Other individuals appearing before the bench during the April 26 and April 30 criminal and traffic calls included:

IN CUSTODY

■ Oliver L. Buford Jr., no age provided, Danville, appeared in custody. He waived preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault, a Class 2 felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and a Class 4 felony criminal sexual abuse charges. Bond was reduced to \$25,000 from the original bond of \$50,000, with an order he is to have

no contact with the apparent victim. In another matter, Buford's unresolved Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection was continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Anita C. Collins, 43, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child. She told the court she will hire an attorney. Bond was set at \$1,500 and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Aaron R. Gates, 21, Paris, appeared in custody and was granted a three-hour furlough to attend his great-grandmother's funeral. He is serving a jail sentence for his Class A misdemeanor theft conviction.

■ Brandy M. Hollingsworth, 43, Paris, appeared in custody. She was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for endangering the health of a child. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Bond was set at \$1,500, and she was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Joseph J. Holmes, 40, Danville, appeared in custody and pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge. He was sentenced to 52 days in jail with credit for 26 days previously served, one year of conditional discharge, a \$200 fine, court costs and various state fees. Holmes was ordered to undergo counseling per an evaluation and to have no contact with the apparent victim's residence in Chrisman. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ Trent A. Keen, 49, Paris, appeared in custody for a bond hearing for two Class A misdemeanor domestic bat-

tery charges. Bond was set at \$3,500 and he was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victims or the victims' residence. Keen told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Keen was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ James R. Lopez, 19, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody April 26 and was charged with a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault, a Class 2 felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and a Class 4 felony criminal sexual abuse. Bond was set at \$30,000 and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

Lopez appeared in custody again April 30 and the public defender was appointed to the case. A preliminary hearing was scheduled, and Lopez was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Courtney J. Mills, 23, Charleston, appeared in custody and a bond hearing was held for her Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child charges. Bond was set at \$10,000. She told the court she will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Mills was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Andrew T. Moody, 30, Metcalf, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony criminal trespass to a residence and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespass to real property. Bond was set at \$10,000 with a no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. The public defender was assigned, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Moody was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Michael S. Parrill, 37, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 and the public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing and Parrill was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Abbey M. Parrish, 42, Paris, appeared in custody. By agreement, her sentencing hearing was continued on the petitions to revoke her probation for a Class 4 felony domestic battery and Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine convictions. She was granted a furlough to attend Club Soda, a residential drug rehabilitation center. She was ordered to return to the county jail upon her release from the treatment center.

Parrish's unresolved charges of a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, two Class 4 felony domestic batteries, a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property, a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor battery, a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct were continued. Parrish was remanded to custody.

■ Travis S. Posey, 35, Paris, appeared in custody and denied a petition to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol conviction and petitions to revoke his conditional discharge sentences for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license convictions. A pretrial conference was scheduled. He was remanded to custody for service of a jail sentence related to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction.

■ Dara N. Rhoads, 38, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer. The public defender was appointed. Bond was set at \$3,000 and included a no-contact order. The matter was continued for a

first appearance with counsel. Rhoads was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Seth A. Smith, no age provided, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor criminal sexual abuse of a minor older than 9 years old but younger than 17-years-old and a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed and a not guilty with a jury trial demand was made. Bond was set at \$1,500 in the retail theft case. The matters were continued for a pretrial conference, and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

CHARGES

■ Katherine E. Garner, 29, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 2 felony delivery of methamphetamine conviction. She waived her rights and admitted the petition. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Foster W. Miller, 20, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony possession of a hypodermic needle. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Steven M. Moore, 25, Flora, was charged with a Class 4 felony illegal possession of a certificate of title and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. The public defender was appointed, and the preliminary hearing was scheduled.

■ Jason W. Reeves, 41, Robinson, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Judith Sebastian, 23, Danville, was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Loretta A. Sawyer, 50, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. She told the court she will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Richard D. Smiley, 48, Redmon, was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Leron L. Tate Jr., 22, Champaign, was charged with a Class B misdemeanor speeding. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Dustin J.A. Tegeler, 24, Paris, was charged with three counts of Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first time with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■ Virginia F. Ashby, 32, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor drivers license expired longer than one year. She was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Isiah J. Bibb, 31, Danville, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, two years of conditional discharge, 300 hours of community service work, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Shawn M. Custer, 23, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Megan N. Eads, 28, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for two days previously served, 18 months of

conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Somer R. A. Gilbert, 25, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Shannon M. Peak, 48, Marshall, pleaded guilty to a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance charge. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for two days previously served and the remaining time subject to a motion to vacate, two years of first offender probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation as part of the sentence.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■ Joshua M. Campbell, 19, Ridge Farm, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Ashley S. Boswell Hornbrook, 22, Paris, denied a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Joe W. Evans III, 29, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Craig M. Jones, 27, Paris, denied a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor theft conviction. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Dionne Marie Ray, 39, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor battery charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Logan R. Machango, 18, Chrisman, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony aggravated domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class A misdemeanor interfering with the report of domestic violence charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Nicki N. Thompson, 33, Paris, denied a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Stacy Wolfe, 45, Paris, acting as her own attorney pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony burglary, Class 4 felony criminal trespass to a residence, a Class A misdemeanor or theft and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespass to a building charges. Subsequently, the public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■ Megan Nicole Eads, 29, Paris, learned the state's motion was granted to withdraw a petition to revoke her conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license conviction. The conditional discharge was terminated and the case was closed.

■ Scott D. LaBaume, 36, Paris, learned the state's motion was granted to dismiss his Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge.

WARRANTS

Arrest warrants were ordered when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Ronald G. Amerman Jr., 37, Marshall; Johnathon R. Board, 28, Paris; Angela D. Eslinger, 36, Terre Haute, Ind.; Joseph May, 36, Oakland; Patricia L. Ross, 47, Paris; Bruce K. Savard, 59, Paris; Gloria J. Thomas, 48, Clinton, Ind.; and Kurtis A. Wilson, 29, Terre Haute, Ind.

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CAROLE HALE

WEST TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Carole Margaret Hale, 77, of West Terre Haute, Ind., passed away at 5:40 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2018, at Clinton Gardens surrounded by her family.

A funeral service was 10 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at Fitzpatrick Funeral Home, 220 North 3rd Street, West Terre Haute, with Pastor George Guinn officiating. Burial was in Pleasantview Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Phil Kashon Jr., Richard Hale Jr., Christopher Hale, Eric Hale, Mike Peperak, Jason Saavedra and honorary pallbearer Jones Berger.

Mrs. Hale was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Vermillion County, Ind., the daughter of the late Otto Kleeman Kelley and Helen Priscilla Kidd Kelley. She married Billy Arthur Hale, and she survives.

She is also survived her sons, Billy M. (Rebecca) Hale

and Richard L. (Laura) Hale; her daughter, Pamela I. (Phil) Kashon; her grandchildren, Phil Kashon Jr., Heather Peperak, Jennifer Hale, Eric Hale, Richard Hale Jr. and Christopher Hale; her great-grandchildren, Melanie Kashon, Hayden Kashon, Raelynn Peperak, Emerson Peperak, Jones Berger, Rocio Hale-Saavedra, Evelyn Hale and Annmarie Hale; her brother, Wayne (Helen) Kelley; her sister, Mary Lou Cottrell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Hale was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church, Clinton, Ind. She was a member and vice president of the New Goshen Water Board. She loved to sew, quilt, garden and tend to her flowers and koi fishpond. She was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother, who enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Online condolences at www.fitzpatrickfunerals.com.

LOIS SMITH

Lois Ann Smith, 79, of Paris, passed away at 4:39 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2018, at Horizon Health. She was a homemaker.

A celebration of life service is 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Horace Baptist Church, with Pastor Rick Cook officiating. A graveside service is 11 a.m. Monday, May 7, at Franklin Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Cook officiating. There is no visitation. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Mrs. Smith was born Feb. 22, 1939, at Woodbury, Tenn., the daughter of the late Joseph and Annie Simmons Parker. She married Norman Smith in 1955 at Metcalf, and he survives.

PAULINE EGAN

Pauline Marie Sunkel Egan, 103, of Paris, passed away at 6:25 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2018, at Life's Journey Senior Living. She was a homemaker and formerly employed at Edgar County Bank.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ronald Hilt as celebrant. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the Mass Thursday in the gathering space at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Mrs. Egan was born March 15, 1915, at Paris, the daughter of the late Jacob R. and Ora Ingram Sunkel. She married Leo A. Egan in 1939 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he passed away in 1985.

Survivors include her children, John Egan of Riley, Ind., Sharon (Bob) Bailey of Paris, Diane Hall of Paris, Robert (Sharon) Egan of Eagle, Colo.,

Other survivors include a son, Rick (Lea) Smith of Indianapolis, Ind.; a daughter, Melody (Gary) Saylor of Ferdinand, Ind.; a brother, Raymond (Nancy) Parker of Paris; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Winschief of Paris; six grandchildren, Sara Smith of Indianapolis, Rachel (Jeremy) Mathai of Augusta, Ga., Jordan (Lydia) Saylor of Chicago and Sky (Brenna) Saylor, Chase Saylor and Noah Saylor, all of Owensboro, Ky; and three great-grandchildren, Judah Saylor, Eloise Saylor and Bennen Saylor.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Cleo Winschief; and a niece, Joy Winschief.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Horace Baptist Church, and enjoyed working with children.

Memorial donations may be made to Horace Baptist Church or Camp Assurance.

Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

BARBARA HAMMOND

Barbara Lee Hammond, 86, of Plainfield, Ind., and formerly of Paris, peacefully passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018, at Plainfield.

A service celebrating her life is 11 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hammond was born May 25, 1931, at Riverton, Neb., the daughter of the late Reid and Caroline Williams. She married Marion Dean Hammond Sept. 18, 1949, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Kathlene Ann (Dan Burrow) of Oakhurst, Calif., Rocky Dean (Susan Holman) Hammond of Rexburg, Idaho, Michial Eugene (Alverda Cotonuts) Hammond of Plainfield, Ind., and Candace Lee (David Long) of Cape Town, South Africa; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Vivian Neumann and Vida Rowe.

As a young girl, her father moved his family to Idaho where they settled in the small town of Buhl. She graduated from Buhl High School in 1948. She loved journalism and helped produce the annual yearbooks.

Music and dance were favorite activities, and it was at a dance that she met her husband to be. As a young family, they lived in various communities in southeast Idaho, and she faithfully supported her husband as he diligently worked the soil to provide for his family.

While living in Heyburn, Idaho, she and another mother or two determined the community needed Little League baseball for their young boys. Heading the effort, she secured land

for a ball field, equipment for the games and sponsors for the teams. After much effort the Heyburn, Idaho, Little League began. This is just a sample of the service, time, talent and effort she put forth in helping her community, friends and families.

Mrs. Hammond developed a great love for family history work and over the years became extremely knowledgeable in this area, even owning her own genealogical business "Tre-Search." She was the director of the Edgar County Genealogical Society and also served as the family history director for her church. She became a devoted and expert genealogist searching not only her family lines, but also helped hundreds of others to find and connect with their ancestors as well.

Through the years, career moves for her husband saw them living in California, Texas, Nebraska and Illinois. Each move was a new adventure with challenges to conquer and opportunities to grow. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Mrs. Hammond found opportunities to serve church members, neighbors, friends and families wherever she lived. For her, it was a service of love and a deep desire to help others reach their full potential. Countless lives were blessed by her love and kindness.

At the loss of her beloved husband, she moved to an assisted living community in Plainfield, Indiana, and once again served others through simple acts of kindness and love. She is surely missed but shall never be forgotten because she was, is and eternally will be, the beloved matriarch of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints missionary fund, or the Paris Historical Society or simply help a friend in need.

Online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

BARBARA SHEEHAN

MAHOMET - Barbara Ann Bouslog Sheehan, 92, died April 19, 2018.

A celebration of life service is 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Blair-Owens Funeral Home, 102 E. Dunbar, Mahomet. Visitation is from 1 p.m. until the service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sheehan was born Sept. 21, 1926, in rural Chrisman, the daughter of the late C. E. Bouslog and Pearl Hollingsworth Bouslog.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Edward (Sheehan) her children, Steve (Barb) Sheehan and Colleen (Chuck) Maxwell; seven grandchildren, Erik (Ivanny) Sheehan, Kelly Maxwell Franklin, Travis (Becky) Sheehan (Barb) Katey (James) Wamsley, Lydia (Brett) Nadal, Melissa Brink; and Derek Winneshiek; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ena Mae Fox and Mary Lee Chase; and one

brother, Huston Bouslog. Her first eight years of school were in a one-room schoolhouse on Cherry Point Road. Transportation was provided by her horse, 'Ol Bob. She graduated with seven schoolmates and was proud she could still remember everyone's name. She graduated from Paris High School with honors in 1944. While attending the University of Illinois, she met and married Edward Sheehan.

After both Steve and Colleen started school, Mrs. Sheehan worked at the Mahomet Post Office and then became postmaster of White Heath. She was actively involved in many organizations in Mahomet throughout the years. She was particularly proud of her 50 years in the Home Extension. She was a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Champaign.

The family thanks the staff at The Villas of Hollybrook, Monticello. Their love and special care was deeply appreciated. The family also extends a heartfelt thank you to Carle Hospice for their special care.

Online condolences at www.owensfuneralhomes.com.

MARTY HACKETT

KANSAS - A graveside service celebrating the life of Mary Alice "Marty" Hackett is 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Fairview Cemetery, east of Kansas, with the Rev. Hyland Smith officiating.

A meal served by the Kansas Christian Church follows the service.

Survivors include her children, John Egan of Riley, Ind., Sharon (Bob) Bailey of Paris, Diane Hall of Paris, Robert (Sharon) Egan of Eagle, Colo.,

JACQUELINE MALLERNEE

OAKLAND - Jacqueline Priscilla Gullion Mallernee, 77, of Mattoon, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2018.

A graveside funeral was 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Oakland Cemetery. The Krabel Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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

JOAN CARROLL

MARSHALL - Joan Delight Ogburn Carroll, 79, of Martinsville, passed away at 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, at her home.

A funeral service is 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at Pearce Funeral Home. Burial follows in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from noon until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

SHELDON KELTZ

Sheldon Ray Keltz Sr., 89, passed away April 25, 2018. A memorial graveside service is 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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

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A meal served by the Kansas Christian Church follows the service.

MYRNA WALTERS

MARTINSVILLE - Myrna Lee Walters, 85, of Wilmington, and formerly of Martinsville, passed away at 7:22 a.m. Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Miller Center, Kankakee.

A funeral service was noon Friday, May 4, at the Greenwell Funeral Home, with Brother Billie Ray Ulrey officiating. Burial fol-

lowed in the Ridgelawn Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Casey Lions Club, P.O. Box 35, Casey, IL 62420.

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

MARDY MORRISON

CASEY - Margaret June "Mardy" Morrison, 99, of Casey, and formerly of Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Dallas, Texas, passed away Monday, April 23, 2018, at Heartland Nursing Center, Casey.

A funeral service was 11 a.m. Friday, May 4, at Markwell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Augustine Koomson officiating. Burial followed in the Washington Street Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home.

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

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MARY ELLEN SCARBEARY

ORLANDO, Fla. - Word has been received of the Dec. 30, 2017, death of Mary Ellen Scarbeary, 94, formerly of Paris.

A memorial service was 12:30 p.m. Jan. 21, 2018, at Central Christian Church, 250 SW Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, Fla.

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Hating Trump a pass time

The Trump haters hate on and on and ... The deranged hatred of Donald Trump by the Left and the media is so strong it is never going to stop.



MICHAEL REAGAN
MAKING SENSE

If they had the chance, I actually think the Democrats would put a crown of thorns on Trump's head, make him carry his own cross and send him to be crucified.

On national TV. With Rachel Maddow, Chuck Todd and Jimmy Kimmel doing the play-by-play. Of course, if the Democrat mob was given the choice

between letting Barabba the murderer or Trump the president go free, there'd be no doubt who it'd choose.

Crucify him. Crucify him. He'd not one of us! He's not a career politician.

Crucify him. He's the one who slayed St. Hillary.

A literal crucifixion of the president isn't too likely, I guess, no matter how hard the media prayed.

In the media it's all Bad-Trump-All-the-Time.

The entertainment and journalism arms of the major mainstream media, except for Fox, have essentially become the alt-left.

They are almost as hysterical, unfair, unbalanced, and hateful as the conspiracy-minded alt-right media were under Obama.

But the alt-right was tiny. It was out on the fringe.

It was obsessed with crazy things like Obama's birthplace, his radical left-wing friends and his serial apologizing for America.

The respectable alt-left mainstream anti-Trump media is the political equivalent of the anti-Obama alt-right.

They are just as hysterical, biased and obsessed with finding anything in Trump's past or present that might bring him down.

No outlandish conspiracy theory, no half-assed accusation of lawbreaking by a Democrat, no leaked uncorroborated information by an anonymous source is too small

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YOUR VIEW

Remember carriers food drive

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Please mark next Saturday, May 12, 2018, on your calendars.

Mail carriers in Paris and around the country will be participating in the annual National Association of Letters Carriers' Food Drive, and your donations of money and non-perishable food items will help them fill local food pantries. The need is still there and this is an easy way to help those less fortunate.

All you need to do on May 12 is place your donation where your carrier can spot it, and the rest of your day is free. If you live on a rural route, it would be appreciated if you could hang your donation from your mailbox in a grocery bag so the carriers can trade mail for food in one easy transaction. If you receive your mail in a box at the post office, there will be a cart in the lobby for your donations, or you can leave them at the window during business hours.

If you can't make it to the store before the drive, don't panic. Monetary donations actually have more impact when you consider the buying power of the pantry. A check made out to the Compassionate Food Pantry helps as much, or more, than the actual food collected. No matter how you choose to donate, all donations stay right here in Paris.

This year's food drive will be the 25th that the employees of the Paris Post Office have conducted. The idea for the drive may have

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Don't panic. It's a drill

County emergency responders having a practice drill Thursday, May 10

Edgar County emergency responders have a practice drill during the morning of May 10.

It is a serious topic as law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs and other public safety officials test protocols in case a school shooting ever occurs in Paris. It is regrettable such training is necessary, but that is a topic for another time.

What is important now is for all members of the public to be aware of the training, not jump to conclusions and spread undue panic on social media during the drill.

The training is expected to occur between 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. at the Illinois National Guard's Field Maintenance Shop on High School Road, near Paris High School. Flashing red lights at the scene may create a false impression that something bad is happening at the high school.

Stay calm.

It is not at the high school.

It is a drill. Do not panic.

OUR VIEW

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

As the drill gets underway, the Edgar County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency will post on its Facebook page that a training exercise is underway, plus send email and text messages on the WENS alert system. Paris High School is also expected to notify parents via mass texts/e-mails that a drill is underway and no danger threatens students, faculty and staff at the high school. Similar warnings are expected on social media sites operated by the emergency services.

Between now and then, members of the community can help by discussing the training event as often as possible so even more people are aware of what is happening Thursday morning. One uninformed person, rushing to post something on social

media without verifying what is happening can trigger others to react from fear.

The other thing the public can do to help with the training is stay off High School Road. The entire training scenario occurs inside the building at the Guard's facility and will not be visible. Gawkers lining High School Road hoping to see something will be disappointed and only add to the congestion as emergency vehicles move in and out of the site as part of the drill. Stay home, there is nothing to see.

Emergency responders know how sensitive the idea of a school shooting is and every effort is being made to inform the public well in advance in hopes of minimizing a mistaken assumption about what is occurring during the drill.

The public can help by quickly responding to any ill-informed social media posts May 10 by reiterating a drill is taking place.

STANIS 2018 CHICAGO TRIBUNE



There's nothing like PHS May Fete

It's another beautiful day here in south central Iowa. The birds are singing, the trees are budding and the smell of fresh air after a rain is so refreshing.



GARY BUTLER
A SIMPLER TIME

Something about the Midwest

is just so appealing to me. As I was wandering around social media this week, I noticed several of my female classmates from the Paris High School Class of 1971 posting pictures of themselves in their gowns for May Fete.

Unless you are from Paris, May Fete doesn't mean anything to you. For those from Paris, it is a tradition that began in 1927 to honor the young ladies of the PHS graduating class of Paris High School. It continues to be one of the highlights of the school year.

Back in my high school days, every year come the end of April and beginning of May, one started see young ladies walking around the neighborhoods near the high school, gathering flowers from the yards of the residences and bringing them back to decorate the gym. When we saw them coming back with armloads of flowers, we knew that May Fete was just around the corner.

The principal received phone calls from neighborhood residents complaining their flowers were stolen by roving bands of girls. I really think these protests were part of the annual act because they most likely had picked a few flowers when they were in school themselves.

Armed with the fresh flowers, the girls decorated Eveland Gym and the entire building smelled like spring. The underclass girls performed skits to honor the graduating seniors and the public

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When will the television ads begin again?

Believe it or not, one of the questions I'm asked the most these days is: "When will Gov.



RICH MILLER
CAPITOL FAX

Rauner and J.B. Pritzker start airing their general election TV ads?"

A few weeks ago, Chicago pundit Dick Simpson predicted to Crain's Chicago Business that the new campaign TV ads would start any minute.

He went on to say that both candidates will be worried about the other candidate getting out front.

Four years ago I mistakenly believed candidate Bruce Rauner would take a page from Gov. Rod Blagojevich's 2014 re-election playbook and immediately bury Gov. Pat Quinn under a mountain of negative advertising. Instead, Rauner waited until July 11 to air his first general election TV ad.

So, what's it gonna be this year?

From what I can gather, I don't think Pritzker wants the blame for being the first to go back up on TV. Pritzker spent tens of millions of dollars in television ads since May 2 of last year, and TV-viewing voters aren't eager for more. By waiting for Rauner to pull the trigger, Pritzker can say he had no choice but to go back on the air to counter whatever Rauner does.

Besides, private polling reportedly shows Pritzker with a substantial, double-digit lead over Rauner in what's still looking like a favorable year for Democrats, so there's no immediate need for Pritzker to start running ads.

After checking around, I don't think the governor's campaign is

all that eager to resume spending big bucks on TV right away, either.

What I didn't consider in 2014 was that at least part of the reason why Rauner went dark was to help him fade away from voters' consciousness after the primary, which allowed him to introduce a new messaging campaign for the general election. Most TV ads quickly lose their impact not long after they're pulled off the air. If you go up with a message, you gotta stay up with that message or most of your spending was for naught. So, if you want to introduce a revamped, general election message, you sometimes need to give that earlier message time to expire. It's kind of like a reboot.

After Rauner's bitter, unexpectedly close GOP primary against Rep. Jeanne Ives, it's probably best to get out of the public's face for a while and allow people time to forget and maybe forgive. One of the best things about having such an early primary, after all, is it gives the winners plenty of time to try to heal the wounds before November.

Plus, what's the rush? Running ads in April of 2006 allowed Gov. Blagojevich to quickly push Judy Baar Topinka's poll numbers down, which helped dry up her fundraising.

The first post-primary poll had Topinka leading the incumbent, but that changed in a hurry after the Blagojevich ad attack. Topinka couldn't immediately fight back because she had drained her account to win the Republican primary.

The only way to dry up J.B. Pritzker's money is to completely crash the world economy and send us all back to the Stone Age. TV ads can do a lot, but

they can't do that. Rauner knows that if he airs ads, Pritzker can easily afford to immediately respond. And while Rauner has shown a willingness to spend his personal fortune to win elections, people who've been close to him over the years say he does become reluctant and grumpy when it comes time to actually write the checks.

Besides, TV-watchers truly do need a break from the primary's bottomless pit of negative TV ads (and you can bet that most of the TV ads we'll eventually see ain't gonna be about flowers and ponies). But not everyone is getting a rest. Both campaigns are currently advertising online, through social media, Google searches, etc.

The effectiveness of online advertising is growing by the day because it can be so finely targeted and because so many people are spending so much time on their computers and smart phones.

TV is still the best way to reach voters, but it's slowly starting to lose its punch as viewership declines and splinters into a million different directions (witness the amount of money Pritzker and Rauner had to spend to win). And they can advertise online without much news media notice.

By the way, this comes with the usual caveat that the greatest beauty of politics is it can always change in a big hurry. I'm hearing the governor may be getting pressured by someone close to him to start spending money soon, so we'll see.

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REAGAN

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for our biased journalists to beat us to death with on the front page.

If the liberal media can't prove President Trump's done anything seriously wrong, which is the case so far, they attack or smear any celebrity, woman or black person who supports him or works for his administration.

Roseanne Barr got her media drubbing for having the nerve to stand up for Trump last month.

Now it's Kanye West's turn to be trashed for daring to leave the Democrat Party plantation.

He's been misinterpreted and disowned for standing up for Trump, for urging modern blacks not to be held back by a slave mentality and for quoting the great black conservative economist and author, Thomas Sowell.

This week one of the top thugs in the Crips publicly

urged gang members to mess up Kanye for holding his politically incorrect opinions.

The mainstream media reaction to that threat on Kanye's life so far? Crickets.

Meanwhile, in news that matters, North Korea is talking denuclearization, making peace with South Korea after 70 years and letting three American prisoners go free as a good gesture.

At home in Trump America unemployment rates for blacks, Latinos and women are down.

Those accomplishments aren't bigger news stories than porn performer Stormy Daniels' attorney's 37th appearance on CNN?

Not if Donald Trump had anything to do with them.

The liberal media and the Washington-New York-Hollywood Axis of Evil they serve won't let good news about Trump be heard because they hate him too much.

He broke the political

system they loved — the racket that said only career politicians can run for office, not regular human beings.

The same people who hate Trump hated my dad for many of the same reasons.

He wasn't one of them. He was a nonpolitician. He was going to start World War III. He was an empty suit.

The Democrats and the MSM hated Ronald Reagan until it was no longer politically correct to hate him — because he died.

Then they said they loved him.

The people who hate President Trump will never love him, alive or crucified.

They'll always choose Barabbas.

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ST. MARY'S STUDENTS RECEIVE BOOKS



Special to The Prairie Press

The Paris Altrusa Club visits St. Mary's School on a weekly basis. The children look forward to the visiting Reader and received a surprise April 19 with a free book of their choice. Pictured are left to right, Carter Doughan, Alexis Walton, Emily Thomas, Garrett Pearce and Gavin Helwig.

BUTLER

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seniors and the public who came to honor the graduating young ladies. One of the highlights of the evening was the crowing of the May Fete Queen. Selection of the court was made by the senior girls.

The voting for the queen was conducted by the entire school.

When I was in school, the senior girls gathered in the school library where they lined up for the processional. Just before they walked to the gym, the May Fete sponsors announced the first and second attendants and the queen. Just before the processional, a loud roar came from inside the building letting everyone know the queen had been announced.

The seniors were announced individually, stepping into the spotlight and onto the

red carpet walking to the stage for program.

The queen was the last to be announced to the crowd and was escorted to her throne by one of the graduating senior boys and preceded by the junior attendants, first graders from the local elementary schools who were selected at random. Karen and I were fortunate enough that both Stephanie and Lyle were selected to represent Memorial School.

Somewhere among the thousands of photos we have are two pictures of the cutest little ones ever — Stephanie in her white dress and long gloves and Lyle in his suit.

The year Lyle was selected, he escorted Andrea Boling. When they were announced, they stole the show. They strutted down the red carpet and stopped at half court turned to face the audience

and they both took a bow — much to the delight of those in attendance. They were both beaming as they got to their seats and sat near the court. The late Esther Moore was the May Fete Queen my senior year.

After the presentation of the queen, each class performed a skit for the queen and the senior girls around a central theme.

I do remember though, May Fete was and is still the most exciting first Friday in May at Paris High School.

My congratulations to the graduating seniors and to the Queen of May. Cherish your memories.

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Website offers story of the state

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois State Museum (ISM) is highlighting artifacts that tell the story of Illinois' rich heritage as part of the state's Bicentennial celebration.

They partnered with the Illinois Association of Museums to launch the "Story of Illinois" website, featuring objects from the ISM Illinois Legacy Collection, as well as collections from other museums across the state that help bring the state's heritage to life.

The new website, built by the ISM, previews some objects that will be on display in the "Bicentennial and Beyond: The Illinois Legacy Collection" exhibition, which opens at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield on June 30.

Find the website at this link: <http://story.illinois-statemuseum.org>.

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LETTERS

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come from the National Association of Letter Carriers, but in Paris we have all worked together over the years to help our local food pantry.

When I was first asked to coordinate a food drive in Paris, I didn't jump right in and agree to do it. I said I'd give it a try. I'm glad I did. So many people have stepped up and helped in so many ways that there is not enough space to list them here. They made the job very easy, and I'm grateful.

All kinds of plans and predictions can be made in advance, but no drive can succeed without people willing to donate. Paris has always been a very giving community in the past. I hope we can continue the tradition on May 12, 2018.

Thank you for your past, present and future donations.

Sincerely,
Greg Alexander
Paris Coordinator

it is obvious lessons were not learned concerning that tumultuous time.

The president's own personality dynamics set the stage for the Mueller and Cohen probes, and the signs were there all along during the campaign, but were ignored or explained away. Remember in Trump world, linear thought and truth is not necessary and does not count. The loyal opposition would do well to acknowledge the old stand by, that one wrong does not deserve another, and two wrongs do not make a right.

So the Republican House finds no collusion. What a surprise. There is no universe in which Trump did not know what was going in Trump Tower. He was apprised of the details of the meeting, one floor above, via his blocked phone, by his son Donald Trump Jr.

The constant repeated denials about there having been no discussions between his campaign officials and Russians connected to the Kremlin is an outright lie. And as the Republicans wash their dirty hands of the Russia investigation, let them be reminded that this is their Pontius Pilate moment.

From Main Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, an exodus from the ranks that holds aloft the Trump presidency is slipping

away. Not in his strongholds, but with those in the majority throughout the country. Let's hope this time around the majority wins.

Anita L. Griffith
Vermilion

Americans haven't learned from past

Editor, The Prairie Press; I was fortunate to have co-hosted a controversial TV talk show in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Las Vegas, Nevada, in the early to mid-70s, and



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Live school shooter drill planned

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It will look like the real thing. It will sound like the real thing, but it is only practice for the unthinkable.

The Paris Police Department, the Edgar County Sheriff's Department, the Paris Fire Department and the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance will descend on the Illinois National Guard's Field Maintenance Shop on High School Road Thursday, May 10, where volunteers will portray students trapped in a classroom, people wounded in the attack and an active shooter.

Those planning the event say from a distance it may appear the event is at Paris High School, but the school is not involved and no danger exists for the students, faculty or staff.

"We don't want people thinking it's not an exercise," said Jill Taylor, Edgar County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator (ESDA), adding she plans to placard the area with signs stating an exercise drill is in progress.

ESDA is required to run at least one emergency drill each year to test how well emergency response plans work for a major event. Normally, the tests are conducted as realistically as possible with calls dispatched by the 911 emergency call center and other elements of emergency response.

To avoid creating panic that a real school shooting is occurring, the dispatch will not go out over the radio and all units will respond in a non-emergency mode to the former prison site.

Paris Police Chief Mike Henness said law enforcement will enter the building equipped with training Glockes that use chalk rounds to find and kill the shooter. During the search, police will encounter a lockdown classroom with up to 50 volunteer high school students.

"Students will not leave the room until the teacher clears it," said Henness. "We

will first search the teacher and then search the students. They will go out of the building for transport off site."

Ball Transportation is providing a school bus to relocate the students. This gives police and other emergency personnel an opportunity to practice evacuating survivors while a shooting scene is still fluid.

Henness explained the students will first go to the fire training center on Cherry Point Road to simulate the need to recreate a reunification center where surviving students can be safely reunited with parents or other family members. After pulling into the training center, the bus will immediately return to Paris High School for the student volunteers to resume their normal classes.

Members of the Illinois National Guard 1544th Transportation Company are serving as the wounded victims. Eric Shaughnessy of the ambulance service said a considerable amount of time will be devoted to making the wounds look as realistic as possible.

"We have attachments that look like compound fractures with the bones sticking out," said Shaughnessy.

He added firefighters and the ambulance EMTs will enter spaces as the police clear areas to tend the victims even though the shooter may still be roaming other parts of the building.

The ambulance will transport the wounded victims to the emergency room at Horizon Health, which is also participating in the exercise.

Both Fire Chief Brian Gates and CW 3 Jeremy Clark of the Guard cautioned against people coming to the location to watch the exercise. In a real situation, the area would be blocked off and people could not get in. During the drill, extra cars on the road with people attempting to gawk will only be an unnecessary impediment for emergency responders.

"There is nothing to see," said Clark. "It is too far off the road to see anything and everything happens inside the building. People should not come out to watch."

As the situation develops, Taylor will activate ESDA's emergency operations center (EOC) to coordinate all aspects of the response. All participants will report to the EOC after the event for a debriefing.

Taylor emphasized every effort will be made to notify the public a drill is occurring and people should not jump to the conclusion a real shooting is taking place at Paris High School.

ESDA will announce the event on its Facebook page and send out a WENS notice that a drill is in progress. She added Paris High School plans to send emails and text messages to parents when the drill starts letting them know it is only an exercise and the students are safe.

The drill is expected to start around 9:45 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10.

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State Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) hosted high school students from across the 51st Senate District at the Statehouse for his April 2 Youth Advisory Council. Left to right, Rose and Paris High School students Abigail Minnis and Cory Gearlock

Food distribution in Paris

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Eastern Illinois Foodbank will distribute a truckload of food to hungry area families 10-11:30

a.m. June 9 at the Paris Fire Training Facility, 11200 Cherry Point Street.

The distribution is part of the Foodbank's Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to areas of chronic or extreme need. Through the program, local companies and organizations are invited to contribute toward a one-day distribution of food and optionally participate in the distribution process. The cost to partner with the Foodbank on a Foodmobile distribution is \$3,000.

The Foodmobile distribution comes at a critical moment for area residents. Data released by Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks, shows that a staggering 14 percent of people in eastern Illinois are considered food insecure, which means they sometimes lack adequate access to food. More shockingly, nearly 20 percent of children are food insecure.

All eligible residents of Edgar County who are in need of food and grocery products are welcome to attend the Foodmobile distribution. To be eligible, a household must have an income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. That means a monthly income of \$1,859 for an individual; \$2,504 for a two-member household; \$3,148 for a three-member household; \$3,793 for a four-person household; \$4,437 for a five-member household; \$5,081 for a six-member household; \$5,726 for a seven-member household; and \$6,370 for an eight-member household.

Those attending to receive food must bring boxes or bags to transport food away from the site. No bags or boxes are provided as part of the distribution.

HORIZON

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conducted at the hospital as well as the growing orthopedic surgery and practice.

"We're getting more bed space and staff areas to better serve our patients," he noted.

Construction on the new physical therapy area will likely begin in November, due to a slow start from weather and other factors. Smith said he expects the Horizon physical therapy staff to move into the new area sometime in the third quarter of 2019.

The hospital registration area and gift shop will also be revamped to better serve patients, Smith announced.

The Paris Community Hospital Volunteers presently operate a gift shop in the registration area, Smith said. The gift shop will move to an area near conference room B in the long hall leading to

the hospital's main desk. "It will be a larger gift shop and allow them more room," he said.

The move allows for the renovation and reconfiguration of patient services, Smith said. "It will be an area that includes centralized scheduling, registration, patient services, information, records and paying bills."

"It's about better serving our community," Smith said. "It's about convenience."

Smith said Horizon Health is now working with the Human Resources Center to focus on mental health and physical health.

"It's about studying how we can integrate services with HRC. It's difficult to separate mental and physical health," he observed.

Offering tele-psychiatry is being planned, with three part-time psychiatrists offering 30 hours of coverage a week — including child

psychiatry. "It's offered on a secure line with the psychiatrist, patient and provider," he said, which is now recognized as a billable service."

Smith said those operating medical services got away from home visits in an attempt to improve the bottom line. "I believe we're moving back toward that," he said. Telemedicine will be an important part of improving services, he said.

"It's hard to say what's down the pipeline, but we are always looking to improve healthcare for our communities," he said. The community health needs assessment is an integral part of the planning.

In addition to the new buildings and services, Smith said a new general surgeon will join Horizon Health in August and a new nurse practitioner dermatologist will come onboard this summer.

DOG PARK

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with Eastern Illinois University Police and the Coles County Sheriff in regards to a stolen motor vehicle from the Chicago area and a burglary investigation. In addition, officers have been identifying and notifying residents who are in violation of village ordinances.

The meeting to set appropriations for the upcoming year was scheduled. Board members will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the village hall to complete the routine annual business.

Utilities Supervisor Andrew Henn reported the new Dollar Store utility service is hooked

up and the meter is now running. The store's proposed open date is May 25.

During the street and alley reports, Henn noted the motor fuel tax budget was approved. He indicated this past week village employees spread 64 tons of white rock in the alleys. Additional rock has been ordered to complete a few remaining alleys.

Trustee Steve Hood said the village will soon distribute the large flower pots to village businesses as part of the beautification project.

The last order of business was approving an application for a new modular home at 305 Front Street.

SIMONTON

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growth and job security. Steinhafel briefly touched on the innovation part of the core values and reviewed an innovation contest last year that resulted in 450 ideas and the three finalists won \$100,000. He said the contest is restarting for 2018 and open to all employees as individuals or teams. The goal is to spur new ideas.

He concluded by noting a business cannot succeed without quality workers.

"We wouldn't be here without committed employees," said Steinhafel. "We are going to continue to grow."

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NFL, NBA: time's up

ATLANTA (AP) — This is not a rant against cheerleading.



That's a legitimate sport, played by elite athletes — men and women — who are worthy of admiration for their daring and skill.

There might even come a day when cheerleaders are competing for gold, silver and bronze at the Olympics.

None of which has anything to do with what happens on the sidelines of an NFL or NBA game.

Those are scantily clad performers often leered at by fans — or, as we're learning, perhaps even worse.

The #MeToo era is the perfect time to retire these objectified, chauvinistic relics (and, while we're at it, ditto for the barely clothed women who climb into the ring to tell us what round it is at boxing and MMA events).

"There is a misconception that cheerleading is just sideline dancing. This could not be further from the truth," said Savannah Parrot, an 11th-grade cheerleader at Niwot High School in Colorado. "Cheerleaders are athletes. We compete in local, state, national and international competition and are evaluated on the difficulty of our routines including advanced tumbling passes and intricate stunt sequences.

"If the NFL and NBA wanted to have cheerleaders," she went on to say, "I have no doubt that qualified athletes would be honored to represent our sport."

That's not what the NFL and NBA want, of course.

At least the NBA had the good sense to break from any pretense that these are cheerleaders, adorning their groups with names such as the Knicks City Dancers and Memphis Grizz Girls.

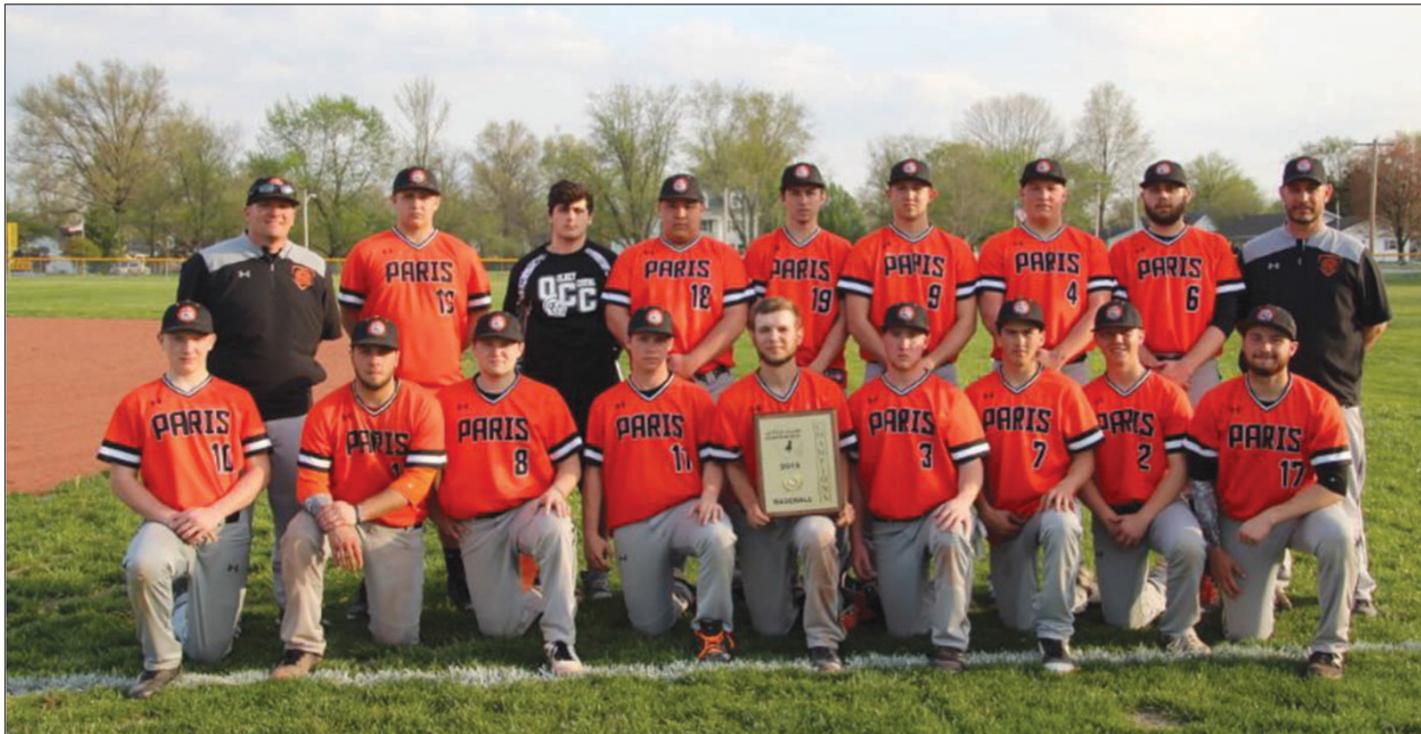
In the NFL, the dancers play a less-prominent role (the stadiums, after all, are much larger) but they're still passed off as cheerleaders, for no apparent reason. They are certainly not there to lead cheers.

This not-so-proud tradition can largely be traced to the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders becoming cultural icons in the 1970s, though it's worth noting that venerable franchises such as the Green Bay Packers, New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers don't have cheerleading squads.

Time's up for cheerleaders or dancers of whatever you want to call them.

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ANOTHER BASEBALL TITLE FOR THE TIGERS



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

For the second consecutive season, the Paris Tigers are champions of the Little Illini Conference. The Tigers, coached by Creighton Tarr assisted by Jeff Chambers, rolled undefeated through the LIC. Paris faces a tough Okaw Valley team today as part of the annual Challenger League kickoff.

Tigers LIC baseball champs

For the second consecutive season, Paris rolls undefeated to conference baseball title

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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CASEY — The Paris Tiger baseball team accomplished something Thursday, May 3, that no other team in school history has done.

By defeating the Casey Warriors 11-0, the Tigers captured a second consecutive Little Illini Conference title. The team's record now stands at 22-1 overall, and a perfect 7-0 in the LIC.

Before the readers jump the gun about past Tiger sports teams, keep in mind Paris has only been a member of the Little Illini Conference since 2015. The Tigers have not lost a conference game in 735 calendar days.

Playing the seventh game in eight days, the Tiger offense was sluggish starting the game against the Warriors. Paris pushed across a run in the top of the first inning as Austin Littleton led things off with a single, and came in to score on a double off the bat of TJ Potter.

That was the Tigers' only hit until the top of the fifth inning. In the fifth, Brody Spencer was hit by a pitch, Raven Thompson drew a walk and Littleton reached on an error by the Casey pitcher to load the bases with just one out.

Austin O'Neal rapped just the third hit of the game to bring home Spencer with the second run of the game for

Paris. Zach Burger singled to right with two outs to make the score 5-0 Paris.

The proverbial floodgates opened in the top of the sixth inning for Paris, as they pushed six more runs across the plate to put the game out of reach.

Three consecutive hits by Caleb Gates, Jude Sullivan and Spencer made the score 6-0 Tigers. Thompson and O'Neal walked to give Paris another run, and Potter singled to right to bring home a pair of runs. Burger added a sacrifice fly, and Gates beat out an infield hit for the 11th and final run of the game for either team.

Potter led the way offen-

sively for the Tigers as he had a double and a single, and three RBIs. Gates added a pair of singles and two runs batted in. O'Neal and Burger each singled and drove in a pair for the Tigers. Littleton, Spencer and Sullivan added a single apiece, with Littleton and Spencer adding an RBI each.

Gates garnered the win for Paris as he went five, scoreless innings; allowing just three hits while striking out four. Dylan Creech pitched the sixth and didn't allow a base runner.

PARIS 13, NEWTON 3

The Paris Tiger baseball team took advantage of five errors by the Newton Eagles,

and pulled away for a 13-3 victory in five innings Monday, April 30.

Paris scored in every inning except one, scoring six in the first, one in the second and three in each of the fourth and fifth innings en route to the five-inning affair.

Austin Littleton got things rolling by drawing a leadoff walk and scored on a triple off the bat of TJ Potter. Zach Burger brought Potter home with a single to left. Brock Minor and Caleb Gates drew back-to-back walks to load the bases with two outs. Consecutive singles by Brody Spencer, Raven Thompson and Littleton made the score

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Mayo, Crestwood racing

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With the early spring's erratic weather wreaking havoc on all outdoor sports, both Mayo Middle School and Crestwood School have faced the difficulty keeping to their track schedules.

With the recent turn in the forecast, both programs are looking to finish their schedules with more consistency than previously allowed by rainy, and even snowy, track and field conditions.

The Crestwood track teams traveled to Tuscola April 12 to compete with Franklin Steam Academy, Tuscola East Prairie and Tri-County.

Both the seventh grade girls team and eighth grade boys team placed first while the seventh grade boys team and eighth grade girls team finished second.

Three Crestwood athletes finished in the top four in the 110-meter hurdles. Garrett Huffman took first place followed closely by Cooper Soberg in second and Ethan Smittkamp in fourth place.

Crestwood dominated high jump with Jaiden Quinn taking first place as teammates Brady Crippes and Robert Wells took second and third.

Landon Englum finished first in shot put with Gus Parrish taking third place.

For the seventh grade girls,

Jayden Bishop was first in the 100-meter hurdles for Crestwood.

The 4x200 relay team finished in first place and the 4x100 team finished third.

Harcar finished first the 400-meter dash followed closely by teammate Vivian Moore in second.

Gracie Dyer earned a second place finish in the 200-meter dash.

Three Crestwood runners earned points in the 800-meter run with Trinity Tingly finishing in second place followed by Kaitlyn Coombes in third and Kimber Calvert in fifth.

A strong effort by Crestwood's 4x400 relay team led to a first-place finish with a 32-second advantage over second place Franklin.

Emily Wells and Kendra Young finished first and second in high jump. Lily Graham finished second in long jump and Kaitlyn Coombes was third.

Gracie Adams took second place in discus with Deming Hawkins finishing in third place.

Timothy Augustus took first in the 100-meter dash in 12.40 seconds and Wyatt Rich finished third in the 1600-meter run.

Crestwood's 4x200 relay team earned a first place finish and the 4x100 relay team



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Mayo seventh grader Will Templeton (front left) makes a move to pass on the outside of turn four during the first lap of the boys 1600-meter run. Templeton went on to win the race while setting a personal record at 5:43.30.

finished second.

Isaac Swinford, Cooper Kuglin and Darby Robinson finished second, third and fourth in the 400-meter dash.

Timothy Augustus earned another first place finish in the 200-meter dash.

Breydan Atkinson and Austin Kirk finished second and third in high jump.

Zachary Farnham tied for third place in long jump with

Treston Jones finishing in fifth.

Bryan Kohlmeyer finished third overall in shot put and earned a first place finish in discus throwing 109-2. Drew Pinkston took third in discus at 93-4.

For the eighth grade girls, Olivia Staley finished first and Shelby Clark took second in the 100-meter hurdles.

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TCT gets regional pairings

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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Pairings for the 2018 IHSA Class 1A softball tournament were announced Thursday (May 3) and the Tri-County Lady Titans got the number eight seed in Sub-Sectional A of the Dwight Sectional complex.

The Titans play a familiar foe in the number seven seed Heritage Lady Hawks in a first round game at Broadlands 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 14. This is the third time this season the two teams have met.

The winner of that game advances to the semi-finals in Fisher May 15 to play top seed and host Fisher Bunnies.

In other regional semi-final play, fourth seed Heyworth Hornets and number six seed Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos clash at 4:30 p.m. May 16.

Winners of the two semi-final games play in the championship game Saturday, May 19.

LADY TITANS 7, HERITAGE 1

BROADLANDS — Tri-County softball fans were treated to a great

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TIGERS

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6-0 in favor of the Tigers.

In the second, Burger led off with a double into the left field corner and scored on a single by Gates.

The fourth inning began the same as the second as Burger hit the first pitch he saw for a leadoff double. Minor followed that with a double of his own, and the score was 8-3. A pair of errors by Newton led to two more runs for the Tigers in the inning, and the guys in orange and black started smelling the conference title.

Paris wrapped things up in the bottom of the fifth as Potter led off with a double and came in to score on an error. Freshman Jude Sullivan delivered the walk-off hit by smacking a double to left-center field that scored Minor and Gates with the winning runs.

Burger led the hitting attack for the Tigers with a pair of doubles, a single and an RBI. Minor and Potter had a double and a single each, along with an RBI. Sullivan added a double and a pair of RBIs, Thompson drove in a pair of runs with a single, and Spencer added an RBI on one hit.

O'Neal went the distance on the mound for the Tigers, allowing three runs on nine hits. He walked one and struck out four on the day.

PARIS 9, CHARLESTON 3
CHARLESTON — The

Paris Tiger baseball team traveled to Charleston Tuesday, May 1, to square off with their old Apollo Conference foe, and returned to town with a 9-3 victory.

With the win, the Tigers improve to 21-1 on the season, while Charleston falls to 15-7. The win was the first of the season for Paris over a Class 3A team this season.

With a firm breeze blowing, the outfield fence at 340-feet in dead center, and 310-feet in the power alleys, this game had the makings of a high-scoring affair. The Tigers were the ones taking care of business in these conditions, and Brock Minor held the Trojans in check. Minor scattered six hits in six innings of work, and forced eight ground outs from Charleston on the afternoon.

In addition to baffling hitters from the mound, Minor also helped by driving in the first three runs of the day for the Tigers. With two-outs in the first inning, TJ Potter singled to left, Zach Burger walked and Minor crushed a 1-2 pitch over the center field fence to give Paris the early 3-0 lead.

In the third inning, the Tigers scored their fourth run of the game — all with two outs — as Burger crushed a solo home run over the left field fence to give Paris the 4-0 lead.

Fans of PHS baseball have noticed the Tigers' ability to score runs with two outs. The fourth inning was a microcosm of this point as Jude Sullivan reached on an infield hit, Raven Thompson walked and Austin Littleton singled to load the bases.

Austin O'Neal smacked the first pitch thrown to him

over the left field fence for a grand slam, giving the Tigers a 8-0 lead. The round-tripper by O'Neal was the first of his career.

Charleston cut the lead to six with a pair of runs in their half of the fourth, but the Tigers tacked on an insurance run in the fifth. Minor reached on an error and Mason Hutchings, who came on as a courtesy runner, stole second base. He scored on a double off the bat of Caleb Gates for the ninth and final run of the game.

O'Neal drove in four runs with his fourth-inning grand slam. Minor drove in three with his home run in the first, and Burger added a solo shot. Gates drove in one with a pair of doubles. Austin Littleton, Potter, Sullivan and Thompson added a single apiece.

Minor earned the victory by going six strong innings. He allowed three runs (two earned) on six hits, walked two, hit four batters and struck out one. Thompson came on in the seventh and closed the door, allowing one walk while striking out one.

PARIS SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER

The Paris Tiger baseball team hosted a pair of non-conference foes April 28 and ended the day with two more victories.

Facing Cumberland for the second time this season (the Tigers won game one 11-5), Paris completely dominated and scored every inning except one.

Austin Littleton led off with an infield single and came all the way around to score on a sacrifice bunt by Austin O'Neal when the throw got away from the first baseman.

Littleton drove in the second run of the game the next inning, bringing home Raven Thompson who reached on a walk.

In the third inning, TJ Potter led off with a single, advanced to third on consecutive walks to Zach Burger and Brock Minor. Potter scored on an RBI groundout from Caleb Gates.

Thompson singled to start the fourth, advanced on a walk to O'Neal and scored on a single by Potter to give the Tigers a 4-0 lead. Littleton led off the sixth with a double, O'Neal walked and Minor singled to score Littleton. Gates cleared the bases with a double making the score 7-0.

Littleton and Potter had a double and two singles each to lead the way for Paris. Gates added a double, single and three RBIs. Burger, Minor and Thompson all singled for the Tigers.

Minor started for Paris and earned the victory, going 4.2 innings of two-hit ball, while striking out two. O'Neal went 1.1 innings allowing just one hit. Dylan Creech pitched the seventh, allowing one hit, one walk, and one strikeout.

PARIS 13, OAKWOOD 0

The story was much the same in the second game except the Tigers scored in every inning.

Minor hit a sacrifice fly in the first, plating Littleton who reached on an error. Gates singled to lead off the second, Brody Spencer reached on an error and Thompson singled to score the second run.

Paris added one in the third, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and four more in the sixth inning.

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TRACK

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Crestwood's 4x200 relay team took the win while the 4x100 team finished third.

Mackenzie Hutchings took second place in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400 relay team coasted to a first place finish.

Katt Waltz earned points for her fourth place finish overall in long jump.

Olivia Staley took second place in shot put and Katt Waltz finished fourth.

Waltz went on to a third place overall finish in discus.

The boys and girls track teams from Mayo Middle School crossed state lines to compete in the Honey Creek

Bee Sting Invitational held at Indiana State University Thursday, April 19.

The Mayo girls team finished seventh out of 10 participating schools with the majority of the 25.5 points earned by eighth graders Kendall Mathews and Aubrey Huffman. Mathews placed second overall in long jump for 8 points and tied for sixth in high jump earning 2.5 points.

Huffman placed second overall in the 300-meter hurdles earning 8 points and her seventh place finish in the 100-meter hurdles added 2 points for the Mayo girls. Ava Huddleson also earned 1 point for an eighth place finish

in the 100-meter hurdles. The girls relay teams in the 4x400 and 4x800 meter relays each earned 2 points.

Mayo's boys team finished last out of 10 competing schools after earning 11 points.

Logan Bartley placed second in discus with a throw of 97-3.5. Bartley also earned eighth place finish in shot put.

The boys 4x800 meter relay team added the final 2 points to the overall team score as the seventh qualifying team across the finish line.

Previous track meet cancellations included two opportunities for competition between Crestwood and Mayo.

TCT

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game at Broadlands against the Heritage Hawks Wednesday, May 2.

The game was tight throughout with the Titans

having a 2-1 lead until the TCT offense exploded with four big runs in the top of the seventh to pull away for a 7-1 win.

Baileigh Hillyer and Haylie Bolton both went 2 for 3 with two RBIs and Bolton adding a run scored. Taylor Bennett was 1 for 4 with three runs scored and the duo of Andrea Benner and Halie Lewis both went 1 for 4. Cheyenne Conner chipped in an RBI.

Cailynne Phillips pitched three and one-third innings giving up just two hits while walking four and striking out eight. Grace Kile went three and two-thirds innings giving up a hit and a run, while walking one and striking out seven getting the win.

Phillips batted 2 for 2 with a double and three runs scored, and Kile was 1 for 3 with two runs scored.

OBLONG 15, LADY TITANS 2

KANSAS — The Tri-County Titans battled the Oblong Panthers April 25 in LOVC Southeast Division softball action.

With the season halfway completed, the Titans are still searching for win. Things looked promising early on, but eventually the visiting

Panthers pulled away for a 15-2 win via run rule in six innings.

The Panthers got the scoring going in the top of the first inning with two runs. The Titans came back in the bottom half of the frame with two runs as Alexis Hunter started off with a single and scored on a triple by Grace Kile. Kile scored on a double by Taylor Bennett to tie the game at 2-2. At that point, the Titans offense stalled.

Tri-County was held to just one hit during the final five innings while the Panthers outscored the Titans 13-0. The big inning came in the top of the sixth inning as Oblong scored seven runs capitalizing on four Titan errors making an 8-2 lead into a 15-2 lead. The Titans never recovered from there.

Taylor Bennett was one for three with a double and an RBI. Alexis Hunter was one for three with a run scored. Jenna Rekhart was one for one, and Andrea Benner had a stolen base. Kile pitched the entire game giving up 14 hits and 15 runs - 11 earned - while walking two and striking out six. She was one for three with a triple and run scored at the plate.

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OBITUARIES

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CAROLYN SITKIEWICZ

Carolyn R. Sitkiewicz, 65, of Paris, passed away at 3:25 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2018, at Paris Community Hospital. She retired from Paris Metal, now Lyon, in 2015. Her other employment included working as a spot welder for Midwest Truck, and she was a waitress and bartender at the Eagles Club in Paris.

SITKIEWICZ

A funeral service was 2 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Burial was in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 1 p.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sitkiewicz was born Oct. 21, 1952, at Paris, the daughter of the late Wesley and Mary Jane (Peebles) Malone. She married Al Sitkiewicz June 6, 2015, at Paris, and he passed away

Sept. 29, 2015.

Survivors include her children, Christi (Mike Vandevender) Thomas of St. Bernice, Ind., Dennis (Diana) Thomas II of Clinton, Ind., Brent Thomas of Paris, Charity Simons of Paris and Jody Frayser of Paris; eight siblings, Richard Malone of Paris, Dave Malone of Paris, Mary Switzer of Terre Haute, Ind., Lee Malone of Dudley, William Malone of Paris, Marian Brown of Paris, Ethel Bristow of Paris and Ruth Kirby of Paris; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Gloria Jane Lacy, Virginia K. Fleetwood, and Katherine "Tootie" Lacy; and two brothers, Mike Malone and Johnny Malone.

Mrs. Sitkiewicz was a member of Eagles Aries 4000.

Memorial donations may be made to Rosie's Fight Benefit June 23, at the Eagles Club in Paris.

Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

JERI APPLE

CASEY - Jerilyn Jean "Jeri" Apple, 62, of Casey, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Carle Hospital, Urbana.

Graveside inurnment is 11 a.m. today, May 5, at Casey Cumberland Cemetery, with the Rev. Linda Carnahan officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to a local no kill animal shelter.

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

SARAH BRENNEMAN

Sarah Jane Breneman, 63, of Paris, passed away at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the home of her son.



BRENNEMAN

Cremation is planned, and there will be no services. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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

LENA WOFFORD

CASEY - Lena Ceretta Ellen Carlen Wofford, 95, of Casey, passed away at 2:50 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2018, at her home.



WOFFORD

A funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Jack Oak Church of God, rural Greenup, with the Rev. David Beerbower officiating. Burial follows in the Jack Oak Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Markwell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Jack Oak Church of God, 853 E 1100 North Road, Greenup, Illinois 62428.

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

MARK BADASCH

MARSHALL - Mark Edward Badasch, 70, of Collinsville, passed away at 10:52 a.m. Sunday, April 29, 2018.



BADASCH

Private graveside services are in Ohio Cemetery, rural West Union. Pearce Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Otto Rice and George Whitehead Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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

GENE HUDSON

OAKLAND - Gene Hudson, 75, of Hindsboro, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018.



HUDSON

A funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Krabel Funeral Home. Burial follows in Van Voorhis Cemetery, Hindsboro. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oakland Food Pantry or the Carle Mattoon Branch Oncology Unit.

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

PAUL BISHOP

Paul Lawrence Bishop, 62, of Windsor, and originally of Paris, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018, at his residence.

He was employed with FedEx in Effingham and previously worked with his wife at Country Financial Insurance in Tuscola and as a recruiter for McLeod Transportation.

A memorial service celebrating his life is noon, Monday, May 7, at Templeton Funeral Home. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Monday at the funeral home.

Mr. Bishop was born

June 19, 1955, at Terre Haute, Ind., the son of Lawrence E. and Shirley J. Wellman Bishop. He married Vicki Ann Young Feb. 14, 2009, at Port Canaveral, Fla., and she survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Shirley J. Bishop of Decatur; five children, Steffanie (Andrew) Dickerson of Springfield, Kathleen Bishop of Covington, La., Michael Thompson of Tuscola, Michelle Thompson of Evansville, Ind., and Edwin Durham of Bloomington; a chosen son, Zach (Leah) Ritter of Effingham; a brother, Aaron (Janet) Bishop of Paris; a sister, Lerhea (Darrell) Seeley of Decatur; a grandson, Kyler Skaggs of Tuscola; and several nieces

and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence E. Bishop.

Mr. Bishop was a member of the Smyser Christian Church. He had a love of music and of the outdoors. He enjoyed boating, camping and mowing and he sang for many years with the traveling music group Interfaith, out of Decatur. He was a 1973 graduate of Paris High School. He was an avid Illinois Cardinals fan.

Memorial donations may be made to the Smyser Christian Church Building Fund in Gays.

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Shiloh lauds academic achievement

BY GARY HENRY
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HUME – Shiloh High School celebrated academic achievement with the annual Senior Awards Banquet Tuesday, May 1, in the fellowship room at St. Michael's Church.

Principal Beth Harbaugh introduced Andrea Benner as the 2018 valedictorian and Cody Richardson as the 2018 salutatorian. The time is growing short for Shiloh's seniors. Baccalaureate is 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Wesley Chapel, rural Newman, and graduation is 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the school gym.



Andrea Benner, left, was named the 2018 recipient of Shiloh's prestigious Edward A. Doisy Memorial Scholarship for students pursuing scientific studies. Doisy of Hume won a Noble Prize for the discovery of vitamin K. Shiloh principal Beth Harbaugh, right, made the presentation.



Cody Richardson, left, receives the Muriel Dawson Scholarship during the Shiloh Senior Awards night. Principal Beth Harbaugh, right, made the presentation.



Jacob Neill, left, accepts two scholarships to Indiana State University from Shiloh principal Beth Harbaugh, right.



The Shiloh Education Association awarded one scholarship for 2018. Left to right, presenter Dorene Boland, scholarship recipient Hall Wenglarz and presenter Tonya Eich.



Joey Keske, left, accepts the Brocton Fireman Scholarship from presenter Cody Hood during the Shiloh High School Senior Awards program.



Erin Beaulieu, left, accepts a scholarship to Lake Land College from Megan Pierce, right. Pierce also presented Beaulieu with the Faith in Motion scholarship from the Camargo Methodist Church.



Cody Richardson, left, accepts a Shiloh PTO scholarship from Kristina Milburn, right.



The 2018 Roth Williams American Legion Post #369 Auxiliary Scholarship went to Shiloh student Kayla Thurston, left, and Paula Smith, right, made the presentation.



Shiloh High School announced the 2018 valedictorian and salutatorian during the Tuesday, May 1, senior awards night. Andrea Benner, left, is the valedictorian, and Cody Richardson, right, is the salutatorian. School principal Beth Harbaugh, center, made the announcement.



The Shiloh Fellowship of Christian Athletes presented two scholarships funded by John and Marge Albin. Left to right, presenter Casey Long, recipient Hall Wenglarz, recipient Cody Richardson and presenter Randi Pollock.



Joey Keske, left, is the recipient of a scholarship provided by the Knights of Columbus at St. Michael's Church at Hume. JJ Keske, right, made the presentation.



Gwen Gordon, left, presents two scholarships to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale to Shiloh student Kayla Thurston, right.



Sean Gerberding, left, presented the Roth Williams American Legion Post Scholarship to Seth Eads, right, during the Shiloh Senior Awards program Tuesday, May 1.



First Neighbor Bank gave a scholarship to Shiloh student Krista Hayes, center. The presentation was made by bank employees Samantha Hutchinson, left, and Jill Talor, right.



The Robert Willoughby American Legion Post #977 gave two scholarships to Shiloh students for 2018. Left to right, Jacob Neill, presenter Will Cooley and Joey Keske.



Shiloh student Cody Richardson, left, accepts two scholarships from Eastern Illinois University presented by Josh Norman, right.



Shiloh student Joey Keske, left, received the Dr. Raymond C. Gillingly Scholarship for a student pursuing medical studies. Shiloh principal Beth Harbaugh, right, made the presentation.



Cody Richardson, left, receives the Mike Luth Memorial Scholarship at the Shiloh Senior Awards program. Jeri Luth, right, made the presentation.



The Hume Lions Club Tony Bell Memorial Scholarship went to Shiloh student Seth Eads, left. Jim Jenness, right, of the Lions Club, made the presentation.



Jacob Neill received a scholarship from Shiloh's Blood Drive



The Newman American Legion presented two scholarships at the Shiloh Academic Honors Night, Tuesday, May 1. Left to right, Gretchen Milburn recipient of the John, Cathy & Dusty Allen Memorial Scholarship, presenter Dana Hales and Jackson Barry recipient of the American Legion Post #201 Scholarship.

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It's all in a day for a plumber

P. K. was veteran plumber, a good man to summon for bathroom malfunctions.



ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT
OLD CODGER

Accompanying him was Roland, a trusty young apprentice. Together they formed an excellent team. A problem had never been encountered that couldn't

be fixed. Supreme challenges did occur, though. Today's demand was a clogged toilet at the Ehrenheidt residence. Nothing new for these guys, but little did they realize the cause of the blockage.

A question and answer session precluded commencement of work.

Have you tried a plunger? Yes, repeated times. Did you pour any chemicals down the stool? No. None whatsoever. Did anything fall into it, say a child's toy? No. Did you flush an extra amount of toilet paper? None at all. Has the commode been having problems lately? Nope.

Well, there was definitely a problem. Something was jamming the passageway. It couldn't be deep, but it was beyond visibility. Hot, muggy weather, once the labor began, induced pouring sweat on the plumbers' faces and arms. Towels were necessary to wipe their perspiration.

At first they tried the plunger routine. It didn't work for the Ehrenheids, and it worked no better for them.

"Whatever it is, maybe we can cause it to move to the top," P. K. said. "Maybe just a fraction of an inch at a time until it shows."

P. K. then resorted to an age-old tool, a clothes hanger. A hook was fashioned on one end. The remainder was shaped to penetrate into the contour of the commode.

Thus began a fishing probe. First P.K. then Roland, then P. K. again. They could sense the obstruction. It felt like a soft object. Every attempt to secure the hook failed. P. K. wore, handing the effort to Roland once more.

"Keep trying. It's our best shot."

Eventually Roland claimed progress. "I think I've grabbed onto it a few times, but it slips."

"Good," P. K. replied. "Like I say, if you can move it upward an eighth of an inch each pull, we'll gradually see it."

Pretty soon Roland felt the best hook and pull he'd managed. He became ecstatic.

"It's coming," the apprentice grinned. "One more pull like that one."

Roland mopped perspiration with a towel and took time for a cigarette break before resuming the exploration. A few more attempts failed, but finally he grasped a successful hook and declared more progress. Suddenly he could actually see the object.

"Aaugh!" he shouted loud enough to rattle the windows and leaped backwards in shocking fright. His face turned white as snow. The young man dried more perspiration, then lit another cigarette and leaned against the wall.

"Whatever it is, it has two eyeballs. It was looking

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Students learn by doing



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Young entrepreneurs, left to right, Zach Hall, Devyn Brown and Noah Holzer have developed a business manufacturing parts for small model radio-controlled cars as an outgrowth of an independent study project at Paris High School.

BY ROGER STANLEY

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Paris High School has course opportunities for more progressive and adventurous students to take closer control of their educational possibilities.

While the school was under construction, local administrators worked with a chemistry professor at Eastern Illinois University to create an Independent Research Project Guidebook for students in the fields of math and science.

Teacher Jamie Wilson is the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) coordinator at high school and is an adviser for students using the STEM classrooms for independent study. This sets a format for the students to work within their chosen projects or studies. So far only upperclassman have participated as the expectations for them to complete the work are rather vigorous.

Other possible studies such as art, mechanics and agriculture are handled a little differently. Art students must complete each art program and submit a journal explaining their works.

All students pursuing independent study are advised by a mentor, teacher or a college professor, and the students may work as a group or individually. A journal of their work and a paper with their findings are required. Another requirement for the successful completion of their study is students must also present their findings to the Paris Cooperative School Board or show their projects at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science.

Student Maxwell Holloway, with guidance from adviser Stephen Aydt, of the PHS math department, is developing a computer program to combine and find math applications with chemical equations. The program finds answers to equations that are hard to find exact answers to.

Holloway worked on this project for 18 months before he found a solution.

Mickayla Wilson has just completed a project as a result of a knee injury that included using a 3-D printer to construct a knee joint with information from her research about the human body and talking to medi-



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Students Kendra Siddens, left, and Ellen Rice, right, hold an art creation. They are among several Paris High School students who have taken advantage of the opportunity to do independent study. Siddens plans to become a psychologist, and Rice wants to be a nurse practitioner. They said art helps them understand more about the beauty that surrounds us and how that may help them in healing others.



Roger Stanley/The Prairie Press

Bryce Kohlmeier's independent study of hydroponics may have eventual benefits for the family's seed and farm supply business.

cal professionals. She is now studying to become a physical therapist in college this semester.

Wilson's project required meticulously making the appropriate drawing for use by the 3-D printer. The device uses computer aided manufacturing software to make the

actual replication of the drawing with the appropriate material.

Also in the realm of biological science, a study involving six students is doing further research regarding what folic acid does to the gut microbes of *C. elegans* nematodes. Folic acid is

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Pagan holidays set by the sun, season

This weekend is the rite of spring, and May Fete activities in Paris have a 92-year history.

The actual event dates back several thousand years to pagan holidays in Europe. Most of the world knows this as May Day, Law Day or Worker Day, but the origins are based in astronomy.

There are the four days each year, which are the midpoint between season changes. Everyone knows the seasons start about the 21st of December, March, June and September. Historically, they are known as the Quarter Days.

In the Middle Ages, people celebrated Cross-Quarter Days as well. These are the days halfway between season

changes, and May 1 is one of the calendar Cross-Quarter Days. The others are Feb. 2, Aug. 1 and Oct. 31.

Cross-Quarter Days have ancient names but have evolved to Groundhog Day, May Day, Lughnasadh and Halloween in modern times. They were significant events to our ancestors, because each was an important seasonal change marker and was appropriately celebrated.

The year is 52 weeks long with 13 weeks for each season, and it is just over six weeks to the midpoints of each season. If you take a calendar and count days, you will find there are a few less days between the first day of fall and the first day of spring than there are between



TERRY SULLIVAN
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

is only a couple of days and the reason is the shape of the Earth's orbit.

All orbits follow Kepler's Second Law meaning the orbit is always an ellipse with the sun at one focus. In simple terms, the Earth's orbit is egg shaped where we are closer to the sun in the winter than we are in the summer.

When the Earth is closer

to the sun we move faster. During the winter, the Earth is 3 million miles closer to the sun and moves more than 2,000 mph faster than in the summer. These sound like big numbers but are small as percentages of our total 65,000 mph speed and 93-million-mile orbital distance.

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Ruling dismays coffee drinker

Most people in California are probably insane. It is the home of the looney tunes, and pure, unadulterated stupidity; a condition exacerbated by a madcap legislature, whacky governor and demented judges.



HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

But, those are mild observations.

Now a judge in that state – may it slide into the ocean – has slapped a cancer label on your Starbucks cup of Hazelnut Mocha Coconut Macchiato. According to the judge, who would be committed if he held court in, say, Wyoming (cowboys love their Iced Cinnamon Almond Macchiato), coffee contains enough of a certain chemical to be considered carcinogenic (having the potential to cause cancer).

In the morning, you will find me on the front porch drinking coffee from a huge thermos (enough to kill me quicker than a cobra). It is one of those ritual things.

The news story of the coffee-killing judge erupted on my computer, causing my hand to tremble so violently the thermos slipped from my grip, which meant it was not good to the last drop. Not much of loss, really, even though my wallet does accommodate generic, but it interrupted my morning bliss.

Gloom settled about me, and the birds quit tweeting, which is not a bad thing. I like hearing birds tweet, but sometimes they overdo it. In this case, though, as certain as anything can be, it came to mind that, perhaps, my feathered friends were trying to cheer me up. But, the mood was set; henceforth it would be a bad day. Why did I not know my coffee was deadly?

I emptied the contents on a pot of flowers, and they promptly died. Rushing inside, I purged myself of the deadly brew, and considered for a moment whether to call 911, or the undertaker. So, I called the undertaker, who, answering his phone, said: "You're a little early, aren't you?"

Thus, to a certain extent, relieved, I decided to check out the findings of scientists, praying fervently, something positive would be found. To my surprise, a cup of the judge's cancer-causing brew brims with health benefits:

Coffee lowers the risk of Type 2 diabetes and gout; protects the liver; boosts energy levels and memory; improves mood; and reduces the risks of Parkinson's, and liver cancer by one-third.

Apparently, the flowers succumbed to an overdose of caffeine, but, I trust, dear reader, that should you know my wife, or get on Facebook, and reveal what I did to her plant – and she hears about it, or reads about it – you will be an accessory to murder.

Well, at my age, it makes no sense to worry about my demise, although the means of dispatch does bother me some. I hear women are prone to butcher knives, but that

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Colvin is selected as Mayo recipient

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Mayo Middle School principal Jeremy Larson has announced the 2018 Mayo Hall of Farm recipient. Bob Colvin was selected by the hall of fame committee. "The Mayo Middle School Hall of Fame Award is a distinguished honor presented each year to a Mayo Middle School alum who has exhibited outstanding service in their career and community while displaying exceptional communication and leader-

ship skills," Larson said. Colvin will be honored with a reception, presented with a plaque at eighth grade graduation and given the honor of presenting a speech to the graduating eighth grade class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. A reception in Colvin's honor is 6 p.m. at the school. Recent hall of fame recipients have included Randy Weir, Larry Jones, Pete Templeton and Nancy Zeman.

CODGER

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 directly at me. Take over, P. K. I'm done." The thing was surely deceased and couldn't bite, P. K. assured himself. He reached into the neck of the commode with a gloved hand, grasped the mysterious object firmly, and tugged in sideways motions. Gradually the thing pulled free. It was a dead squirrel. The group discussed how

the rodent managed to enter the plumbing system, concluding there was only one way. It had entered the air vent pipe atop the roof and couldn't retreat. Forward movement squeezed it into the sewer line where it drowned. Not an everyday experience. (Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired schoolteacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

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 is a rumor, fed, as I recall, by family history. It seems one of my great-aunts went mad and began chasing her relatives around with knife in hand. She was said to be rather spry, and at age 91, could do

a cartwheel, after her cup of coffee. (Harry Reynolds is a retired editor and columnist from the Mattoon Journal Gazette and Charleston Time-Courier. He recently started writing occasional columns for the fun of it, in which he offers a different look at life and aging. Email him at reynoldsharry1943@gmail.com)

1,100 EIU students are graduating today

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CHARLESTON — Groups of families and friends of new Panther alumni will be on hand Saturday, May 5, to celebrate the academic achievements of EIU's most recent graduating students. More than 1,100 undergraduate and graduate students have applied to graduate from EIU in spring 2018. Commencement ceremonies for the university's various colleges will take place at 9 a.m., noon, 3 and 6 p.m. today in Lantz Arena, on Eastern Illinois University's campus, 600 Lincoln Avenue in Charleston. Students from the College of Sciences will march in the morning ceremony, the College of Arts and Humanities and the School of Continuing Education at the noon ceremony, the College of Education and Professional Studies at the 3 p.m. ceremony, and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences at the 6 p.m. ceremony. Students from the Graduate School will walk with their respective colleges during each ceremony. EIU President Dr. David M. Glassman will preside over the day's ceremonies, which this year will be dedicated to Dr. Alan Baharlou. Baharlou, who passed away in August of 2017, was a member of the Geology/Geography Department and a well-respected leader on campus who demonstrated a prevailing passion for EIU, its students and the Charleston community. He was a fixture at EIU's commencement ceremonies for decades, celebrating the students' successes

alongside their families and friends every year. Baharlou's family will be recognized and honored during this year's ceremonies. In addition, each ceremony will feature a special guest speaker who will present the official Charge to the Class. Steve Corbin, senior vice president of sales, counsel and culture with Warner Music Group in New York City and chief executive officer of Lupo Entertainment, will speak at the 9 a.m. and noon ceremonies. During his career, Corbin has worked with a variety of notable musicians, including Stevie Wonder and the O'Jays, Mary J. Blige, Boyz II Men and The Roots. Corbin first came to EIU in 1974 as a student-athlete in the football program, but left the university early before reenrolling in the School of Continuing Education more than three decades later. Corbin is now a candidate of the online MBA program at EIU, and will be earning his graduate degree this spring. Mike Finkle, managing director and general partner of HMF Global March Partners, LLP, will speak at the 3 and 6 p.m. ceremonies. Finkle officially retired from Raymond James & Associates in 2014 after a 47-year career as a financial advisor to high-net-worth individuals, families and not-for-profit organizations. Finkle has a long history of leadership in civic organizations and has earned recognition as one of the nation's top financial advisors. He is a 1962 graduate of EIU, and remains highly active with the university's Foundation and School of Business.



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 dependent on the seasons and weather for survival, the major changes in day length and temperature for growing food and for hunting truly were matters of life and death. To our ancestors the Cross-Quarter days were major celebrations. Remember, the seasons are 13-weeks long with a halfway point of just over six weeks to reach the Cross-Quarter date. It is not random the groundhog uses six more weeks of winter as his yardstick. Today, we have fun on Halloween, or we celebrate Law Day on May 1. Our forefathers celebrated May Day as the beginning of the growing season. It started the season for planting and new animal birth. They built up to a climax on June 21, which to them

was the Midsummer Festival. It is still celebrated as Midsummer in Finland and other Scandinavian countries. They spend a weekend in the country near a lake with large bonfires on the longest day. May Day celebration was originally named Beltane in Gaelic culture. It was a celebration of fertility and love, and the Maypole tradition came out of Germany. Until the 1800s most villages had a permanent Maypole in the town square. It was decorated and used as a center of dance, drink, and merriment each spring. Not totally innocent, the Maypole was considered a phallic emblem for girls to dance around with the village watching. There were precise guidelines for the length of ribbons so the Maypole Dance ended with a proper braided pattern. For the New World, our most controversial Maypole was in 1627 when Thomas Morton arrived as part of a trading expedition to the Plymouth settlement. He decided to show the New World how to celebrate. He erected an 80-foot Maypole and brewed a barrel of beer to create good cheer. He included Indian girls and other lasses in the celebration. It didn't enthrall everyone in the Puritan colony. Miles Standish organized a vice squad that placed Morton in stocks before returning him to England. Exactly 300 years ago, Isaac Newton purchased the last Maypole in London and moved it to a park outside London where it was converted into a mount for one of the first large research telescopes. Using a lens ground by Christian Huygens, the positions of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn were charted. Newton used Kepler's Laws and his own Law of Gravity to calculate

their orbits. The Victorian Era saw a push to eliminate May Day festivities. The Maypoles were removed from larger cities, yet the tradition lived on in small rural villages. We now view May Day as a much more innocent event, but the connected tradition of giving May Baskets had its root in the fertility rite as well. Youth secretly hung a decorated basket on the door of someone they had a romantic interest in. If the recipient figured out the basket hanger, a chase followed to steal a kiss. When two celebrants around the Maypole dance stayed together and talked through the night, they were destined for marriage. The date was set six weeks later at the Midsummer Festival in June. Traditional May Day is a solar festival, celebrated halfway between spring equinox and summer solstice. In England, Queen of the May, Maid Marian, mounted on a white horse is the central figure surrounded by her merry men. May Day can be traced back to the Romans. The month of May is named after Maia the goddess of fertility. Maia scorns marriage so weddings were put off until June. Those who still celebrate May Day as a rite of spring view the intricate dance and weaving of ribbons as a way to wrap up nature and to weave magic. Stealing a stanza from the dance: In and out, in and out, To the left and to the right; Round the Maypole we will dance; Weave those ribbons tight. (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 sulli-

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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of April 29-May 5, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

BOYS 'RARIN' TO GO AFTER KAISER

In the best of spirits and "rarin' to go," forty-four registrants left Paris Tuesday afternoon for the training quarters at Camp Dix, N. J.

Unlike the departure of previous contingents, there was no demonstration. At the special request of the boys themselves, speaking and music was dispensed with. All wanted to spend their time with relatives other than listen to a program.

SUPPER FOR COLSON, LINK

U. Rae Colson and Paxton Link, who leave next week for Atlanta, Ga., to enter the military service, were honor guests at a farewell supper Monday evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms by a number of their friends.

AUTO OWNERS ORGANIZE

At the suggestion of Sheriff Roy McCallister, a meeting was held in the courthouse for the purpose of organizing a club to run down automobile thieves in Edgar County. A temporary organization was perfected with T. J. Brewer acting as chairman and J. H. McCulloch as secretary.

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GERMAN TO WALK PLANK IN PHS

Following the reorganization of the Paris Union District School Board, that body unanimously voted to discontinue the teaching of the German language in Paris High School after the close of the present session, which ends May 31.

LOGAN CELEBRATES 43RD YEAR

W. S. Logan, the popular lumber merchant, was meeting all his friends and passing out delicious apples in honor of his 43rd anniversary in business in Paris.

50 YEARS AGO

NEW FIRMS OPEN

Paris Automotive Warehouses, a new automotive parts wholesale supply firm, has opened on West Court Street. It is affiliated with Wolfe's Auto Supply, Inc., operated by Fred and Leonard Wolfe.

A railroad landmark soon will disappear. The former New York Central freight depot and warehouse east of Main on Union Street has been purchased by Harry Silverman who plans to have the building removed.

A new business, Cooley's Fabric, is opening on the northwest corner of the square in space vacated by Benjamin's, when Mr. and Mrs. Jim Benjamin purchased Kimbles and consolidated their business on the west side of the square.

Remodeling of the building at Sheriff and West Washington for Dale E. Francis & Associates, consulting engineers, is nearly complete and the firm will move from West Court in about two weeks.

MAY FETE QUEEN

Queen Joanna Moore was crowned by first attendant Darla Hardy to open the traditional Paris High School May Fete Friday night in the high school gym.

Program recalls Paris' past

By DANNY BRISENO

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Paris as she once was proved a successful program for the Edgar County Historical Society

More than 45 people filled the Annex at the Edgar County Historical Society Sunday, April 29, to listen to and ask questions of a panel of local historians Chuck Hand, Ned Jenison, Roger Stanley, Don Wiseman and Danny Briseno.

The program opened up with Briseno explaining the beginnings of Paris and how the land that became Paris and Edgar County was cut from Clark County. Over the next hour many topics were covered with one big point of interest being the trains



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

A standing-room only crowd filled the Edgar County Historical Society Annex Sunday (April 29) for the program "Paris as it Once Was," arranged by local historian Chuck Hand. Pictured, from left, are members of the panel who spoke during the program including, from left, Hand, Don Wiseman, Roger Stanley, Ned Jenison and Danny Briseno, president of the Edgar County Historical Society.

that previously served all areas of the county.

Ned Jenison delved into

the history of local newspapers, and Roger Stanley covered the many roads and

paths that carved their way through the countryside and meandered through Paris and the county.

Wiseman and Jenison both spoke about the downtown businesses and how they have changed over the past 60 to 70 years.

Chuck Hand finished up the program with a quick run through of several pictures taken by local photographer I.R. Martin during the latter part of the 19th century.

Hand said the pictures were discovered in a box at the historical society. He said he took them home and scanned them so they could be shared.

Pictures of local houses and businesses were shown as well as other oddities like

a balloon ascension on the lawn of the Edgar County Courthouse.

The importance of railroads to the growth of Edgar County and Paris was also discussed with one audience member noting perhaps a way to honor the county's railroad past is to preserve the CSX caboose sitting in Midland Yards. The caboose was used by switching crews at the old Illinois Cereal Mills now known as Cargill.

The crowd enjoyed the program and eagerly wanted more.

Hand said plans are underway to do a similar program in the future and one option is to focus on the local home front during World War I - the war to end all wars.

Former Paris resident had role in Watergate

BY DANNY BRISENO

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Many people try their whole lives to obtain the impossible dream.

They try to reach the highest heights in their chosen profession, and some do not stop until the top is reached.

Some people even reach their goal by appointment of the President of the United States.

The McGowan family moved to Paris shortly after the May 7, 1911, birth of Carl Eugene McGowan at Hymera, Ind. His father, James W. McGowan, operated a grain elevator and a seed company in Paris. Young Carl McGowan proved an extremely intellectual child growing up. He graduated from Paris High School and from that point on the sky was his limit.

McGowan went on to Dartmouth College and graduated in 1932. His next stop was Columbia Law School and a law degree in 1936.

From 1936 to 1939, McGowan had a flourishing private practice in New York City. He relocated to Chicago in 1939 as a faculty member at Northwestern Law School.

McGowan thrived in Chicago and was a well-regarded faculty member at Northwestern until the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. McGowan answered the call - like so many other American men - became an officer in the United States Naval Reserve and was stationed at the Naval Command in Washington D.C.

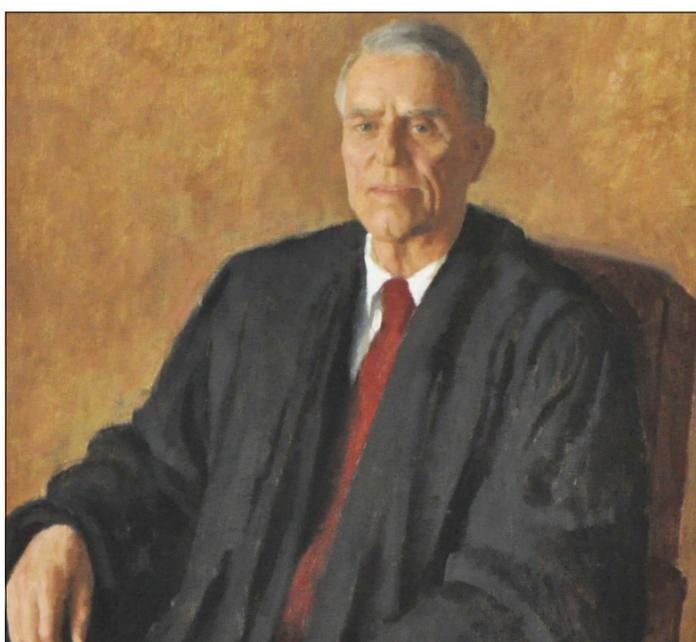
He left the Naval Reserve in 1946 after World War II ended and briefly practiced law in Washington D.C. He resumed his position as a faculty member at Northwestern University in 1948, but after only a year on the faculty, McGowan took on the role as counsel to the Governor of Illinois Adlai Stevenson.

For the next four years, McGowan led the governor's legal team. He returned to private practice in 1953 as a senior member of Ross, McGowan, Hardies and Okeefe. One of his responsibilities with the firm was serving as general counsel to the Chicago and North Western Railway.

McGowan practiced law and lived life day-by-day for the next 10 years.

The 1961 election of John F. Kennedy as president eventually had a profound change on McGowan's life when Justice Henry Edgerton retired from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1962. During the search for a replacement, Kennedy put his sights on a private practice lawyer from Chicago.

Kennedy announced the nomination of McGowan to the appellate court Jan. 15, 1963, and the Senate confirmed the nomination March 15, 1963.



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Paris High School graduate Judge Carl Eugene McGowan in his official portrait as a Justice on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.



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John F. Kennedy's long reach as president touched even Paris when he nominated former Paris resident Carl Eugene McGowan for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

A decade later, McGowan played an important role during the Constitutional crisis prompted by the Watergate scandal of Richard Nixon's presidency. He cast a vote with the majority in a five to two decision ordering Nixon to turn over disputed White House recordings made after the Watergate break-in. McGowan not only voted with the majority, he also wrote the 1982 opinion rejecting Nixon's attempts to keep the 6,000 hours of recordings from going public.

In 1981, McGowan reached the apex of his career when he

was elevated to Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, but he only served four months before he reached the age of 70 and retired as a full-time justice. After stepping down, McGowan remained a senior judge of the 11-member court.

McGowan returned to Paris only once after leaving for college. He came back in 1978 for his 50th Paris High School class reunion. On Dec. 21, 1987, McGowan lost a case that all do at some time and passed away into the history books at his Washington, D.C., home.

Student ayes do have it

This column is not exactly about the ayes and nays of life, but it is something that was brought to my attention while interviewing people for another article.

While walking the hallways of Paris High School, I was wondering if I really knew what I was doing. The ideas I had in my mind all arose when I subbed for Jody Smith last week. I met student Devyn Brown, who kept appearing in almost all of the Industrial Technology courses.

These classes were all in a computer lab for the Computer Assisted Drawing and drafting classes. In one of the classes, I sat down next to him and asked him to explain the drawing he was working on and how he maneuvered the software to complete the lesson. I even asked him if there was some practical application to drawing 3-D objects that could be manufactured. He explained how he and two of his buddies, Noah Holzer and Zack Hall, actually used the drawings with the aid of a program in the STEM lab to make parts for model cars.

I saw some unique appearing pieces of carbon fiber material lying on a box in the back of the room, and I realized they were some of those parts. These guys were no naysayers to creating something that was useful. He also explained they were a part of the independent studies students at the high school.

I asked if he would mind if I wrote about their project and he gave me an aye, aye. A few days later I interviewed all three students along with Smith. I found they already owned a company and had stuck out their necks a little ways and this was more than dreaming, they were actually realizing some success with their endeavor. They all have dreams to be in a business that depends on the technology they are learning and will put them in meaningful jobs.

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In exploring other students in the program, art teacher Carrieann Phegley introduced me to Ellen Rice and Kendra Siddens, who have been doing extensive artwork. As I interviewed them about the art they showed to me, I was impressed about the dreams they have for their lives that include

much more than producing the pictures they showed me. I was especially intrigued by the sincerity in the depths of their compassion and interest that was expressed in their eyes.

They are both trying to set a course for their future studies of how to be of service to other people. One in nursing the mind, and one in nursing the body.

Maxwell Holloway gave me the same aye that meant

he would never give up in his attempt of writing a math program for solving chemical equations — even if it took him a year and a half to get a product he was seeking.

Another student I interviewed was Bryce Kohlmeyer regarding his project in the greenhouse. Last semester he experimented with how light affects plants and this semester he is experimenting with hydroponics, or growing plants in liquids instead of the soil. When I asked about his plans for the future he told me he is trying to find answers to questions about the way plants grow so he can use new and better information to help his family in the seed and plant food business.

This means he is willing to find new and different ways to keep a family business prosperous in an ever increasingly competitive field of agricultural production. It seems to me he is looking for answers, both inside and outside of the box or container. There is a little different I in play here, but maybe that is an I for Bryce saying he can help in whatever way he can with the family business.

STEM coordinator Jami Wilson seems to be the eyes and ears of the study groups. She was happy to lead me to the students. I know she had great satisfaction in what her daughter Makayla developed for her ongoing research and development of understanding the human body.

I give her an aye for just letting those students try to accomplish something a little bit unusual for the course of high school study, but something significantly important to education.

I am quite impressed by what my eyes have seen and I give it three ayes.

There are great possibilities for those who enter high school especially if they have ownership of their works as a student, and they can really find the purpose of being at this point in their education and life.

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

‘The Great Migration’ brought more than 500,000 blacks to Illinois

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BY CHUCK SWEENEY
Rockford Register Star

Victory Bell can still remember the night when he boarded the Illinois Central Railroad's City of New Orleans in Durant, Mississippi, bound for Chicago, then changing trains and ending up in Rockford.

It was 1945, at the height of the Jim Crow apartheid in Dixie that purposely kept blacks poor with few rights.

Bell, his mother and siblings were headed north to join his father, who had already moved north to get a factory job.

"We had been sharecroppers," the 83-year old Bell remembers working near Durant, 60 miles north of Jackson. The family had eked out a living, but opportunities for advancement just were not there for black folks.

"I remember it was in the middle of the night when we boarded the train. We had to sit in the black section. When we got to Illinois, the conductor said we could sit anywhere we liked on the train," Bell said, "and we no longer had to say 'sir' or 'ma'am' to white people, which was new to us."

His uncle and father had come to Rockford in 1943 and 1944 to get jobs that paid better than sharecropping.

"The machine tool businesses were very aggressive in hiring at that time,



and metal who was back in charge.

The Great Migration's beginnings also coincided with World War I, when immigration from Europe slowed to a trickle and factories were short of workers.

Migration to the North slowed during the Great Depression of the 1930s but picked up again during World War II and in post-war years when highways were better and cars were relatively cheap.

Although prejudice was not absent in northern Illinois, it wasn't codified into state laws that were sometimes enforced by night riders in hoods carrying torches.

"When I came to Rockford I was 7 or 8 years old. I started school that same year and I had a great homeroom teacher, Mrs. Burns," Bell said. Bell had never been to an integrated school before because they did not exist under the mandated segregation of Mississippi.

"Mrs. Burns was the kindest person and made sure I was comfortable in the school. She never showed prejudice. She had a clear understanding of how to help all the kids learn."

Bell learned well. He got a job as a janitor with the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and advanced to lineman, installer and then supervisor. Active in Democratic Party politics, Bell became Rockford's first black alderman in 1971, a post he held for more than 30 years before he retired.

"We knew there was a different standard for blacks here, but Illinois was not as openly prejudiced. Mississippi was just a terrible, terrible place to be in if you were black," Bell said. "We were kept out of school until November to pick cotton."

Looking back, Bell said that boarding that train so many years ago, "was the best thing we could have ever done."

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Trump marks day of prayer

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WASHINGTON — President Trump marked his second National Day of Prayer at the White House by signing an executive order he said would protect the liberty of religious groups and give them fair access to government funds.

The new White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative will foster policies that acknowledge the "vital role of faith" in families, communities and the country, he said Thursday (May 3).

The ceremony — where Trump was surrounded by faith leaders — also coincided with the release of new reports on a scandal over the president's alleged affair with an adult film star, who says she was paid during his run for office to be quiet about it.

The event also drew criticism from some religious leaders who accuse Trump of

vilifying Muslims, privileging the rich over the poor and favoring the religious views of white evangelical Christians, who voted for him in overwhelming numbers.

The Rev. William Barber, a leader on the religious left, tweeted: "For @POTUS & @VP to stand in the Rose Garden for #NationalDayOfPrayer while promoting policies that hurt the least of these is height of hypocrisy. For some clergy to stand there & endorse this is a sham."

Trump said his initiative would help assure the government supported people of faith.

"This office will also help ensure that faith-based organizations have equal access to government funding and the equal right to exercise their deeply held beliefs," he said. "We take this step because we know that in solving the many, many problems and

our great challenges, faith is more powerful than government and nothing is more powerful than God."

The audience in the sun-drenched Rose Garden applauded and a select group — including several evangelical leaders who have long advised him unofficially — gathered around the desk where Trump sat to sign the executive order. One — author Eric Metaxas — tweeted afterward about his delight at receiving one of the pens from the event.

The order, which succeeds similar efforts by the previous two administrations, changes the name of the most recently named White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. It notes that federal departments and agencies that do not currently have a center on faith-based issues will designate a liaison to the new office and coordinate with the as-yet-unnamed ad-

viser who will lead it.

Citing an October memorandum, the order says that all agencies of the administration will notify the attorney general of "concerns raised by faith-based and community organizations about any failures of the executive branch to comply with protections of Federal law for religious liberty."

The order also said the initiative would draw on the expertise of faith and community leaders outside the federal government, including "State, local, and tribal governments," to discuss topics such as poverty alleviation, substance abuse and addiction, strengthening marriages and families and helping prisoners re-enter society.

During his remarks, Trump called to the podium two men who are now close friends united in efforts to aid prisoners — Jon Ponder, a one-time bank robber once

held in solitary confinement and Richard Beasley, the FBI agent who arrested him. Ponder is now the CEO of Hope for Prisoners, a Las Vegas nonprofit assisting with the transition out of prison.

"Your story reminds us that prayer changes hearts and transforms lives," Trump told them. "It uplifts the soul, inspires action and unites us all as one nation, under God. So important."

Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, who attended the ceremony, welcomed the new moves by the administration aimed to enhance religious liberty.

"The announcement of President Trump's faith initiative is further evidence that this administration is not only committed to protecting our First Freedom but in also acknowledging that our faith in God contributes to the guidance and well-being of our country," Perkins said. "No

longer are Americans punished or excluded from the public square because of their faith, rather they are welcomed and protected by our government."

Another who attended the event was Nathan Diamant, executive director for public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and a participant in previous administrations' work with faith-based groups.

"This bipartisan continuity is an important statement of principle and rebuttal to those who would seek to have government policy discriminate against faith-based entities," Diamant said.

Leaders of groups long concerned about church-state separation expressed worry and caution as they looked for more details about the administration's plans.

Rachel Laser, executive director of Americans United See **TRUMP**, Page 6B

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Have you ever been shopping and came across an item you really wanted to buy?

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The item is not worth what you will have to pay and so you just wait for the sale price.

Can the same be true of a life, your life and my life? How do we know the value of life? We try to make guidelines on which life is worth something and what life doesn't have value, but are we able to know? It is hard not to have our bias and interpretations lead the way instead of a clear direction to knowing what is valuable or not.

You don't pay for the item because you don't think it's worth the price they are asking and as we consider the value of life we must ask ourselves, who was willing to pay for your life and my life?

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Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." When God gave his son for every life it showed what the value of life would always be, and it takes the question out of whether or not a life is of value.

Remember, you are a masterpiece. No matter what you may think there is nothing we can do to change how God sees us and loves us. There is no one that is insignificant or worthless, but we are made in God's image and he will always be there when we need him.

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First Christian Church has new youth pastor

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS

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A new youth minister at the First Christian Church is positively impacting the lives of young worshippers.

Pastor John Snidle's first day at the local church was January 1. Since then he has worked on forming Godly relationships within the church and implementing new fun activities for the church's youth.

"I am slowly building relationships with all the youth," he said. "My main goal is to have good relationships with them and gain their trust."

He described the effort as a slow but steady process.

"It doesn't take a big event to get to know the kids," Snidle said. "I have just been hanging out with them."

The Rev. Mike Dixon said Snidle is a great asset to the church specifically for teen church members and youth approaching the teen years.

"He relates well with our worshippers especially the youth. He is a fun person to be around," Dixon said.

The church originally had adult volunteers overseeing the youth programs. However Dixon explained as the congregation is growing it was decided a youth minister would be beneficial.

"We were looking for someone to devote more time and energy. We found John, who is extremely responsible, and has a good solid background in the church," said Dixon.

Snidle, 23, grew up in Olney and attended Olney Central College for one year before transferring to Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln where he earned a bachelor's degree in spiritual formation. After completing his internship, Snidle accepted a position at a church in Frankfort, Mich., where he served for a short period as the youth minister.

When that position didn't work out, Snidle moved back to Olney and started looking for employment. He was a substitute teacher and an employee for a concrete construction company. He even attempted to start his own small business.

Snidle believes those jobs didn't workout because God has a bigger plan for him.

"God leads me, and I fought him a little bit, but he kept bringing me back to ministry," Snidle said. "Initially, when I was younger I hadn't even thought about being a minister. Later, I knew I wanted



John Snidle, the youth minister at First Christian Church, works in his office at the church planning programs and activities.

to work in a church in some fashion and possibly be an adult minister on a campus but apparently I wasn't ready for that according to God's will. I am very happy to serve here."

Snidle oversees the church's weekly Wednesday night youth groups with the help of church volunteers. He always plays a fun YouTube video before sharing the church announcements, leading a prayer and delivering a brief message followed by a closing prayer.

God's Gang is a group for kindergarten through fifth grade students and the Cross Roads is a group comprised of junior high age students. The groups meet after school at 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The high school youth group meets at 6:30 p.m., and the meetings are open to the public.

Snidle has planned several events for the youth. The junior high group attended the Believe-Christ in Youth conference at Anderson, Ind. Believe is a weekend event for junior high students packed with powerful worship and God's teachings.

He took the high school worshippers to a Rend Collective concert in Rock Island. He is currently planning a weeklong trip for the high school students to attend an Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in Flora. From the camp, the group travels to the Current River in Missouri for a unique canoeing and hiking experience in which the worshippers have to create shelters made from tarps before spending 24



Working with children requires an ability to set aside a sense of decorum occasionally for the sake of fun. John Snidle joined the staff at First Christian Church in January as the youth minister.

hours alone with God.

"It's a very special week for a unique experience that most kids don't get to experience," said Snidle. "It's basically a week in God's creation and a time to get away from technology and distractions so we can focus on God."

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First Christian Church youth minister John Snidle talks with Morgan Gann, left, and Kensely Cox, center, about plans for working with God's Gang - a youth group at the church for children between kindergarten and fifth grade.

Ancient church discovered

Ruins found in area previously under Isis control in Syria

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The ancient ruins of what is thought to be a Christian refuge or early church was discovered in Manbij, Syria, according to reports.

The ruins were found in territory that was previously under ISIS control after the group invaded the city in 2014.

Abdulwahab Sheko, head of the Exploration Committee at the Ruins Council in Manbij, had been studying the area and ruins. He said ISIS did not notice the area and dumped garbage on the empty mound of land near the ruins.

In 2016, after the Syrian Democratic Forces drove ISIS from Manbij, Sheko revealed his find.

"I was so excited. I can't describe it. I was holding everything in my hands," Sheko said of the discovery.

Crosses etched into the columns and walls mark the underground ruins.

There are writings in the stone, and it's thought that it was a place where persecuted Christians under the Roman Empire may have met.

"This place is so special. Here is where I think the security guard would stand at the gate watching for any movement outside," Sheko said as he led reporters through the first location of the site. "He could warn the others to exit through the other passage if they needed to flee."

American archaeologist John Wineland said this week on Fox News the find could be helpful in understanding the lives of Christians living in the Roman Empire.

"They indicate that there was a significant Christian population in the area which felt they needed to hide their activities," said Wineland, who is a professor of history and archaeology at Southeastern University. "This is probably an indication of the persecution by the Roman government, which was common in the period."

Excavation of the site started in August 2017. It was delayed because of mines and booby traps in the area.

However, in March, many artifacts were uncovered and shown at a festival for locals.

Researchers have also found a second location of the ruins. This location includes an underground cave and multiple rooms. Sheko said he believes the second location was added when "Christianity was no longer a secret anymore."

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for Separation of Church and State, said the executive order on religious liberty that Trump signed at last year's National Day of Prayer ceremony led to policies harming LGBTQ people and women.

Others are concerned about how diverse a new council of advisers — called for in the executive order — would be in an administration headed by a president who once called for "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on" and who regularly seeks advice from members of an informal council composed only of evangelicals.

The White House ceremony began with a choir singing gospel music, including Hezekiah Walker's "I Need You to Survive," and featured prayers by evangelical, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu speakers.

When Cissie Graham Lynch, granddaughter of the late evangelist Billy Graham, prayed "in the precious name of Jesus," the crowd agreed with amens. When she was followed by a Hindu priest, Narayanachar Digalokote of Lanham, Md., who mentioned different divine incarnations before saying "May God bless all the leaders, the lawmakers with the finest insight," many participants kept their hands in their laps while others applauded his prayer.

Earlier, the White House issued Trump's proclamation declaring May 3 as the National Day of Prayer.

"May our Nation and our people never forget the love, grace, and goodness of our Maker, and may our praise and gratitude never cease," he wrote. "On this National Day of Prayer, let us come together, all according to their faiths, to thank God for His many blessings and ask for His continued guidance and strength."

CDC RECEIVES FIRST FARMERS DONATION



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First Farmers Bank & Trust makes a \$1,600 donation to the Grace Lutheran Child Development Center to acquire a Kids Report Lite system. The electronic system permits the creation of daily reports on the children that can be sent to parents on their personal devices. The center is also exploring the acquisition of ABC Mouse, which is an interactive preschool program children can access at any time they are away from school, such as on a vacation, and not lose foundational learning information. Kneeling, left to right, Isaiah York, Fox McCulloch and Grace Washburn. Second row, left to right, Oliver Hayes, Kallie Stults, Emaline Tarr, Nora Washburn, Christian Cary, Lee Smith, Braxton Quinn, Brantley Satterfield and Xavier Ewing. Third row, left to right, Gavin Flowers and Cyrus Osborn; and back row, teacher Kayla Johnson, First Farmers branch manager Roxann Scott and teacher Andrea Satterfield.

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YOUTH

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He noted the experience is based on the Bible book John I.

Dixon believes Snidle is already impacting the lives of the youngsters.

"They are responding well to him especially to the special events and out-of-town trips," Dixon said. "We feel good about it. The adults are supporting him and being helpful during the transition."

The church has set a goal that Snidle will not only be present at the place of worship but also at community events, youth athletics and school functions. Both men agree Snidle will not only teach the word of God at church, but he will also be a strong support person in

the community by showing encouragement to the youth in all things they do such as athletics, clubs, school events and community gatherings.

"I am most looking forward to seeing what God is going to do with me in this position," Snidle said. "Personally, I see the youth group growing and my connection with them so that when they leave the church setting they can serve God. Faith is not just in the church building, it needs to be everywhere. God is going to continue to do good things."

Snidle eventually hopes to create small groups for adults and the youth with the help of more volunteers. Another one of his goals is to implement a children's sermon, which he described as a more modern time of worship with

a message.

For the immediate future, he is staying focused on carefully building relationships and a successful youth program. Snidle said he read most youth ministers overestimate what they can accomplish during their first year and underestimate what they can accomplish in five years.

"Like First Timothy explains, don't be afraid to work in the church," said Snidle. "I may not have many talents or skills, but I can serve the kingdom. No matter where I am at, I can serve the Lord."

In addition to the Wednesday groups, the church has a service at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m. and another service at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

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How detectives fight E. coli

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The E. coli outbreak linked to romaine lettuce has led to one death and 121 getting sick.

The bacteria's molecular fingerprints first surfaced in New Jersey. They then popped up in Pennsylvania and New York, sprouted down south to Georgia, and migrated out west to California.

E. coli had left its distinctive DNA mark on the leaves and in the veins of romaine lettuce grown in Arizona and shipped out nationwide. In just a few weeks, patrons eating salads and sandwiches from a cafe in Warren County, New Jersey and inmates at a correctional facility in Nome, Alaska, contracted the deadly bacterium.

So far, one person from California has died, and 121 people from 25 states have become ill in the latest E. coli outbreak, according to the latest alert from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). More than half of them have been hospitalized, including 14 who developed a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome.

For health officials who monitor infectious diseases, this latest E. coli surge is among the worst multistate outbreaks in more than a decade.

But experts say the continued spread of this outbreak doesn't point to a breakdown among epidemiologists. Instead, the fact the state and federal system that collects, tracks, then matches the molecular pattern or fingerprints of the bacteria was able to detect an outbreak that spread among more than two dozen states shows the system is working.

Without the system, experts say, the spread of Escherichia coli O157 — which can cause kidney failure and even death — could be worse.

Right now, it allows federal officials to spot an outbreak faster than ever before, then issue warnings.

“We're diagnosing more precisely to trigger a response mechanism to send disease detectives to the fields,” said Dr. William Schaffner, professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. “Now those troops can be deployed much more rapidly. This is a terrific scientific advance developed over the last 20 years.”

The system leans on local hospitals to send suspected E. coli samples from patients to state laboratories, usually inside health departments. Molecular techniques are then used to break down the E. coli to its genetic components.

Like other bacteria, E. coli strains have their own distinctive DNA fingerprint. If those fingerprints start to match, state health officials then submit them to a national laboratory network called PulseNet, in place since 1996. The system uses that DNA fingerprinting to detect local and multistate outbreaks.

Health officials, known in the trade as “disease detectives,” fan out and interview patients and doctors to gather information on what was consumed and where.

“It's almost like ‘CSI,’” said Schaffner, referring to

the popular television series. “These are very intense investigations. People work long hours, even weekends, to try to trace these. With E. coli, you can eat them one day and not get sick until a week later. People forget what they ate, and where they ate it.”

It can take two to three weeks before an outbreak is detected, said Laura Whitlock, spokeswoman with the CDC's Outbreak Response and Prevention Branch.

The latest outbreak may have begun in mid-March. On April 13, the CDC issued a warning urging consumers nationwide to not eat any romaine lettuce. Though officials with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration knew the lettuce had come from Yuma, Arizona, the alert had no additional information for consumers about which brand of lettuce to avoid.

Whitlock acknowledged the move to issue an alert without more specifics was unusual. But she said lettuce has a short shelf life, and connecting it to a farm and distribution center is complex and takes time. The public had to know.

She also said there may be more cases out there. “For every one case of E. coli O157 we hear about in our system at CDC, there are estimated to be another 26 people that go unreported to us,” she added.

E. coli is a group of bacteria that live in the intestines of humans and animals. Many are harmless, but some strains can cause illness. It's still unknown how the bacteria spread to the See **E. COLI**, Page 8B

The REC's spin class offers great calorie burn

Spin Class? What is that? Sounds very confusing. Visions come to mind of the little spin toys that children played on, going in a circle holding on to the middle of the toy, or maybe some crazy bicycling people riding their bikes for hours and hours.

Add something called a RealRyder bike, which actually moves, and some people might want to avoid finding out, but if you can burn from 400 to 1,000 calories per hour, tone up your core, lose inches around your waist, workout as a team and have fun all while doing it, that might be more enticing.

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So what are RealRyder classes like at the Paris REC Center? Each class consists of 10 people, plus the instructor, who ride through a music playlist routine with dimmed lights at their own pace, choosing their own level of workout from the beginner, who is just looking to pedal and get a little exercise, to advanced riders who perform the entire routine at an advanced pace and workout. Each rider selects what he/she can do based on their personal comfort level.

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NEW AMBULANCE NOW SERVING EDGAR COUNTY



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Horizon Health Emergency Medical Services took its first call at 7:45 a.m. April 17, transporting an emergent cardiac patient. Since that time, the new service has completed 53 calls (as of Tuesday May 1), according to Samantha McCarty, critical care manager for the ambulance project. Pictured in front of one of two new advanced life support ambulances available for use are McCarty, left, and Jesse Lewsader, Horizon Health EMS lead paramedic.

Horizon EMS working

New service certified by state; offers advanced life support ambulances

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The new Horizon Health Emergency Medical Services is in operation and as of April 30, had answered 53 calls, according to Samantha McCarty, director of emergency services for Horizon Health.

McCarty, who also serves as the critical care manager for Horizon Health, was the lead for the ambulance project, according to Oliver Smith, Horizon Health president and chief executive officer.

“I'm very proud of our staff for getting this new service pulled together in a relatively short amount of time,” said Smith. “We've chosen excellent people and excellent medical equipment — two necessities in making healthcare delivery successful.”

Smith praised the work of McCarty and the team in putting together the new ambulance service.

“We had some good people working on it and we were not in a hurry,” Smith explained. “Everyone wanted to do it the correct way. We weren't rushing into it.”

For EMS to be successful for Horizon Health, Smith emphasized the need to use the 15 people hired to staff the service, “in supportive roles or use in the hospital and clinic.”



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Horizon Health EMS lead paramedic Jesse Lewsader, left, checks the blood pressure of Michael Harrison (center) while Samantha McCarty, director of emergency services and critical care manager and lead for the ambulance projects looks on. The advanced life support ambulances began taking calls April 17, McCarty said. Anyone experiencing an emergency is urged to call 9-1-1, she emphasized.

“It's an added resource anywhere in the hospital and clinic to support patient care,” he said.

McCarty noted one EMS employee was recently assigned to sit with a Downs Syndrome patient who was admitted to the hospital for care. “The family knew their loved one was safe. It also freed the nursing staff on the floor to go about their regular duties.”

The EMS team successfully passed inspection and received licensing from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Carle Region-

al EMS Monday, April 16. Horizon Health EMS went into service at 7 a.m. the following day.

The service is licensed for two advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) ambulances for both emergent and non-emergent transports.

Both rigs are staffed with a paramedic and EMT. Each ambulance has cardiac monitors, 12-lead EKGs, Wi-Fi data transmission, bariatric-weighted Striker power cots and all other supplies necessary to administer patient

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Illinois gets \$16 million for fighting opioid crisis

Funding expands access to treatment and prevention

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CHICAGO — The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is receiving \$16 million in federal funding to continue its efforts to combat the opioid crisis.

Opioid deaths are rising across the country, according to the Centers for Disease and Prevention, which reports more than 63,600 opioid overdose deaths in 2016. There were just over 2,000 opioid related deaths reported in Illinois last year.

“We are losing too many people at the hands of these very dangerous, highly addictive drugs,” Governor Bruce Rauner said. “Our teams are working every day to get people the help they need to overcome substance use disorder. More than 2,500 people have reached out to our 24-Hour Helpline and we're seeing a significant increase of doctor participation in our Prescription Monitoring Program. Our whole focus is to save lives.”

It's the second year in a row that Illinois has received the funding, which is awarded through the 21st Century Cures Act and administered through IDHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant program.

The grant supports new treatment and recovery services, expanded medication-assisted treatment for individuals with opioid use disorder, opioid-related enhancements to the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), programs to connect individuals experiencing an opioid overdose from hospital emergency departments to services in the community and pre-release and post-release services for

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AMBULANCE

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care. Jesse Lewsader is the lead paramedic for Horizon Health EMS. "Our organization has invested in the latest technology and equipment — for both patient and staff safety," said McCarty. "Everything is in place to ensure the best care for our community." The first call answered by the service was 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, she said. This call demonstrates how the service can make a difference.

A patient walked into the Paris ER on April 17 complaining of chest pain — which is not uncommon — she said. "Within seconds it was determined by the ER team that the patient was experiencing a massive heart attack," she recalled. "The patient was rapidly treated and transported to a heart cath lab in Terre Haute. The total time from the time the patient presented to the ER until he was in the cath lab ready to have his blockage removed was 34 minutes." McCarty said the response was record time for life-sav-

ing and heart muscle-saving which shows exemplary teamwork by all Horizon Health services. "I hope this patient story helps everyone better understand that in true emergencies seconds matter and by having ambulances on site, we can help our patients have the best possible chance at positive outcomes," she said. McCarty emphasized, however, if someone is experiencing a real medical emergency, residents need to continue to call the county's 9-1-1 service. "If you are truly experiencing an emergency, it's always the right thing to call 9-1-1," McCarty explained. "Those dispatchers are specially trained to manage the emergency and ensure responding parties get to the right location in the least amount of time. Horizon Health EMS will stand ready to assist all area emergency responders as an integral part of the emergency medical system." The primary work currently being done by the EMS service includes transfers from the ER, nursing homes or similar responses such as returning a patient home after treatment.

if we can be of any service. We are interested in working with all area emergency responders," he said. "There are no division lines or barriers." Horizon Health has also reached out to all area EMS to offer help, Smith said. "This is not about invading a space. It's about providing the best possible services." "With our anticipated growth, we do still have employment opportunities for EMS professionals," said Lewsader, Horizon Health EMS lead paramedic. The EMS numbers thus far Smith said, "show that my numbers were correct. We're right where we need to be and growth is coming." Smith emphasized the addition of services is all about the continuum of care. "We are working for a streamlined flow with healthcare services," he noted. "It's all about providing a better experience with our patients and providing the best quality of care."

BEE WELL

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It is done in a team atmosphere where you can talk and interact with each other and have fun while working out. Each rider is individually fitted on the bikes by the instructor to assure a proper fit. The session includes warm up routines; resistance routines in which each participant controls their own level of resistance; sprint routines in which you choose your speed; stand-up routines for strength training; and cool down/stretching routines for recovery. Each participant controls his/her own level of exercise and comfort. For anyone interested, the first class is free and you can do one-on-one fit set-up and instruction with a spin instructor, or you can try a class of your choice. The Rec Center employs a certified instructor trained

by RealRyder and the other Rec spin instructors were trained by this person to ensure proper bike fitting and to safeguard that all exercises are performed correctly for a great spin experience. The classes are offered at multiple times and days of the week and sign up is suggested to save a spot. Corey Willoughby, is the RealRyder certified instructor, and the other instructors are Darla Willoughby, Beth Graham, Betsy Higginbotham and Michelle Hall. More information is available by calling the Paris Rec Center, 466-9622. (Darla Willoughby is a spin instructor at the Rec Center. Email her at Darla_Willoughby@prairiepress.com. This column is provided by members of the Bee Well of Edgar County Coalition dedicated to making Edgar County a healthier place to live.)

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Smith said Horizon Health has reached out to other ambulance services in the county — including Kansas and the Northern Edgar County Ambulance Service — "to see

Healthcare is continually evolving, Smith said. "We'll continue to rise to that challenge — assessing what services make sense for our organization and the communities we serve."

E.COLI

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romaine lettuce in the latest outbreak, but the most common way includes animal waste coming into contact with crops. Symptoms of E. coli infections don't emerge until almost a week after eating contaminated food. Those symptoms can range from being very mild and not life-threatening to bloody diarrhea, severe stomach cramps and vomiting. Since E. coli O157 creates a toxin known as Shiga toxin, some people could experience a severe symptom called hemolytic uremic syndrome that can lead to kidney failure.

Young children and older adults, especially those with weakened immune systems, are more likely get sick. The best way to avoid most pathogens is to wash fruits and vegetables and cook meats well, said Dr. Claudia Hoyer, director of pediatric infection control and pediatric innovation at UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. "It's even as simple as washing your hands really well," Hoyer said. "Virus and bacteria have a way of mutating themselves and are one step ahead of us. They've been around for millions of years and have learned to keep themselves viable."

OPIOID

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individuals who are incarcerated in county jails. The award allows continued training for first responders, who play a critical role in saving lives and administering Naloxone to individuals that are experiencing an opioid overdose. IDHS funded community based organizations have trained 17,675 people so far during the state's FY18. Nearly 900 lives have been saved as a result of this training and through the distribution of Nalox-

one. "Illinois continues to be severely impacted by the opioid epidemic and this grant allows us to strengthen our state-wide services and expand access to treatment and overdose prevention programs in Illinois," IDHS Secretary James Dimas said. "We look forward to supporting new programs and services in areas that have been most effective." Dimas urges anyone who is looking for information about opioids and treatment resources to call the state's Opioid Helpline at 1-833-2FINDHELP.

Volunteers planning chocolate sale

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The Paris Community Hospital Volunteers will host a chocolate sale Monday and Tuesday, May 21-22, in the ro-

tunda area of the hospital. A variety of sweets and other items will be available for purchase. Proceeds support the work of the volunteers.

May 2018

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Gastroenterology	Dr. Batey (Tues)—15
Nephrology	Dr. R. Kumar (Fri)—11 Dr. Jeevan (Thurs/Fri)—10, 18, 24
Neurology	Dr. Tazudeen (Tues)—1, 8, 15, 22, 29
OB/GYN Gynecology	Dr. Benson (Tues)—1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Dr. Weisbaum (Thurs)—17
Oncology	Dr. Huh (Thurs)—3 Dr. Patel (Thurs)—3, 10, 17, 24
Ophthalmology (Eye)	Dr. Deranian —Surgery 22; Clinic 23
Optometry (Eye)	Dr. Blumthal (Mon)—7, 14, 21
Otolaryngology (ENT)	Dr. Nguyen (Thurs)—3
Pain Management Clinic	(Fri)—4, 11, 18, 25
Pulmonology, Adult	Dr. Main (Wed)—9, 23
Pulmonology, Pediatric	Dr. Davison (Fri)—4
Rheumatology	Dr. Kohli (Tues/Wed)—2, 8, 16, 22
Urology	Dr. Yang (Tues)—1, 8, 15, 29
Vascular Surgery	Dr. Ash (Mon)—21

Special Events & Groups	
Stay Strong, Live Long	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 10am (Sutton Senior Center)
Twilight Walk Honoring Nurses	May 9 @ 6pm (Courthouse)
Caregiver Support Group	May 16 @ 3pm (B)
Monthly Health Screenings	May 18 @ 7-9am (Paris Clinic)
Volunteer's Chocolate Sale	May 21-22 @ 9am-4pm (rotunda)
Cancer Support Group	May 22 @ 10am (B)

*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.

Appointment Numbers	
Dr. Batey: 217-463-1946	Dr. Namburi: 812-242-3225
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Dr. Hussain, Dr. Ash, Katie Wilson, FNP-C: 217-366-2670	Dr. Wiarda: 217-258-5900
Dr. Jeevan & Dr. R. Kumar: 812-232-8716	Dr. Weisbaum: 217-383-3140
Dr. Kohli: 217-465-2606 x4579 or 4690	Dr. Yang: 217-466-4661
Dr. Main: 217-383-3190	
Pain Management Clinic: 217-466-4226	

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Maxwell Holloway, left, wrote a computer program that helps with solving chemistry equations. Teacher Stephen Aydt, right, served as mentor for the independent study project.

STUDY

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advertised as a needed ingredient by the food and drug industries, and it may help prevent the scourges roundworms inflict on humans. The students are replicating trials to help a graduate student at Eastern have enough results to make her study significant. The PHS research team consists of Kyle Bauermeister, Dylan Creech, Laney Ogle, Jonathan Miller, Corey Cearlock and Drew Cearlock. Three young entrepreneurs have formed a company to manufacture small radio controlled hobby cars. They bought the BoLINK Company, a model car business, and revitalized it. It

started when Devyn Brown and his dad, Randy Brown, discussed the possibility of the young man learning more about manufacturing and possibly starting a business. Jody Smith, who teaches those classes, was the adviser in charge of coordinating the undertaking and students Zach Hall and Noah Holzer came aboard. Hall and Holzer consider Brown the manager, and they are energetic when talking about their company. While these three young men are learning about manufacturing using the latest techniques from computer generated machining and business practices, they regard it as a beginning rather than an end to their education and

experience in this field. Hall is a junior and aims to keep learning about computer aided design. He plans to get a degree later in mechanical engineering and possibly work as a partner with NAL along the way. Holzer graduates this year and is going to Vincennes University to study construction techniques in the building trades. Brown is also going to Vincennes University to learn more about computer-aided manufacturing. Seniors Ellen Rice and Kendra Siddens are pursuing independent art studies, under the sponsorship of art teacher Carrieann Phegley. Rice explained she sees more in a face or person than just the outer picture and expresses that idea with drawings depicting half of a face and half of an animal. She believes it is important in drawing to present someone with a picture that creates good memories. She also regards art as a good background for her goal of becoming a nurse practitioner and helping with mental and physical wellness.

Siddens has a great passion for the arts be it in the visual arts, on stage or through music. The art independent study program keeps her spirit renewed in the beauty of life. She aims to study psychology so she can help people solve their problems. Bryce Kohlmeier did an independent study last fall working with artificial light on plants. He said the project did not work to perfection, but he learned from his mistakes. This semester his independent research is hydroponics to see how plants grow without soil. Agriculture teacher Krista Howard and John Rosen from Ivy Tech are Kohlmeier's mentors. Kohlmeier has some great looking tomato plants growing on what is called a Rockwell tower using water in little pockets along the side of the small structure. He has to monitor the fluids for proper pH and understand how much chemical fertilizer to use. He hopes studying agricultural business and agricultural economics will be beneficial to the family's business of Becks seed corn and farm supply.

Sudoku

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

SUDOKU

9x9 grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [] [] [] [2] [] [] [] [] []; Row 2: [] [1] [] [] [] [] [4] [7] []; Row 3: [4] [] [] [] [] [5] [] [1] []; Row 4: [] [6] [] [] [] [] [] [3] [1] []; Row 5: [] [2] [] [8] [] [] [] [] [4] []; Row 6: [] [] [] [] [] [6] [8] [] [] []; Row 7: [5] [] [] [] [4] [] [7] [] [] []; Row 8: [2] [] [9] [] [5] [] [] [] [] []; Row 9: [6] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [5] []

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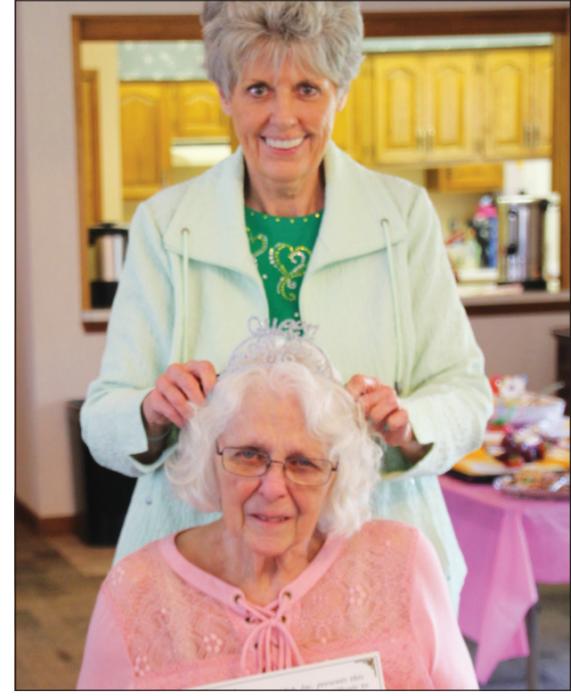
Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in each cell, representing the solution to the sudoku puzzle.

ANSWER:

TOPS QUEEN IS CROWNED



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Tops IL 1563 crowned the 2017 queen at the annual awards meeting, April 11. Pictured is Sue English, 2016 queen, crowning the 2017 queen Elaine Weddle.

TOPS groups meet

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food chart drawings. The winners of the Penny a Pound contest were announced Tammy Hess for TOPS and Sue English for KOPS. Chapter discussion focused on what TOPS and KOPS chapter members regard as most important part of membership in the organization. TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, April 24, with 15 members weighing in and 15 members attending the meeting. The meeting was the annual Spring Awards program held at the Grace Lutheran Village Community Center. Elaine Weddle was named chapter queen, which recognized her weight loss to goal and KOPS status. TOPS division awards were presented to Gretchen Dyl, Wilma Cook, Tammy Hess, Judy Toensing, Brenda Lilley and Glenda Berry. Terri Cheatham was presented with the chapter inspiration award voted by members for her positive attitude and inspiration to others in their weight loss efforts. KOPS members recognized for maintaining their KOPS status were Barbara Dick, Sue English, Jill Hoffman, Wanda Luth and Sauny Preston. TOPS #IL1563 met Thursday morning April 19 with 15 members attending the meeting. Club members recognized were: Connie Porter, TOPS weekly best loser; Brenda Lilley, KOPS weekly best loser and winner of the walking and

club members recognized were: Brenda Porter, TOPS weekly best loser; Elaine Weddle, KOPS weekly best loser; Marcella Coy, best walker and winner of the walking drawing and the food chart drawing. The winners of the Penny a Pound contest were announced Tammy Hess for TOPS and Sue English for KOPS. Chapter discussion focused on what TOPS and KOPS chapter members regard as most important part of membership in the organization. TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, April 24, with 15 members weighing in and 15 members attending the meeting. Members recognized were Pam Waller and Jamie Larson, TOPS weekly losers and Larson was also named the three-week loser; Carmen Minge, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Marcy Heminger, top walker; and Janice Stevens, top exerciser. Faith Carr delivered a program titled "Recognition and Support." TOPS #IL 2318 met May 1 with 15 members weighing in and 15 members attending the meeting. Members recognized were Kelly Tinsman, TOPS weekly loser; Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Tinsman and Pam Waller, three-week losers; Judy Ferris, won the April predict your weight game; Sharon Phillips, top walker; and Janice Stevens, top exerciser. Waller delivered a program on the movie "Battling the Giants."

CROSSWORD

- Across
1. As fast as can be done
5. WC's
9. Religious retreat
11. Warfare
13. One you wouldn't expect
15. Disease-causing microorganisms
16. For each
17. Grammatical term
19. One point east of southeast
21. __ Dern, actress
22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
23. Shampoo
25. Scale drawing of a structure
26. An enclosure for confining livestock
27. Goat-like mammal
29. Cigar
31. Appear
33. "Westworld" actress __ Rachel Wood
34. Leaked through
36. The highest adult male singing voice
38. Musical group __ Soundsystem

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-59 indicating starting positions for clues.

- Clues Down
1. Not awake
2. Type of dessert
3. They __
4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
5. Gene positions
6. Exclude
7. One who is bound
8. Where drinks are served
9. Small vipers
10. Blackbird
11. Adventurer
12. Shade
14. A way to gain
15. A salt or ester of boric acid
18. Monetary units
20. Removed
24. "My country, tis of __"
26. Horses
28. Drives back by force
30. Bold, impudent behavior
32. Rates
34. Types of nerves in males
35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
37. Wind instrument
38. Pakistani city
40. Dry or withered
42. Delivered a speech
43. Peak
45. Small waterbird
47. Days falling in mid-month
49. Elvis' daughter
50. Flat and smooth
51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
55. What cows say

15x15 crossword grid with letters filled in, representing the solution to the crossword puzzle.

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Holiday, Household

Garage Sale
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Fri., 5/4, 8am-4pm
Sat., 5/5, 8am-11am
Lots of clothes, home decor, misc.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY PARIS, ILLINOIS

IN RE: PARENTAGE OF CHRISTOPHER ARCHIBALD, JR. And AUBRIE J. ARCHIBALD

CHRISTOPHER ARCHIBALD, Petitioner, vs. JAMACIA KENNEDY, Respondent.

No. 2018-F-15

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given to JAMACIA KENNEDY, that a Petition for Parentage has been filed in the above entitled cause.

JAMACIA KENNEDY is hereby served by publication of this Notice. Unless JAMACIA KENNEDY files an answer to

the Complaint in this cause or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before May 22, 2018, a default judgment may be entered against JAMACIA KENNEDY, at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Petition for Parentage.

Angela R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk

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(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY PARIS, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THELMA L. FITZJARRALD
Deceased
No. 2018 P 26

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of THELMA L. FITZJARRALD. Letters of Office were issued on April 6, 2018, to CATHY S. WILKEY and MAX WESLEY FITZJARRALD as Independent Co-Executors, whose Attorney is S. Craig Smith, Asher & Smith, 1119 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 340, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 25, 2018 (at least six months from the date of the first publication), and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018.

CATHY S. WILKEY and MAX WESLEY FITZJARRALD, Independent Co-Executors Representative

Craig Smith
Asher & Smith
1119 N. Main Street
P. O. Box 340
Paris, IL 61944
Telephone: 217/465-6444

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT EDGAR COUNTY

NOTICE OF FILING A REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

2018-MR-33

There will be a court hearing on my request to change my name from Bailey Alyssa Caroline Rose to the new name of: Bailey Alyssa Caroline Gilbert. The court hearing will be held on June 5th at 10:00 am at 115 W Court St., Paris, IL, Edgar County in Courtroom #1.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ROBERT CYRUS LANCE, SR.
Deceased.

No. 2017-P-51

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT CYRUS LANCE, SR. Letters of Office were issued on September 13, 2017 to RHONDA K. LANCE, 18330 North 200th Street, Brocton, Illinois 61917, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Bruce Baber.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of Angie Barrett, Clerk of the Court, Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 31, 2018 (at least six months from the date of the 1st publication), and any claim not filed within that 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.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2018.

RHONDA K. LANCE, Independent Executor

Bruce Baber
Attorney for the Estate
216 East Wood Street
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(217) 463-3225
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babber@midwestfirst.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes
Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 1
To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or the Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 16, 2018, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) proposed changes in its rates and charges for electric delivery services throughout its territory in Illinois pursuant to its Rider MAP-P, performance-based formula rate tariff, and updated its calculation of rates and charges per the formula rate tariff. The changes are applicable to Ameren Illinois Rate Zones I, II and III, as more fully described below. The changes in rate schedule are proposed to take effect with the January 2019 billing period - after the Commission issues its final Order. The Commission has up to 240 days to complete this proceeding and issue its final Order. This filing conforms to Illinois Public Acts 097-0616, 097-0646 and 098-0015 (the "Law"). These Public Acts also require the Company to spend \$625 million in electric system modernization investments over a 10-year period. This modernization will benefit customers and create 450 new jobs during the peak program year. In addition, the Law requires the Company to meet various performance metrics intended to increase reliability, reduce outage durations and provide improved service to customers, or be subject to financial penalties.

The proposed updated formula rate revenue requirement results in an overall annual increase of \$71.75 million from the electric revenue requirement last ordered by the ICC in Docket No. 17-0197. Proposed rates in this proceeding will reflect rate design changes, including continued movement towards rate uniformity among the same Rate Classes in different Rate Zones. For the DS-1 Residential Delivery Service classification, the proposed increases in electric delivery service and electric distribution tax (EDT) cost recovery revenue are 10.1, 10.2 and 10.1 percent for Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively.

The rates for delivery service and EDT cost recovery constitute only a portion of the total bill of a customer currently taking bundled electric service from Ameren Illinois or taking supply service from a third-party supplier. The following compares the Company's proposal to the bundled bill (delivery service charges that are in effect today and purchased power charges effective through May 2018) for residential customers:

- 1) For a residential customer using 5,000 kWh annually (or average of 417 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by the Company produces an average monthly increases of \$3.00, \$3.02 and \$3.00 (or 5.3%, 5.4% and 5.4% monthly bill changes for bundled service) in Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively.
- 2) For a residential customer using 10,000 kWh annually (or average of 833 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by the Company produce an average monthly increases of \$4.56, \$4.59 and \$4.57 (or 4.7%, 4.7% and 4.7% monthly bill changes for bundled service) in Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively.
- 3) For a residential customer using 18,000 kWh per year (or average of 1,500 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by Company produce an average monthly increases of \$6.12, \$6.17 and \$6.13 (or 4.2%, 4.2%, and 4.2% monthly bill changes for bundled service) in Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively.

For non-residential customers, the proposed changes in electric delivery service and EDT cost recovery revenue for each of the three Rate Zones are as follows:

- For DS-2, Small General Delivery Service, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.3 percent increases for Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively;
- For DS-3, General Delivery Service, 12.5, and 12.8 percent increases for Rate Zones I, and II, respectively, and a decrease of 2.0 percent in Rate Zone III;
- For DS-4, Large General Delivery Service, 8.9, 15.5 and 3.6 percent increases for Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively;
- For DS-5, Lighting Service, 23.5, 5.7 and 5.9 percent increases for Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively; and
- For DS-6, Temperature Sensitive Delivery Service, 5.9, 5.5 and 6.0 percent decreases for Rate Zones I, II and III, respectively.

A copy of the proposed change in schedule may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

Customers should be advised that the Commission may alter or otherwise amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings are held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by Ameren Illinois. 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.

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY
d/b/a Ameren Illinois
By: Richard J. Mark, President & CEO

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 2
 To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:
 Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 12, 2018, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues and costs under the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider with costs incurred in connection with the cost of gas from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The evidence is applicable to Rate Zone I (formerly the AmerenCIPS service territory), Rate Zone II (formerly the AmerenCILCO service territory) and Rate Zone III (formerly the AmerenIP service territory); and may result in changes in its rates and charges with respect to gas delivery services throughout the Company's gas service territory in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order.
 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.
 AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a Ameren Illinois
 By: Richard J. Mark, President & CEO

Executor; and whose attorney of record is CARA C. SHOAFF, 11 East Main Street, P.O. Box 250, Casey, IL 62420.
 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 115 W Court Street, Paris, IL 61944, or with the Executor identified above, or both, on or before November 1, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.
 Dated: April 25, 2018
 SHOAFF & VANDEVENTER, LLC ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR
 By: CARA C. SHOAFF
 ARDC# 6293029
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY PARIS, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUELLA M. LOOP, Deceased.

No. 2018 P 28

NOTICE TO KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SUELLA M. LOOP.

Notice is given to you, the known and unknown heirs of SUELLA M. LOOP, including but not necessarily being limited to the unknown heirs of DONALD EARL CRAIG, deceased, who predeceased the decedent, and who was a son of Archie Craig, deceased brother of SUELLA M. LOOP; the unknown heirs of MARION CRAIG, deceased, who predeceased the decedent, and who was a son of Hershel Craig, deceased brother of SUELLA M. LOOP; SARAH KRABEL, or if deceased her descendants, if any, daughter of Ronald A. Krabel, deceased son of Charles M. Krabel, deceased son of Mabel Krabel, who was a deceased sister of SUELLA M. LOOP; BRENT VANDEVANTER, or if deceased his descendants, if any, son of Joretta Ballard, deceased daughter of Elsie Childress, deceased sister of SUELLA M. LOOP; and all other unknown heirs, if any, that a Petition asking that an instrument dated the 7th day of November, 2016, be admitted to probate as decedent's

Will.
 You ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN Order was entered by the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Edgar County, Illinois, in Probate in the above entitled cause on the 23rd day of April, 2018 admitting the admission of the Will to probate.

YOU FURTHER ARE NOTIFIED that within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission that the unknown heirs of SUELLA M. LOOP as well as any other heir or legatee of SUELLA M. LOOP may file a petition with the court to Require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six months after admission of the will to probate.

This notice is provided in compliance with Section 6-10 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-10)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Suella M. Loop. Letters of Office were issued on April 23, 2018, to John W. Craig, 222 N. Vermont St., Chrisman, IL 61924 and Maryln S. Davies, P. O. Box 441, Dana, IN 47847, as 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 October 29, 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.

John W. Craig and Maryln S. Davies, Co-Executors

FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.) 129 N. Central Ave. Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217/ 465-4196 FAX: 217/ 466-1213

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST BANK & TRUST, IL, file/a FIRST BANK & TRUST, SB, Plaintiff, vs. JARED L. RAMSEY, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, Defendants. Case No. 2018-CH-17

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Illinois, by Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded on the premises described as follows, to-wit:

THE NORTH ONE-THIRD OF LOT 15 IN LAWSON KIMBLE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARIS. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PREIN: 09-13-36-383-004

Common Address: 622 North Central, Paris, IL 61944 and which mortgage was recorded on property with the Edgar County Recorder of Deeds, on June 5, 2007, as Document No. 07-0001498.

And for such other relief prayed, that the summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Edgar County against you as provided by law, and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the above Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in this suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Edgar County located in the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, IL 61944, on or before the 31st day of May, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer contained in the Complaint.

DATED: April 26, 2018, at Paris, Illinois. Richard L. James 328 N. Central P O Box 820 Paris, IL 61944 Phone: (217) 465-2529 Fax: (217) 463-1982 rlj@rjameslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS, IN PROBATE

In the matter of the Estate of JOHN T. KING, deceased.

No. 2018-P-27

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN T. KING of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2018 to SUSAN RAPHAEL KING, as Independent Executor, 12 Poplar Drive, Paris, Illinois 61944, whose attorney is LARRY B. JONES, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 29, 2018, and any claim not filed within that 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.

DATED this 25th day of April, 2018. SUSAN RAPHAEL KING, Independent Executor of the Estate of JOHN T. KING, deceased. Larry B. Jones JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C. 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8 Paris, IL 61944 Tele: (217) 465-7525 Fax: (217) 466-2230

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

FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.) 129 North Central Avenue Paris, IL 61944-1704 Telephone: 217-465-4196 Fax: 217-466-1213 Email: service@fgklaw.net

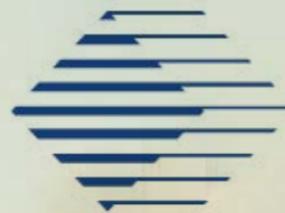
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Kindergarteners become ill after aquarium visit

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities say about 15 kindergarteners became ill after a Shedd Aquarium visit and have similar symptoms as more than 100 high school students who attended prom at the aquarium. Archdiocese of Chicago spokeswoman Anne Maselli says 52 students from St. Clement School in Chicago visited the aquarium April 17. She says they didn't eat there. Ten days later more than 100 students from Andrew High School in Tinley Park became ill after their April 27 prom at the aquarium. Health officials say it hasn't been determined what sickened any of the students. Shedd Aquarium officials say Chicago health officials informed the facility that there are no outstanding violations to any of its catering or restaurant facilities. Aquarium officials say extra precautionary measures have been taken including deep sanitation of all areas of the aquarium.

Illinois bill would expand medical marijuana use

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — An Illinois Senate bill that would expand the use of medical marijuana in order to combat the state's opioid crisis has been referred to the Illinois House Rules Committee.

The Southern Illinoisan reports that the bill would allow individuals who qualify for opioids to apply for the state's medical cannabis program. It would create a pilot program where patients can take a physician certification to a dispensary to receive medical marijuana.

Democratic Sen. Don Harmon says the bill he's sponsored could help patients transition away from opioids or treat pain without ever using them.

Republican Sen. Dale Fowler says the bill is in response to the state's growing opioid crisis, which has resulted in the deaths of more than 10,000 residents over the past decade.

Authorities seek missing Illinois man in Montana

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Stillwater County sheriff's office plans a search Friday for a 45-year-old Illinois man who is considered missing under suspicious circumstances after his vehicle was found in south-central Montana.

Sgt. Randy Smith says a Dodge Charger belonging to Paul Batson was found Sunday evening in the town of Reedpoint, which is about 60 miles west of Billings along Interstate 90.

Officers want to talk with anyone who may have had contact with Batson, who is described as being 6 feet, 2 inches (188 centimeters) tall with brown eyes and brown hair. The resident of the Chicago suburb of Batavia apparently was in Montana looking for work.

Smith tells The Billings Gazette his agency is working with Bozeman police on the investigation.

U of I officials to join bike ride

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — University of Illinois administrators will join riders for part of a cross-country bicycle ride to raise money for cancer research and patient support services.

The Illini 4000 is scheduled to leave New York City May 18. Riders will travel an average of 70 miles (113 kilometers) per day, arriving in San Francisco on Aug. 2.

Kidnapping the dead?

Illinois coroner's, demand to poor : Pay \$1,000 or county keeps remains, certificate

BY SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

A coroner in western Illinois is facing sharp criticism for how he handles poor people who can't afford to bury their loved ones: He has them sign over their rights to the deceased, leaving them without the death certificate, then cremates the body and keeps the ashes until the family pays \$1,000.

If they cannot come up with the money, the ashes are eventually buried, along with others, in an unmarked grave. If the family needs the death certificate to access bank accounts or life insurance, the coroner first arranges for the county to recoup its costs from any proceeds.

Adams County Coroner James Keller says the policy started after the state, which for years has faced billion-dollar deficits and unpaid bills, announced it was too broke to pay for indigent funerals and burials — shifting the cost to funeral homes and county coroners. Of the \$1,000 people pay, he says \$800 goes to the funeral homes and \$200 to the

crematory.

The county's poverty rate of 13 percent is on par with the overall rate in Illinois. Keller says his approach protects taxpayers in the small county along the Mississippi River, ensures local funeral homes get money for their services and gives poor families an alternative to paying for a full burial. He's continued the policy even though the state has resumed paying for the funerals.

"We do our very best and our due diligence to taxpayers, and we try to be supportive of families, with the hand that we're dealt with by the state," Keller said.

Some residents are trying to change the policy, saying it amounts to the coroner's office holding ashes hostage and creates a financial crisis for grieving relatives already struggling to pay for basic necessities.

"I felt like it was a kidnapping. He was being held against his will," said Tom McElroy, whose brother, Mark, died last year with nothing more than the \$200 in his wallet.

After Chris Weible died last

month, his family held a memorial service at a Quincy church with just a photograph and an empty container. Weible and his ex-wife, Wendy Smith, who had three children together, were both on disability.

How to pay for indigent burials is a question that has stymied other counties and states. More than a dozen states provide money to cover the costs, though several — from Indiana to West Virginia — say their funds haven't been enough to meet demands.

Illinois provides up to \$1,655 — \$1,103 for funerals and \$552 for cremation and burial. But the money was cut off in 2010 and again in 2015 as the state headed into a more than two-year budget impasse. In some cases, counties ended up picking up the costs.

Rod Cookson, co-owner of Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home in Quincy, said at one point the state owed his business about \$20,000. Cookson said he didn't know the Legislature restored the funding.

"They're bankrupt," he said

of the state.

He's not the only funeral home director who's either unaware that funding is available again or has given up on the state. Though lawmakers appropriated \$9.3 million this year — the same amount as the 2015 budget year — the number of claims has plummeted, from 5,652 in the 2015 budget year to 1,084 so far this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Cookson likes Keller's program and said it's not right that some are making him out to be next to the devil. While some places such as Chicago's Cook County pay for indigent burials, in other counties poor residents must call around to funeral homes until they find one that will help.

"These people that don't have any money are very, very lucky to live in Adams County," Cookson said.

Keller also works as a funeral director, but he insists his decision to create the policy was unrelated to his other job.

He says he had 90 inquiries about indigent burials last year. He says he asks families mul-

iple times if they're sure they want to sign over their loved one's body, and gives them time to change their minds. He says he doesn't give them the death certificate or ashes to protect against abuse, such as a case in which he later learned a family that didn't want to pay for burial had received life insurance.

Smith has a different version of events. She says she was unclear about what the form she was signing would do, and that she asked Keller if he could work with her to make payments toward the \$1,000 and he refused. She also says Keller told her that if she didn't pay, he'd bury the ashes in a cemetery and not reveal the location. He denies that, but several friends and family say they heard Keller make that statement or that he separately told them the same thing.

Smith eventually raised the \$1,000 through donations. McElroy's family did the same, but it took months.

"He could've died in prison and been better off," Tom McElroy said. "He deserved better."

MORE THAN JUST A HOBBY



David Proeber/The Pantagraph

In this April 16, 2018 photo, Fibers of Love member Nancy Marcus right, prays with the groups sewers before starting their projects in Bloomington. About 50 women in the Fibers of Love group come together every Monday from April through December in Bloomington to spend the day creating items for social service agencies in Central Illinois and around the world. The group have used their talent to touch thousands of lives over 25 years with gifts of dignity, warmth and comfort

Love in every stitch

Sewing group produces comfort, friendships

BY JULIA EVELSIZER
The Pantagraph

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Members of a Bloomington sewing group have used their talent to touch thousands of lives over 25 years with gifts of dignity, warmth and comfort.

About 50 women in the Fibers of Love group come together every Monday from April through December in Bloomington to spend the day creating items for social service agencies in Central Illinois and around the world.

"I find the atmosphere so peaceful. Everyone is laughing and having a good time. We produce more than just a product; it's about giving respect and love to others," said Trisha Horner, group facilitator.

She said quilts add a touch of home to the bed of a resident in a nursing home. Cathedral bag covers offer privacy to hospital patients. Weighted blankets calm the nerves of individuals diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder or Alzheimer's. Tiny crib sheets keep beds snug for children in hospitals or under foster care. Small burial gowns are stitched from old wedding dresses to comfort grieving parents of stillborn infants.

The nonprofit group, organized through Calvary United Methodist Church of Normal,



David Proeber/The Pantagraph

In this April 16, 2018 photo, Fibers of Love members Kay Brook, left, and Trisha Horner, right, organize the group's sewers during a meeting in Bloomington.

created 6,400 items for 48 agencies last year, said Horner.

Receiving agencies include Heartland Head Start, The Veterans Affairs hospital in Danville, the Humane Society of Central Illinois; and Twin City hospitals, day care centers and schools.

"We fill a need for agencies due to all their budgetary cuts. It's fun to be creative and inspired and feel that you are giving back to the community," said Horner.

Each week, Fibers of Love members examine a list of project requests, divvy up the steps based on skill, chip away at the job and then package and distribute the items.

The meetings usually start with hugs, smiles and catching up. Then members join hands to pray over the projects, the recipients and each other.

"We have gotten close as friends because we have something in common — the desire to sew and do some-

thing for others," said Jean Riley of Bloomington, a Fibers of Love member for six years.

Anyone can join the group during any meeting, said members, and it is not limited to women or talented seamstresses.

Much of the fabric, thread and sewing tools used by the group come from community donations. When there is need for serger thread or rotary cutters, often the items drop into the group's lap via donations.

"We receive things through God's blessing," said three-year member Bonnie Olson of Shirley.

Contributions of fabric, thread, needles and other sewing supplies are accepted any time in plastic grocery bags on the porch at 2603 Park Ridge Road in Bloomington. Monetary donations can be made out to Calvary United Methodist Church with "Fibers of Love" on the memo line.

SIUC gets new enrollment manager

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Southern Illinois University Carbondale's new enrollment manager hopes to stop the school's declining student population.

Jennifer DeHaemers will start May 14 as the university's vice associate chancellor for enrollment management, The Southern Illinoisan reported. The position has been vacant since 2014 and hasn't been full-time since 2011.

The university saw enrollment drop from more than 24,800 students in 1991 to about 14,500 last fall.

DeHaemers said the situation didn't deter her from the position.

"I didn't have any reservations, I'll just say that," she said. "I would say that it attracted me to it, because I think I can help."

DeHaemers was the associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from 2011 to 2017.

The university's enrollment grew from about 15,500 students to almost 16,400 during that time period.

DeHaemers said an attendance-tracking system helped her team at UMKC identify and reach out to students not attending class. She also created a system to help students understand the pathways to degree completion.

DeHaemers plans to begin her work at SIU by collecting data on where students come from, what their university experience is like and why some students are leaving.

DeHaemers said she also plans on focusing recruitment efforts near the university.

"If there's a student who feels this could be the right place and who we think could be a good fit here, we need to at least offer that opportunity for them to check us out," DeHaemers said.

Creating an enrollment management plan could take up to a year, DeHaemers said. The plan may include finding ways to eliminate unintended barriers that keep students from enrolling, she said.

Two states approve religious veto on LGBT adoptions

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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — State lawmakers in Oklahoma and Kansas have approved legislation to grant legal protections to faith-based adoption agencies that cite their religious beliefs for not placing children in LGBT homes.

Supporters of such measures argued the core issue is protecting a group's right to live out its religious faith, while critics saw them as attacks on LGBT rights. Both Oklahoma and Kansas have GOP-controlled legislatures and governors, but in Kansas, the proposal split Republicans.

The Oklahoma House's 56-21 vote Thursday sent its measure to Gov. Mary Fallin, who has not said whether she will sign it. It's similar to laws in at least five other states.

Kansas legislators acted hours later. The state House approved, 63-58, a bill that would prevent faith-based agencies from being barred from providing foster care or adoption

services for the state if they refuse to place children in homes violating their sincerely held religious beliefs. The Senate passed it, 24-15, early Friday morning.

Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer supported his state's legislation, with his administration arguing that it would encourage faith-based groups to place more abused and neglected children in state custody.

Backers of the Kansas bill acknowledged that faith-based agencies have been operating in Kansas for decades without issue. But they fear that lawsuits or turnover among state officials could result in an environment hostile to some religious groups' views.

LGBT-rights advocates argue that enacting such a law sanctions discrimination and supports it with taxpayer dollars.

In Kansas, both sides of the debate agree the state's foster care system is overloaded. The number of kids in need of homes has grown every year since 2008, from 5,711 to 7,540 as of March, according to the Department of Children and Families.