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## City starts new fiscal year

Citywide cleanup set for May 4-5; annual Letter Carriers Food Drive is May 12

BY NED JENISON  
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The City of Paris this week geared up for a new business year starting May 1.



SMITH

To prepare, the city council, at the Monday, April 23 session, adopted next year's budget, set the meeting schedule for the next 12 months, adjusted salaries for non-union employees and made appointments to the various advisory boards.

Finance commissioner Harry Hughes presented the fiscal 2019 budget at a public hearing prior to the regular meeting, and emphasized it was only a guide to actual expenses during the year.

The new budget includes total expenses of \$14,487,344, against anticipated revenues of \$12,369,931, which shows, on paper, a sizeable

deficit. However both Hughes and Mayor Craig Smith praised the city administration and department superintendents for holding expenses within available funds.

For example, in the city's 2017 fiscal year, income of \$13,853,991 covered total expenses of \$11,991,283, leaving a surplus of \$1.9 million. The 2018 fiscal year, ending April 30, anticipates a surplus of \$1.5 million.

"We will never spend more than we bring in," the mayor stated.

He noted the city makes certain its police and fire pension systems are fully funded, in contrast to problems with the state's pension system. Pension funds account for nearly \$1.3 million in the current budget.

The water-sewer department is the city's largest single item, budgeted at \$4.6 million this coming year. Police protection is set at another \$1.8 million, and fire protection \$1.1 million.

Including fire and police, the city employs a total of 67 men and women, making it one of the larger work

forces in the community. City non-union employees were granted a 2 percent wage increase starting May 1, with some adjustments in their share of health insurance premiums.

In addition to the budget, the council adopted the same meeting schedule as currently used. The council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with an agenda-setting meeting at 4 p.m. on the previous Wednesday, both open to the public. Should a regular meeting fall on a public holiday, it is moved to Tuesday.

Members of various advisory boards, whose terms expire April 30, were reappointed, with four new additions. Jamie Littleton filled a vacancy on the Paris Plan Commission; Richard Gross was added to the Library Board; Linda Lane as Chamber executive was placed on the TIF advisory committee; and Steve Benefiel was added to the Paris Center of Fine Arts management board.

The council revised the city's ped-

dlers and solicitors ordinance, raising the permit fee to \$100 per person, limiting solicitation hours from 9 a.m. to dusk; and providing for an opt out posted notice for individual homes.

Two residential lots acquired by the city will be advertised for sale, located at 1709 TenBroeck and 410 East Adams.

The council also approved several additional actions, including:

■ Authorizing the Memorial Day service May 28 at the Veterans Memorial on Main Street.

■ Approving the annual Shrine weekend activities including the Shrine Parade on June 9.

■ Approving the annual grant of \$2,500 to the Rec Summer Camp program for youth of the community.

■ Authorizing the closing of the south side of the square on June 2 for the second annual Chamber of Commerce Block Party.

■ Authorizing taking quotes for See CITY, Page 8A

### In the know



#### TIGERS TAKE 7TH STRAIGHT

The Paris Tiger baseball team took three victories this week, picking up their seventh straight win taking over the LIC lead.

SPORTS, 9A

#### Spring-cleaning is a tradition

Spring-cleaning is a mid-western tradition. Check out tips and products to make the chore easier.

C'EST LA VIE, 1B

#### Prayer breakfast set Thursday

The annual National Day of Prayer breakfast, sponsored by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship is Thursday at Tuscany.

GRACE, 5B



#### Planting begins in Edgar County

Farmers in most of the county took advantage of warmer temperatures and drying conditions to begin the planting of corn and beans.

AGRIBUSINESS, 7B

#### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Sunny and much cooler. 2A



Drawing by Colton, Crestwood School.

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## Earth Day raises awareness

Shiloh fifth grade visits Walnut Park to celebrate Mother Earth, animals

BY GARY HENRY  
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OAKLAND — The science of nature and protecting natural environments was the focus for the Earth Day Program, Tuesday, April 24, at Walnut State Park.

Staff from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Natural History Survey set up learning stations on one of the hiking trails as part of the program. Fifth grade students from Shiloh Elementary School participated and went on a bird walk, a wildflower walk and also learned about owls, bats and fish from biologists.

Tara Beveroth of the Illinois Natural History Survey led the session about owls and discussed the importance of owls in the ecosystem for keeping the rodent population in check.

For example, a pair of barn owls will consume more than 1,000 mice during the breeding season. Barn owls also have another significant achievement because they are about to come off the Illinois endangered species list.

"They are a success story," said Beveroth.

She told students the great horned owl is one of the top predators in the state and studying the health of the big owls is a way of gauging the overall state of the environment.

"If they start dying off that tells us something is wrong with the environment," Beveroth said. "It may be that something they are eating is sick."

The naturalist said while the owls are fascinating and useful birds to study, there is a danger.

"Owls are territorial," she said. "Leave their nests alone. If you get too close to the nest, great horned owls will attack people. They go for the eyes."

Owls seem to be doing quite well hence the consideration of removing the barn owls from the endangered species list. Bats are a different story.

Jocelyn Karsk of the Illinois Natural History Survey said the fun-



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**Bats may not be anyone's idea of cute and cuddly, but Jocelyn Karsk discusses the importance of bats in keeping the insect population in check. Bats consume at least their own body weight of insects, including mosquitos, every night. She told Shiloh fifth grade students a fungal disease has decimated bat populations in the Eastern United States and confirmed cases of it are showing up among Illinois bats.**



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**Tara Beveroth holds a bag of owl bones up for Shiloh fifth grade students to see as she discusses the important role owls have in the ecosystem during an April 24 Earth Day program at Walnut Point State Park. The bag was passed around for students to feel how light bird bones are. Beveroth explained hollow bones make an important contribution to flight.**

gal-based white nose syndrome is decimating bat populations. An estimated 6 billion bats have died of the disease since 2006.

"Between 90 to 95 percent of the bat population in the Northeastern United States has died," said Karsk.

The disease is moving west and cases of infected bats have been found in Illinois.

White nose syndrome attacks the skin and the itching sensation causes an infected bat to wake early from hibernation. Karsk explained awak-

ening too early robs the bat of precious stored energy needed to carry it through the winter months.

"It may leave to hunt before the insects are out," Karsk said.

Eating is what bats do especially well.

"They can eat their body weight in one night," said Karsk.

Moths are a favorite because the size of a moth packs the most protein of insect prey. Other options are beetles and mosquitos and some

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## Chrisman Spring Fling set

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CHRISMAN — It is time to start thinking about lawn, garden and warm-weather outdoor living, and a great place for getting ideas is the annual Chrisman Spring Fling May 4 and 5.

The event features spring plants, special treats, garage sales and vendors in the park offering a variety of outdoor themed material.

A special event this year is an author book signing at the 1 p.m. May 5 at the Chrisman Public Library. Kristie Krabel Booker, inspirational author and private wellness coach, will sign copies of her new book "Blooming Into Life" about a woman's struggle with self-acceptance and self-discovery.

The library is also hosting a See SPRING, Page 8A

## Summer food program seeks helpers

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The summer food program for children is returning this year, but it is no longer an all day event.

"It will be a mobile program for the lunch period only," said Amanda Minor. "We will be at the park in Paris and Vermilion between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for half-hour increments."

She added the anticipated start date is June 4 after school is out for the summer and concludes July 27. The summer food program recognizes many children only get food on a regular basis during the school year when schools have breakfast and lunch for them. Such children are often hungry during the summer

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## LOCAL FORECAST

NORMAL: High: 68 Low: 47 More weather: go to [www.prairiepress.net](http://www.prairiepress.net) and click on weather.

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
57 32 Prec: 0%	62 39 Prec: 0%	72 51 Prec: 0%	79 60 Prec: 0%	80 62 Prec: 40%	76 56 Prec: 60%	68 47 Prec: 30%

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

### TODAY

Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler with highs only topping out in the upper 50s.

**SUNDAY** - Areas of frost in the morning with sunny skies and highs in the lower 60s.

**SATURDAY** - Patchy morning frost with highs climbing into the lower 70s under sunny skies.

### ALMANAC

Paris through noon Tuesday.

**Temperature**

High/Low ..... 68°/47°  
 Record High ..... 89° in 1896  
 Record Low ..... 28° in 1928

**Precipitation**

Month to date ..... 5.73"  
 Normal month to date ..... 3.81"  
 Year to date ..... 16.77"  
 Normal year to date ..... 11.44"

### SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	5:55 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	5:31 a.m.
SUNDAY	5:54 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	6:02 a.m.
MONDAY	5:53 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	6:35 a.m.
TUESDAY	5:52 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:28 p.m.	7:10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:50 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	10:26 p.m.	7:48 a.m.
THURSDAY	5:49 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	11:19 p.m.	8:29 a.m.
FRIDAY	5:48 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	12:09 p.m.	9:14 a.m.

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## PLAN YOUR WEEK

### TODAY

**YARD & BAKE SALE**  
 The St. Mary's Helping Hands Committee yard and bake sale is 8 a.m.-noon in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Fifth and Maple Streets, Marshall.

**CHAMBER CRAWL**  
 The annual Paris Chamber of Commerce Chamber Crawl is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout Paris. Several vendors will be set up at the Paris Chamber of Commerce offices on the west side of the square and several local businesses will be offering specials as well as food and fun.

### DON'T MISS

**FOUR SEASONS GARDENING WEBINAR**  
 The Four Seasons Gardening program from University of Illinois Extension continues with a free webinar titled, "Living with Japanese Beetles," 1:30 p.m. May 1 at the Edgar County Extension Office.  
 Extension Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson discusses Japanese beetles and ways to manage them in the home landscape. Japanese beetles are one of the most destructive ornamental pests found in Illinois, and, unfortunately, they are here to stay. This webinar may also be viewed from home by pre-registering at [go.illinois.edu/4seasons\\_webinars](http://go.illinois.edu/4seasons_webinars).  
 The next program in the spring series, "Preserving Flowers," is 1:30 p.m. May 15.

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

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.

### SUNDAY

**CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER**  
 The Paris Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star's annual chicken and noodle dinner is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 301 S. Central. Visitors should enter the front door and will be directed to the basement dining room. The menu is chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, drink and dessert for \$7. Children under five eat free. More information is available by calling 217-269-2470.

p.m. at the Edgar County Historical Society Annex on North Main Street. Audience participation is encouraged. If you have questions about Paris' past, this is the time to ask them. You may also learn unfamiliar facts about the city and will also learn facts about our city that you may not have known. If time permits you may also see photos and hear stories about buildings in the city that were taken by I. R. Martin in the 1860s and 70s. Mark this date and time on your calendar.

weather permitting, and exclusive of holidays, at the Human Resources Center, 118 E. Court Street, Paris.

### MUSIC AND DESSERT

The May Day Choir Café Concert is 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church Family Life Center, Marshall. The Marshall junior and senior high school choirs are featured, with several solos. In addition, a variety of dessert choices are available for refreshments. Tickets are \$5 per person, kindergarten through adult, and proceeds help fund choir camp scholarships.

**PARIS AS IT ONCE WAS**  
 If you have enjoyed seeing Don Wiseman's postcards of early Paris and look forward to reading The Prairie Press articles by Ned Jenison, Roger Stanley and Daniel Briseno plan on attending a discussion of what Paris was like many years ago. The program is 2

### MONDAY

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN**  
 The community kitchen serves from 4:30-6 p.m. every Monday,

### TUESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

**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 pot roast, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, carrots or peas and white or wheat roll. 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.

**LINCOLN PROGRAM**  
 The Marshall Public Library is hosting local author Mike Lunsford for a discussion about Abraham Lincoln in the American Mind 6:30 p.m. A 2006 graduate of the Abraham Lincoln Teacher's Fellowship, Lunsford will explore misconceptions about Lincoln and read from two of his published pieces. The program is free but advance registration at 217-826-2535 or [www.marshallil-library.com](http://www.marshallil-library.com) is appreciated.

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### FRIDAY

**ANNUAL PHS MAY FETE**  
 The annual Paris High School May Fete in honor of the senior girls of the class of 2018 is at 8 p.m. in the Paris High School gym. The production is directed by Jessica Blair. Tickets for May Fete are \$7 and are available in the lobby of the Prospect Bank on the north side of the square.

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

**BLACKHAWK NATURE WALK**  
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# Court won't hear Hefner motions

Judge defers action on whether Hefner can represent himself

BY GARY HENRY  
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Defendant Justin Hefner cannot act on his own – at least not yet.

Hefner, 40, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody for the April 23 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. The appearance was a scheduled pre-trial conference for his Class 2 felony false personation of a peace officer while attempting to commit a felony, Class 4 felony false personation of a peace officer and a Class A misdemeanor false personation of a federal employee charges.



HEFNER

Judge David W. Lewis noted Hefner has filed several motions on his own, without the assistance of public defender William McGrath. Among the motions, Hefner is seeking domestic terrorism charges against deputies Matt Smith and Dee Burgin, two unnamed Paris police officers and Edgar County State's Attorney Mark Isaf.

According to the motions, his arrest and the subsequent filing of charges interferes with his work as a contractor doing national security investigations for the U.S. Department of Defense and protects a local resident from investi-

gation. Lewis rejected the motions stating the court cannot accept motions from people who have legal representation.

McGrath reminded Lewis one of Hefner's motions is a request to dismiss the public defender and permit the defendant to represent himself.

The judge deferred action in that matter. He said the court previously ordered a fitness exam to determine if Hefner is lucid enough to understand the nature of the charges against him and is competent to not only stand trial and but also assist in his defense.

Lewis said the court will not make a decision regarding Hefner acting as his own attorney until after the psy-

chological assessment is complete and a report is submitted for review. Hefner was remanded to custody.

This case arose Feb. 17 when Hefner appeared at the Edgar County Jail wearing body armor and a pistol in a holster across his chest. He identified himself as a federal agent and requested assistance in making local arrests.

Smith and Burgin convinced Hefner to disarm and enter the jail to discuss the arrests. Once ensconced within the jail's security, he was arrested.

The pistol Hefner was carrying turned out to be a BB pistol, but officers found an AR-15, a fully-loaded, 100-round drum magazine and several other loaded magazines in Hefner's vehicle.

# Crash practices warns Shiloh students

BY GARY HENRY  
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HUME – One bloodied body was laying on the ground, and the driver of the wrecked car was stumbling about in a daze. Two more unconscious victims were trapped in the wreckage.

That was the scene for Shiloh High School students Wednesday, April 25, at a crash re-enactment staged on the football field by the Brocton Fire Protection District.

Fire chief Kraig Key explained the scenario was one in which high school students were driving after drinking at party, but he added the results can be the same from distracted driving while trying to text or read a message. The fake accident resulted in a multiple rollovers with the vehicle coming to a stop on its wheels. A passenger, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the car.

"A 3,000-pound car running 60 to 70 miles per hour has no mercy," said Key. "You get ejected, you are done. The car may rollover you, or you may break your neck."

He told students there is no excuse for not wearing seatbelts. His wife and child were saved by seatbelts when they were involved in a multiple rollover accident.

Key also warned students against thinking they will be OK in an accident because the fire department and ambulance will get to them in a few minutes. He said the roadways in the Shiloh School District and adjacent areas are rural, isolated and all of the fire departments are volunteer services. It takes time for the volunteers to get to the station and get the equipment rolling.

"It may be 30 minutes before we can get to you," said Key. "That's a long time for somebody who is injured and cannot get out of a wrecked vehicle."

Nor is it an instantaneous



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Brocton firefighters use special tools to force open the door of wrecked car to reach the victims of a simulated crash. The re-enactment Wednesday, April 25, was designed to make students more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving or driving distracted. The students were warned the initial injuries sustained in the crash are complicated by the time it takes first responders to get to the scene and then cut apart the wreckage to free them.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Brocton Fire Chief Kraig Key checks a victim ejected during a car crash drill at Shiloh High School to show students the aftermath of drinking and driving.

process for the jaws of life, cutters and other tools to dismantle a wreck sufficiently to remove a trapped victim.

Key said an accident a few years ago on state Route 49 resulted in two fatalities. The passenger in the vehicle was dead when firefighters arrived, and the driver died during the 45 minutes it took firefighters to cut away the wreckage around him.

"Anytime we get toned to an accident, it takes a big

toll on us," said Key, explaining in a small community those responding are likely to know the victims or their families.

Key said telling high school students not to drink or have parties is probably futile but he asked them to be aware of the possible results and take responsibility by not drinking or letting someone drive who has consumed.

"The drinking, the party isn't worth the pain and suf-

fering your family will have for the rest of their lives," said Key. "Don't be afraid to call your parents if you've been drinking. They will be mad, but they will get over it a lot quicker than if they have to bury you."



## EYES

On Glaucoma

By Aaron Rhoads, O.D.

Glaucoma, another eye problem that is common, but also not well understood by the general population. Historically Glaucoma was thought to be a disease of high pressure inside the eye. We know now that pressure isn't the defining factor. High pressure, while being a risk factor, doesn't necessarily mean you have Glaucoma, and many people with Glaucoma never have a high pressure. Glaucoma is a disease that affects the Optic Nerve, sort of like a cable cord that connects your eye to your brain. Damage from Glaucoma can cause loss of peripheral vision and may eventually lead to blindness. This generally happens very slowly and there are no symptoms in early stages. Without regular examinations many people do not realize there is a problem until much later. There is no cure for Glaucoma, but if found early we can often stop it in it's tracks, treatment may include eye drops or non-invasive surgical intervention. There is a strong relationship between Glaucoma and your family history, so if it is present in your family make sure to mention it at your next visit to your eye care provider.



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# Paris woman faces sexual abuse of minor child

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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A Paris woman is incarcerated at the Edgar County Jail facing a serious felony charge alleging she permitted the sexual abuse of a minor child under the age of 17.

Kandee L. Kelly, 39, Paris, appeared in custody of the sheriff's department for the April 23 felony and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. She was charged with a Class 1 felony for permitting the sexual abuse of a child and a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. She was remanded to custody pending posting of \$25,000 bond.

A Class 1 felony in Illinois is punishable by four to 15 years in prison. An extended term Class 1 felony is punishable by 15 to 30 years.

Other individuals appearing before the bench for the April 19 and April 23 calls included:

### IN CUSTODY

■ Ronald G. Amerman Jr., 37, Marshall, appeared in custody for a bond hearing related to his Class 2 felony delivery of methamphetamine, a Class 2 felony possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charges. Bond was set at \$30,000 and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

Subsequently, Amerman posted bond and failed to appear as ordered April 23. A warrant for his arrest was issued and bond was set at \$20,000.

■ Raymond Flannelly, 33, Vincennes, Ind., appeared

### COURT

in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class 4 felony violating an order of protection. A first appearance with counsel was scheduled and Flannelly was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Jacob B. Ford, 25, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions. He has hired an attorney and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. His bond conditions include a no-contact order with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. Bond was set at \$15,000, and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Nathan T. Hayes, 32, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was assigned and bond was set at \$1,000. A first appearance with counsel was scheduled and Hayes was remanded to custody pending posting of bond. He appeared again in custody April 24 and was released on a personal recognition bond.

■ John L. Rainey, 26, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was assigned and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Rainey was remanded to custody pending posting of \$1,000 bond.

■ Kelly M. Richardson, 30, no address provided, appeared in custody. Her motion for bond reduction from the original \$15,000 was granted and a new bond of \$3,000 was set. Her unre-

solved charges of a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine precursors and three counts of unlawful use of property for methamphetamine manufacturing charges were continued for pretrial conferences. Richardson was remanded to custody pending posting of the reduced bond.

■ Clyde E. Smith, 51, Paris, was present in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$3,000. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Smith was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

### CHARGES

■ Levi J. Kelly, 24, Paris, was presented with and denied a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ James M. McCollum, 61, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Scott A. Rhoads Jr., 30, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license revoked. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

### GUILTY PLEAS

■ Audra L. Kelley, 30, Blanford, Ind., entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail with

credit for 16 days previously served and the remaining 74 days are subject to a motion to vacate, two years of probation, court costs and various state fees, and she was ordered to complete counseling imposed as part of an Indiana conviction.

In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 4 felony illegal possession of a license plate, a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

In a separate case, Kelley pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, two years conditional discharge to run concurrently with her felony conviction, 240 hours of community service work, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor fleeing a police officer charge.

■ Dara N. Rhoads, 38, Paris, entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class A misdemeanor battery charge and was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for two days previously served with good conduct credit to apply and the remaining six days are subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge.

■ Tiffany J. Wey, 40, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charge and was sentenced to two years of court supervision, a \$750 fine, a \$750 DUI equipment fee,

court costs and various state fees. She was also ordered to undergo counseling per an evaluation. In exchange for the plea, a second charge was dismissed by the state.

### NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■ Ginger K. Callaway, 44, Paris, waived preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Dustin P. Goddard, 38, Kansas, denied a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Charles E. Hazelbaker, 24, Fithian, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

### OTHER MATTERS

■ Evelyn K. White, 23, Paris, learned the state quashed a warrant for her arrest for missing a previous court appearance. The state also withdrew a petition to revoke her court supervision for a Class A misdemeanor battery conviction. The matter was continued for completion of her court supervision sentence.

### WARRANTS

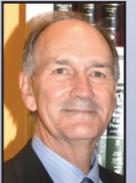
■ Warrants were prepared and issued when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Johnathon R. Board, 29, Paris; Michael A.L. Norris, 26, West Terre Haute, Ind.; Steven M. Moore, 25, Flora; Dana R. Sarver, 25, Paris; and Kurtis A. Wilson, 29, Terre Haute, Ind.

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**WILLIAM ROLL**  
William A. Roll, 96, of Paris, and formerly of rural Brocton, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018, at his residence. He was a lifelong grain and cattle farmer.

**ROLL**  
A memorial service celebrating his life is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church in Paris. Private interment in Embarrass Cemetery, near Redmon, is at a later date. Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Templeton Funeral Home.

Mr. Roll was born Oct. 4, 1921, at Brocton, the son of the late William A. Roll Sr. and the late Ethel Lea Roll. He married Jacquelyn A. Clapp March 27, 1944, at Brocton.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ethel Z. Roll; a daughter, Cheryl Roll; a daughter-in-law, Lee Roll; and three sisters, Hannah McHenry, Mary Jane Cole and Marjorie Spoor.

Mr. Roll earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1943 from the University of Illinois, where he had participated in Army ROTC and was a member of the Farm-

house Fraternity. Upon graduation, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army in the World War II European Theater.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Paris and a former member of Brocton United Methodist Church for many years. He was also a member of American Legion Post #211, the Edgar County Farm Bureau, a former member of the Town & Country Square Dance Club and a 50-year member of the American Polled Hereford Association. He was especially proud of his long marriage, and he was deeply devoted to his family and his farm.

Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Paris or to Carle Hospice.

Online Condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

**CATHY WILLIS**  
DANA, Ind. - Polly Catherine "Cathy" Willis, 67, of Hillsdale, Ind., passed away at 3:25 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Harrison's Crossing Health C a m p u s , Terre Haute, Ind., in the loving arms of her husband, and surrounded by her family.

A celebration of life service is 4 p.m. today, April 28, at Overpeck-Gooch Funeral Home, 287 Main Street,

Dana, Ind. Visitation is from 2 p.m. until the service time today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Willis was born Dec. 18, 1950, at Paris, the daughter of the late Conrad Lee Foley and Polly Etta Kersey Foley. She married the love of her life Larry Willis June 22, 1969, and he survives. They had 48 amazing years together in marriage.

She is also survived by one son, Christopher (Tina) Willis of Hillsdale, Ind.; one daughter, Brandie (Mark Smith) Rickett of Mount Prospect; one sister, Cheryl Foley of Monticello; three

granddaughters, whom lovingly called her "Gaga," Lauren Rickett, Meghan Rickett and Hannah Dalton Creasey.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Kersey Foley.

Mrs. Willis was a 1969 graduate of Paris High School.

As a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother, she passionately put the needs of others before her own - there was no end to the kindness in her heart. She was beloved by all who met her.

Online condolences at www.goochfuneralhome.com.

**KARL TRAVIS**  
Karl David Travis, 82, of Charleston, and formerly of Paris, passed away at 5:08 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at Palm Terrace, Mattoon.

A service celebrating his life is 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, at Templeton Funeral Home.

Burial follows in Franklin Cemetery, rural Chrisman, with military rites by American Legion Post #211 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601. Visitation is from 9:30 a.m.

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Memorial donations may be made to the Honor Flight Network.

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**HALEY WILLIAMS**  
KANSAS - Haley Marie Williams, 20, of Paris, and formerly of Mattoon, passed away at 7:54 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018, at her residence.

A service celebrating her life is 1:30 p.m. today, April

28, at Templeton Funeral Home in Kansas. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was from noon until the service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Additional information online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

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**AMY FREEZE**

Amy Jo Freeze, 62, of Paris, passed away at 3:22 a.m. Sunday, April 22, 2018, in the emergency room of Paris Community Hospital. She was a language arts teacher at Mayo Middle School and previously taught at the Ben Franklin and Ouabache elementary schools in Terre Haute, Ind., and Crestwood Junior High in Paris.

A memorial service celebrating her life was 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Mayo Middle School gymnasium. Visitation was from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Templeton Funeral Home, with the family present for visitation after 5 p.m.

Mrs. Freeze was born July 4, 1955, at Terre Haute, the daughter of the late Wayne and Margery Enders Roberts. She married Bob Freeze Feb. 14, 1982, at Terre Haute, and he survives. Other survivors include three children, Sarah Freeze (Grant Gilman) of Terre Haute, Zak (Carmen Edith) Freeze of Chicago and Jessica (Jeremy) Medved of White Bear Lake, Minn.; three brothers, Timothy Roberts of Terre Haute, Larry Mohr of Lafayette, Ind., and Mike Evans of Clearwater, Fla.; three sisters, Teresa McDonald of Clear-

**CLAYTON GARWOOD**

Clayton Paul Garwood, 44, of Newman, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2018, in southern Champaign County, following an automobile accident. He owned and operated his own trucking business and farmed with Luth Farms of Newman. He previously worked in the fertilizer industry for many years.

A service celebrating his life was 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, at Templeton Funeral Home. Private interment is at a later date. Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the funeral home.

Mr. Garwood was born Jan. 22, 1974, at Danville, Illinois, the son of Mike and Elaine Garwood, and grandson to the late Ben and Lorette Garwood and also to the late Glenn and Dormilou Bishop. He married Stacey Luth Sept. 18, 2004, at Broadlands, and she survives.

Other survivors include his parents, Mike and Elaine Garwood of Chrisman; three daughters, Ahlyssa and Gwen

water, Debbie Barr of Thomasville, Ga., and Susan Stanton of Thomasville, Ga.; five grandchildren, Ela and Ronin Freeze and Oz, Mac and Gus Medved; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Angela Marie Freeze. Mrs. Freeze earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees Summa Cum Laude from Indiana State University. She had a deep passion for education coupled with a determination to love every student as an individual. Both in the classroom and in her personal life, Mrs. Freeze made it her purpose to find the good in everyone and to help them find it in themselves.

She had the ability to converse with anyone. She was keenly perceptive and quick with a compliment, and thus made herself a constant source of cheer and encouragement to those around her, especially to those who were hurting. Mrs. Freeze enjoyed reading, traveling, scuba diving, music and dancing.

Mrs. Freeze will be remembered for her deep faith, her kindness to cats and for being a champion of what was morally right. Memorial donations may be made to the Human Resources Center of Edgar County and Clark Counties. Online condolences at [www.TempletonFuneralHome.com](http://www.TempletonFuneralHome.com).

Garwood at home, and Chelsea Garwood of Chrisman; a grandson, Rhett Cook of Chrisman; two nephews, Blake Barna and Kane Luth; two nieces, Brianna Barna and Tinley Luth; parents-in-law, Kent and Vicki Luth of Newman; a close brother-in-law, Wes (Mindy) Luth; special cousins, Eric and Jeff Lewsader; as well as a host of friends.

Mr. Garwood graduated from Chrisman High School in 1992 and later from the Northwest Iowa Lineman School. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Scotland Lodge #148 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons and Royal Riders. He loved motorcycles, vacationing with his family, socializing with friends and farming.

Mrs. Garwood was always the entertainment wherever he was. He will be remembered for always bringing much laughter with his quick wit and humor and for making his little girls giggle. Memorial donations may be made to the Clayton Garwood children fund at First Neighbor Bank in Newman.

Online condolences at [www.TempletonFuneralHome.com](http://www.TempletonFuneralHome.com).

**MARY JANE KEMPER**

Mary Jane Kemper, 94, of Paris, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Paris Healthcare Center. She was a devoted homemaker and also worked at TRW of Marshall for a number of years.

A graveside memorial service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Grandview Cemetery. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kemper was born Jan. 22, 1924, at Scotland, the daughter of the late Charles and Lucy Meeks Rigdon. She married the love of her life Cecil R. Kemper Nov. 30, 1942, at Paris, and he preceded her in death July 30, 2014.

Survivors include three children, Steve (Cathy) Kemper and Vicki (Ralph) Creech both of Paris and Alice (Dee) Myers of Tolono; seven grandchildren, Dan Gates, Tom (Kellie) Gates, Robert (Mika) Gates, Matt Myers, Jennifer (Tige) Butts, Christina (Travis) Sohaski and Steven (Sandi) Kemper; 15

great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Brandon, Karlie, Aaron and Jenna Gates, Conner Hale, Cassie, Stevie and Emma Grace Kemper, Merideth and Madlyn Wilson, Maranda and Isabella Sohaski and Brooke and Jack Butts; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Larry Kemper; four brothers; and four sisters.

Mrs. Kemper was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601 Auxiliary. She and her husband loved to travel and had visited all 48 states of the continental U.S. by car. She was a talented cook who leaves many fond memories of family dinners with her famous fried chicken. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend who always offered a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She was happy and smiling to the end. Her smiling face will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial donations may be made to V.F.W. Post #3601 Auxiliary.

Online condolences at [www.TempletonFuneralHome.com](http://www.TempletonFuneralHome.com).

**OLIVE JETT**

Olive W. Drake Jett, 95, of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away at 9:22 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living, Chrisman. She was retired after more than 20 years as a bus driver for the MSD Wayne Township school district and also worked throughout her life as a pianist in the Indianapolis area.

At her request, no public services are planned. Private interment at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Clinton, Ind., is at a later date. Templeton Funeral Home of Paris is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jett was born Aug. 26, 1922, at Clinton, Ind., the daughter of the late Daniel P. and Doris Martin Drake. She married Charles Jett in December 1992 at Terre Haute, Ind., and he preceded her in death in 1996.

Survivors include three children, Marsha Ann Thorn-

hill of Decatur, Michael David (Diane) Harrison of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Doris Mae (David) Frisse of Paris; two grandchildren, Terri (Galen) Arnold of Decatur and Kristopher (Claire) Stuckey of Indianapolis; and a great-grandson, Adrian Stuckey. She was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Kelsey; and a son-in-law, John Thornhill.

Mrs. Jett was a member of the Auxiliary Chapters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The family wishes to acknowledge the award-winning staff at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living for their outstanding care, friendship and hospitality over the last four years.

Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society Decatur Macon, 3373 N. Woodford St., Decatur, IL 62526.

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**SHELDON KELTZ SR.**

Sheldon Ray Keltz Sr., 89, of Paris, passed away at 12:40 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind. He was employed at Mecco, Inc. of Paris.

A memorial graveside service for family and friends in Memorial Gardens will be announced at a later date. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

children, Andrea, Faren and Stanley Bennett, Erica (Milburn) Williams and Karree and Justyn Milburn; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martin was a member of Kansas United Methodist Church and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She was a long-time donor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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til the service time Sunday at the funeral home. A Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #3601 memorial service is prior to the visitation at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Martin was born Nov. 30, 1941, at Paris, the daughter of the late Merle and Elizabeth Jane Queen Bailey. She married Leo Martin Feb. 14, 1982, in Kansas. He preceded her in death Nov. 18, 2004.

Survivors include two daughters, Theresa Finney of Casey and Connie Tucker of Robinson; a brother, Jim Bailey of Kansas; six grand-

**HARRY COOK**

MARSHALL - Harry Francis Cook, 89, of Terre Haute, Ind., and formerly of St. Bernice, Ind., and Marshall, passed away at 3:24 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2018.

A funeral service was 10 a.m. Thursday,

**BILLY CLAWSON**

Billy Frank Clawson, 61, of Paris, passed away at 6:15 p.m. EDT Friday, April 20, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind.

A celebration of life service was 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Livingston Cemetery, Clark County. Visitation was from 9 a.m.

**DONALD KENDALL**

MARSHALL - Donald Ray Kendall, 80, of West Union, passed away Monday, April 23, 2018, at his home.

A service honoring his life was 10 a.m. Friday, April 27, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Pastor Greg Gillaspay officiating. Burial, accompanied by military graveside rites, was in Ohio Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at



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**MERLA MARTIN**

KANSAS - Merla Lou Martin, 76, of Kansas, passed away at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at the home of her daughter in Casey. She was a devoted homemaker.

A service celebrating her life is 3 p.m. Sunday, April

29, at Templeton Funeral Home in Kansas. Private interment in Fairview Cemetery is at a later date. Visitation is from 2 p.m. un-



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April 26, at Pearce Funeral Home. Burial, accompanied by military graveside rites, was in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the funeral home.

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# Trump haters are desperate

The Trump Haters in Washington are desperate. They can't find a way to bring down the president, so they're carpet bombing everyone around him.

Their latest victim is Ronny Jackson — the White House doctor the president chose to become the new secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Jackson — a Navy rear admiral — has decided not to pursue the job.

Some people thought he didn't have the experience to run the VA, which last I saw took care of nine million vets with almost 400,000 bureaucrats. But his administrative skills weren't what sunk him. It was the slimy attack on his moral character by Trump-hating Democrats and their pals in the liberal media.

Until about half an hour ago everyone loved the good doctor. He was a great guy, a good man. He had worked for both President Obama and President George W. Bush.

Then came the unsubstantiated and anonymous attacks. Suddenly, Dr. Jackson was Public Enemy Number One.

He was basically accused in the media of being a drug dealer, an alcoholic and, worst of all these days, being a boss who created a toxic workplace environment.

Rather than be trashed in public, he withdrew his name.

The attack on Dr. Jackson's morals reminds me of the cheap remark made about President Trump by James Comey, the former FBI director, admitted leaker and professional truth-stretcher.

Comey has famously said he doesn't think Donald Trump has the moral qualifications to be president.

During his triumphant book tour I've been waiting for one of Comey's friendly interviewers to ask if he thought Hillary was morally qualified to be president in 2016.

Or if he thought lying about Benghazi, erasing emails, destroying hard drives, attacking

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## YOUR VIEW

# It's time for some real truth telling

Editor, The Prairie Press

I would like to share some truths with the readers of the Prairie Press. Truth, as Ms. Griffith so kindly told us in the April 14 edition of the Prairie Press, is not subjective. Facts, however, she contends, are.

Truth #1. The definition of fact is: "A thing that is indisputably the case." Synonyms include, "reality, actuality, certainty, truth." Thus a "fact," like "truth" is not subjective but absolute.

Truth #2. While our country is steeped in unprecedented rhetorical violence (unbelievably hateful and often vulgar comments about the president, the vice-president, and their families and obscene personal attacks from some on both the right and the left on social media) according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, actual physical violence has steadily declined in the U.S. since the early 1990s and thus is not "unprecedented."

Truth #3. While "cabal" is a very erudite sounding word it actually means, again by dictionary definition, "A small group of secret plotters, as against a government or person in authority." The population of the U.S. in 2017 was 325.7 million people, of whom, according to NBC news, one out of every three owns a gun. Other groups put the number of gun owners a little larger at about 150 million. Whichever number you choose, this is not a "small group." Nor given the public advertising of the NRA and the public protests of pro-Second Amendment supporters, neither are they "secret plotters." Furthermore, legal gun owners in the U.S. include Democrats as well as Independents and Republicans; Christians and non-Christians; men and women; and people of all races. And with the rare exception,

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# Time to think safety

Warmer weather means more motorcycles on the road; Let's be careful

The warmer temperatures this past week has brought out our friends and neighbors who enjoy riding their motorcycles. It's a good time to be reminded of safety both for the motorcycle riders and those who are driving other vehicles.

May is motorcycle safety month, and there are sure to be an abundance of articles and safety briefs over the next few weeks that speak directly to motorcycle riders. But what about all the rest of us who don't ride motorcycles? How can we contribute to motorcycle safety?

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were nearly 5,000 motorcycle accidents in 2017 in the U.S. Some were single vehicle accidents — usually due to speed or alcohol — the rest were multiple vehicle involving cars, trucks or buses.

In fact, the leading cause of motorcycle accidents is a failure of other motorists to see motorcycles in heavy traffic or in hours of darkness.

## OUR VIEW

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

As more and more people choose to ride motorcycles, whether recreationally or as a fuel cost saver, sharing the roads continues to be an important part of motorcycle safety. Here are a few tips to ensure that drivers and riders get where they are going safely.

Be aware. If you are a motorist, check your blind spots and use your mirrors. If you are a rider, be aware of the cars around you. Understand they cannot always see you — especially if you are traveling fast. A lot of newer cars come with warning lights on the mirrors and even video imagery to assist with awareness but none of it is a substitute for your own eyes.

Show your intent. You should always use a turn signal to show your intent and warn those around

you. This does not mean signaling as you're changing lanes, but allowing the driver or rider enough time to react to your desire to change lanes or turn. Be aware that motorcycles don't always have self-canceling turn signals — so be sure to treat a motorcycle turn signal with caution.

Give them space. Although motorcycles are fast and nimble, they are susceptible to conditions that do not always impact drivers such as wind and wet roads.

Maintain added distance between you and the motorcycle in front of you, so that you can react with enough time.

If you are a rider, keep in mind that other vehicles cannot react as fast or nimbly as you can. When you are speeding and weaving in and out of traffic it becomes more difficult for vehicles to react to you.

The reality is that safety - for motorists of all kinds - has to be a priority for the public, and a reminder of the rights of motorcyclists is a part of public safety.



# Mike Pompeo deserved to be confirmed

No wonder President Trump is frustrated.

Heading into this week, the U.S. Senate had only confirmed 432 of his political appointees. (And you thought your HR department was slow) To the White House's relief, that number climbed to 433 after an early afternoon vote that sent CIA Director Mike Pompeo to his new post as secretary of state.

For a man whose nomination almost didn't make it out of committee, Pompeo certainly enjoyed some surprising Democratic support. After a testy confirmation hearing filled with hardball questions, plenty of people wondered if Pompeo would be the first secretary of state to be voted down before his nomination ever hit the floor. While Democrats raked him over the coals for everything from marriage views to climate change, even Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) seemed dead-set against Trump's pick. Fast-forward two weeks, and suddenly the president's choice is more popular than Rex Tillerson. By a 57-42 margin, every Republican and a healthy number of Democrats agreed: Mike Pompeo is ready for the job.

For Senator Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Pompeo's confirmation should have been an embarrassing reminder that not every Democrat shares his extremist views on sexuality and public service. During the confirmation hearing, he desperately tried to persuade his colleagues that Pompeo wasn't

fit to head up DOS because he shares the mainstream belief that marriage is between a man and woman. In an attack that bordered on harassment, Booker asked how he could lead the State Department with biblical convictions. "We have married gay couples at the CIA," Mike replied simply. "You should know... My respect for every individual, regardless of sexual orientation, is the same."

That may have made Mike unfit to serve in Cory Booker's government, but fortunately, not everyone in the party shares his intolerance. Five Democrats up for re-election in November thought better of endorsing Booker's religious test. Unlike the far-Left wing of the party, they understand that what voters care about isn't Pompeo's view on marriage, but his ability to protect American interests overseas. And after the Christian inquisition of Russell Vought, Democrats ought to know: this kind of religious prejudice doesn't appeal to the broader electorate.

Another senator who should have been stung by today's vote was Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), who ranted on the Senate floor earlier this week about Pompeo working with peaceful Muslims like our friend Dr. Zuhdi Jasser. "Mike Pompeo was deeply intertwined with this network of anti-Muslim organizations," he claimed. "... I hope some of you will take a look at that details this network of organizations. They have fairly innocuous sounding names, like the American Islamic Forum for Democracy... but if you really take look at what they do, they preach intolerance."

First of all, who is Senator Mur-

phy to judge what makes someone truly Muslim? Dr. Jasser, who heads up the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, is a deeply religious man who happens to believe that Muslims should take a more active role fighting Islamic terrorists. His organization, like others on Murphy's list, is widely respected for speaking against the violence that so many in the Muslim community excuse.

Dr. Jasser was understandably upset by Murphy's characterization, which, he argued, was just another attempt to smear American Muslims leaders as somehow anti-Muslim.

It is a sad day in American discourse when a United States senator motivated by partisan extremism willfully slanders and maligns an American Islamic organization. Never mind that our AIFD happens to actually be dedicated to countering Islamist radicalization and leading efforts at reform in order to defend the homeland. The sad truth Senator Murphy ignores, is that had he actually read the work we have done with former Congressman Pompeo (R-Kans.), he would have learned that we, for example, joined the congressman in exposing the radical Islamist ideology of a radical imam, Sheikh Monzer Taleb, preaching in Congressman Pompeo's backyard in Wichita. To us, there is nothing more pro-Muslim. Unfortunately, Senator Murphy prefers to read from the scripture of American Islamist talking points handed to him and his staff.

He's right. Like other liberals, Murphy is just parroting the reckless talking points of groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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# There's a third party fly in the ointment

Several months ago, House Speaker Michael Madigan's chief of staff



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Tim Mapes made copies of candidate nominating petitions for what appeared to be every single candidate

in the state, regardless of party or office sought.

Madigan's spokesperson was mum when asked why.

It turns out a database was constructed of the names of all the petition circulators who worked during the primary.

State Sen. Sam McCann (R-Plainview) pulled the trigger last week on a third-party bid for governor. The avowed foe of Gov. Bruce Rauner will need to collect 25,000 valid petition signatures by June 25 to get onto the November ballot.

There's a catch, however. Under state law, all signatures gathered by people who circulated petitions for partisan primary candidates will be invalidated. So, it is now a relatively simple matter of plugging in names of potential petition circulators into the new database in order to weed out the potential problems.

If McCann gets on the ballot, the idea here is to establish a new party's identity with one specific goal in mind. Its name is the Conservative Party. Its mission is to attract conservative Republican voters who are upset at Gov. Rauner on abortion, sanctuary state and other stuff including possibly guns.

Four years ago, Operating Engineers Union Local 150 backed the Libertarian Party's candidate to hurt Rauner, but that candidate also got a number of votes from folks

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who didn't like Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn. The new party will focus on disaffected Republicans and attempt to continue the theme that Rauner is unable to unify his own party after his narrow GOP primary victory over Rep. Jeanne Ives.

If McCann survives the petition process, one challenge will be finding money for this race. Lots of union leaders and others believe that billionaire Democrat J.B. Pritzker has this race in the bag. They're convinced Pritzker's personal fortune along with a strong national wave will destroy the Republican incumbent.

But the folks behind this Conservative Party idea (including Local 150) firmly believe they need a "Plan B" in case something goes horribly wrong.

Pritzker could be hit with some unforeseen opposition research, for example. The national political climate could suddenly change for any number of reasons. Rauner could somehow get his act together.

And even if the Democrats' stars remain aligned all the way through November, a

McCann candidacy could help the Democrats run up the score on Rauner.

But the plan has its detractors. Democratic legislative candidates in Republican-leaning districts have been hoping that the national blue wave that so many see heading this way combined with Gov. Rauner's horrible unpopularity will lead to lower turnout among Republicans and help them squeak through. Putting McCann on the ticket gives disaffected Republican voters a reason to head to the polls and they won't be voting for Democrats down the ballot.

And while calling it an interesting play, a top Republican official with close ties to the governor said Sen. McCann could attract some Democratic votes as well.

J.B. Pritzker, after all, has far more liberal stances than Rauner on immigration, guns, abortion, etc. Rauner has repeatedly said in recent weeks that he strongly opposes illegal immigration and flatly denies that a bill he signed into law created a sanctuary state. The governor also claims to be an NRA member and vetoed a bill last month that would've regulated gun dealers.

It's more than conceivable the Rauner campaign could use targeted media to try and drive conservative, pro-union Democrats and independents to McCann.

It's also very possible that Rauner will go all-out negative against McCann. A far-right group aired a very nasty radio ad during the March primary about the governor and his wife. So, the Rauner folks may feel free to go just as negative on McCann.

Operating Engineers Union Local 150 contributed \$50,000 to McCann's campaign fund just a few days before McCann's announcement and will be very involved in his effort.

The union is known for its unorthodox political moves, like working with conservative activist Dan Proft during the primary against House Republican Leader Jim Durkin. But the involvement of 150 gives Rauner the ability to use the Madigan issue against McCann because the union local has close ties to the House Speaker.

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**REAGAN**  
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the women who accused her husband of rape, etc., etc., did not disqualify her.

And what about her husband Bill, who would have been her co-president?

Did Mr. Comey think Bill has the moral qualifications to be trusted with the keys to the White House again — and left alone with the interns?

While we're asking, does Comey think JFK was morally qualified in 1960? Or do serial philandering and adultery not count?

JFK was not morally qualified to be prez — even by today's standards. But he stared down the Soviets in Cuba, pushed for lower taxes and built a strong military.

So do I really care who Jack was diddling in his spare time? Not really.

Comey's remark about Donald Trump's morals was not just another of his cheap shots. It was also a dumb thing to say.

Jimmy Carter was probably the most morally qualified human on the planet ever to be president.

He gave Iran to the mullahs and he gave the rest of us gas lines, a dead economy and a sky-high "Misery Index."

Carter proved there's no connection between a president's good or bad private morals and his ability to be a good or bad president.

Trump's doing the same thing.

Despite his less-than-saintly morals and his other faults, so far he's given us tax cuts, a strong economy and historically low black and Latino unemployment rates.

Of course it won't matter what President Trump accomplishes.

Democrats and the liberal media will never give him credit for anything. They hate him more than ever, but now they're

beginning to realize they can't bring him down for collusion or anything else.

That's why they've begun attacking the moral qualifications of people who want to work for President Trump

like Dr. Jackson.

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Not to mention, Zuhdi goes on, how dangerous this kind of allegation is. "Do we need to remind Senator Murphy, who obviously knows little to nothing about Islam, Muslims, or any of the dynamics within the American Muslim community, that declaring any group of organizations let alone American Muslims as being

anti-Muslim is the equivalent of [calling us apostates or infidels]?"

Fortunately for America, these pathetic campaigns against a qualified man failed. We can celebrate the fact that after a year and a half, the president finally has a leader he can depend on at State. Mike Pompeo will make international religious freedom a foreign policy priority, an issue that's especially important

given how religious liberty is so intricately connected to the security and prosperity of nations themselves. The State Department needs a strong and competent leader to bring it in line with the president's policies. In Mike, they have exactly that.

*(Anthony Richard Perkins is president of the Family Research Council, a conservative policy and lobbying organization based in Washington, D.C.)*

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to any large group of people, they are among the most fiercely patriotic and law-abiding Americans you could find.

Truth #4. As far as suggesting that anyone who chooses to rely on a gun for protection needs to report to the

nearest mental health facility, consider this: According to the Center for Disease Control, (CDC) in situations where individuals were threatened with bodily harm and defended themselves with a gun, whether they fired it or not, the victims were far less likely to suffer injury. That seems like a pret-

ty good reason to be armed, if you ask me!

Let me leave you with this final truth.

Truth #5. In 2016, 2,820 teenagers were killed in car accidents. When are we going to ban cars?

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## SPRING

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plant sale from 8 a.m.-noon May 5 featuring bedding plants and hanging baskets from Flowers on Main in Georgetown. The sale is a fundraiser to help the library and the plants are available at the city park gazebo.

Another library fundraiser is a bake sale from 8 a.m.-noon May 5.

Early risers can get a jumpstart on the day with a hearty pancake and sausage break-

fast at 7 a.m. May 5 at the American Legion. Sponsored by the Community Club, the breakfast serves until 10 a.m. or until the food is gone.

Fueling up with pancakes will give visitors the energy needed to shop the vendors in the park and all of the garage sales around town.

The garage sales start Friday, May 4, and continue through Saturday. Maps will be available but may not be included all locations.

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repair of the roof of a building at the sewage treatment plant and purchase of a lab meter for \$3,583.

Street commissioner Jerry Branson announced the annual citywide cleanup opportunity is May 4-5, when most discarded or surplus items may be taken to the street department compound on North High Street.

At the opening of the

meeting, Mayor Smith proclaimed Saturday, May 12, as the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive in Paris. Representing the postal employees, Greg Alexander noted this is the 25th year for the food drive in Paris to benefit the Compassionate Food Pantry. In addition to non-perishable food left by mailboxes or taken to the Paris Post Office, donors can provide checks made out to the Food Pantry, Alexander noted.

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months because there is little to nothing to eat in the house.

Minor said this year the food is being prepared by Savoia's and transported by Ball Transportation to the park sites.

Help is needed at each

park once the food arrives.

"One of my thoughts would be for certain agencies to take a location for a week," said Minor.

Groups, or individuals, wanting to help with this project may contact Minor at amanda.minor@douglascountyil.com.

## PHS PROM ROYALTY CROWNED



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

Paris High School celebrated the traditional junior-senior prom Saturday, April 21, at The Landings in Terre Haute. Prom court and royalty are seated, from left, Serenity Parrent, Olivia Brown, Queen McKayla Watson, Erin Gahimer and Gracie Rhoads. Standing, from left, Kayin Lawson, Angus Beabout, D.J. Fessant, Brody Spencer and TJ Potter.

## Cemetery seeking more flags

BY JENNY BARKLEY

The display of American flags for remembrance holidays is dwindling at Edgar Cemetery, but an effort is underway to reverse the trend.

"Age and weather have taken a toll on the cemetery flags, which decorate the cemetery on special occasions," says Bruce Quinn, superintendent and caretaker of the county's largest cemetery, located in Paris.

Quinn explained on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day, the cemetery is decorated with 58 flags on metal poles, which are 15 feet tall. With Memorial Day only a few weeks away, these flags are a topic of honor and concern at the cemetery.

Through the years, the older cotton flags have frayed and become water damaged due to exposure to inclement weather conditions. Also, their weight when wet has damaged some of the poles.

On an annual basis, Quinn arranges repairs for tattered flags if possible, but the time has come to retire some flags.

"We need new flags which are 5 by 8 feet, and made of nylon," said Quinn. "As the cotton flags have gotten wet and winds have bent the poles by their weight, we need to replace both in many cases."

In that regard, the cemetery's board of directors advises the public of the need, and



Jenny Barkley/The Prairie Press

The flag fund at Edgar Cemetery has been revived this year as Memorial Day approaches with a campaign for donations to replace the old cotton flags with nylon ones that are lighter, but more durable. The ultimate goal is to erect flags from Veteran's Circle along cemetery roadways to the south and north entrances. According to state guidelines, monetary gifts for the flag fund must be specifically designated to "Edgar Cemetery/Flag Fund," and should be sent c/o Superintendent Bruce Quinn, 629 Young Street, Paris, Illinois, 61944. Quinn explained any amount will help the cemetery maintain and expand its flag display when the burial ground is dressed for holidays and other special occasions.

encourages individuals and organizations to participate in the patriotic effort.

Board president Jim Vadas explained the flag fund is an ongoing project, just like the Edgar Cemetery Tree Fund.

"We now have these two special funds which are dedicated to making our cemetery beautiful now and in the future," Vadas said. "People may send memorials and donations to these funds throughout the year."

Illinois statutes governing

cemeteries dictate donations for this cause must be specifically designated to: Edgar Cemetery/Flag Fund to be allocated for this specific purpose, Vadas emphasized. The goal is to eventually erect flags from Veterans Circle and the south and north entrances along the primary roadways.

Quinn estimates a \$50 donation will provide a flag, or \$100 will provide a flag and pole. "We can use all we can get, and would like to eventually double the number cur-

rently displayed," said Quinn.

"We appreciate gifts in any amount," Quinn added. "The more flags we can get, the better our display will become. Thanks to everyone who has donated in the past to beautify our grounds. We hope the number will grow."

Contributions to the flag fund must be designated as "Edgar Cemetery/Flag Fund" c/o Bruce Quinn, Superintendent, and sent to Edgar Cemetery, 629 Young Street, Paris, Illinois 61944.

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## EARTH

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species will take frogs and small invertebrates.

She dispelled the myth that bats get tangled in human hair. Bats, she said, are skilled flyers using echolocation to maneuver and often what happens is the bat is swerving and diving while chasing an insect that may not be visible to a person so it appears the bat is deliberately diving straight toward a person's head.

While it is unlikely a bat will ever make contact with a person while flying there is

a good reason to leave bats alone.

"Bats are carriers of rabies," said Karsk. "If you see a bat in the wild, don't touch it."

Mike Mounce, a fish biologist for the department of natural resources, discussed the health of the fishing lake at Walnut Point.

"It used to be our environment was so polluted rivers caught on fire because of all of the oil in the water," said Mounce, adding at one time the fish population in the Illinois River dwindled to just three species.

He noted the federal Clean Water Act passed in 1972 has made a tremendous impact in cleaning up waterways. He said the Illinois River now has more than three species including pike and sauger, which are known as clean water species. Still the pollution in the Illinois River is such it is recommended not to eat

fish from that body of water.

Fish taken from the 52-acre Walnut Point Lake are considered safe for consumption.

"It's good for the environment when you go fishing to eat some of the fish you catch," said Mounce.

Catch limits and sizes are in place for almost all species found at Walnut Point, and Mounce explained that is a matter of management techniques to make sure the lake maintains a well-balanced population so everyone has a good fishing experience.

He encouraged the students to fish responsibly by not releasing unused bait minnows or catching fish in one location and releasing them into another body of water.

"Somebody turned common carp loose in Walnut Point," said Mounce. "Carp are almost as damaging to the environment as people."

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## Don't expect NCAA reforms

Don't bother reading too deeply into the report of the latest NCAA commission on the mess that is big time college basketball. No reason, because pretty much all you need to know about the Rice commission report released Wednesday is that the authors begin with a defense of the system as it exists now.

Not surprisingly, they like the idea that athletes can get a college education by playing ball. Indeed, they make a point of saying that could be worth \$1 million all by itself, and could help change a player's family for generations to come.

What they don't like is the idea of paying the players themselves. And they have no desire to actually upend a system that — by their own report — is so flawed that it may implode at any moment.

"The state of men's college basketball is deeply troubled," the report says. "The levels of corruption and deception are now at a point that they threaten the very survival of the college game as we know it."

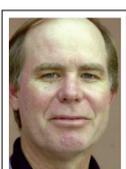
On that at least we can all agree. If the FBI probe into bribing players to go to schools is any indication, we have just scratched the surface of the corruption in college athletics. The billions that pour into college basketball every year are an infestation that has corrupted — in various forms — everyone from \$5 million a year coaches to the people who take the tickets at the door.

But while the probe headed by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice claims it wants actual reform, the proposals do little other than maintain the status quo. There are no real new ideas and the ones voiced — mostly about forces outside the NCAA — will be difficult, if not impossible, to implement.

No surprise there, because the real job of NCAA chief Mark Emmert and his cronies is to keep the money flowing. They, you might remember, are the ones who keep warning us that the entire system of big time college athletics could collapse if the players who provide the actual labor are fairly compensated for their work.

So what did we really get out of a 60-page report by a commission hastily put together to try and counter the implications of an FBI probe into allegations coaches were paying players under the table to attend their schools?

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THE BIG STORY

# Lady Tigers find groove

Softball team bests Red Hill in tight LIC matchup; Kelsey Dosch goes 3 for 4 for Paris

BY JEFF CHAMBERS  
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BRIDGEPORT — After losing five games by only one run this season, the Paris Lady Tiger softball team finally ended up on the winning side against Little Illini Conference foe Red Hill Thursday, 6-5.

The Tigers grabbed the lead in the top of the third inning as Kelsey Dosch doubled to

right field, and then scored on a single by Sydney Fox.

The Salukis quickly tied things back up in the home half of the third, and that's the way things would remain until the fifth inning.

Dosch once again got things started with a lead off double, and she scored on a double by Whitney Todd to give the Tigers the 3-2 lead. Fox then continued the dou-

bles parade, as she brought Todd home with yet another run. Aubrey Sanders singled to put runners at the corners with just one out. Strow then grounded out to bring Sanders home with the fifth run.

Red Hill scored a pair in their half of the fifth inning to make the score 5-4 heading to the sixth.

In what would turn out to be a key run, the Tigers add-

ed one in the top of the sixth as Kaitlyn Matthews doubled to center field. She scored on a triple off the bat of Whitney Todd to make it 6-4 Paris.

Dosch was 3 for 4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and a single. Freshman Whitney Todd fell just a homerun short of hitting for the cycle as she had a single, double and a triple and drove in a pair of runs. Fox also had three hits

and two RBI's on the day. Strow had a pair of singles and an RBI and Matthews and Herbek each had a double.

Matthews went the distance in the circle for the Lady Tigers, allowing five runs — four earned — on 10 hits. She walked two and struck out five on the afternoon.

The Lady Tigers improved to 11-8 overall, and 2-2 in the Little Illini Conference.

## Tigers going for the repeat

Paris, Newton will square off for LIC title Monday

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BRIDGEPORT — With a victory over the Red Hill Salukis Thursday, April 26, the Paris Tigers baseball team took another step toward a second consecutive Little Illini Conference championship.

The Tigers dominated the host team by the final of 15-1 in five innings. By virtue of the win and the Newton Eagles' win against Robinson on Thursday, the LIC championship game will be played at Paris High School Monday afternoon when Newton comes to town.

Paris' record now stands at 17-1 overall and 5-0 in the LIC. Newton owns a 5-1 record in the conference.

It was all business from the start playing against Red Hill. Paris scored four runs in the first, five in the third, one in the fourth and five more in the fifth.

Austin Littleton led things off with a double and scored on a single by Brody Spencer. Brock Minor doubled to the wall in right field, plating Spencer and Zach Burger, who reached on a walk.

Burger led things off in the third by reaching on a dropped third strike. Minor singled and Caleb Gates walked to load the bases with nobody out.

Austin O'Neal and Raven Thompson were hit by pitches to bring home the fifth and sixth runs of the day for the Tigers. Littleton brought a pair home with a single to center.

Things got even more out of hand in the fifth when Matt Stetler led off with a single, advanced to third on a double by TJ Potter and both runners scored on a double by JB Eslinger.

A sacrifice fly by O'Neal and a double by Jude Sullivan plated the final runs of the game for Paris.

Littleton led the way for the Tigers with a double, two singles and a pair of RBIs.

Minor and Sullivan had a double, single and two RBIs apiece. Eslinger had a pair of runs batted in with his double. Spencer also drove in two with a single. Potter and Stetler had a single each.

Thompson started for the Tigers on the mound and went two perfect innings as he didn't allow a base runner and struck out four. Sullivan went two innings allowing one run on four hits and striking out one. Dylan Creech threw the last inning and struck out one.

### PARIS 11, VILLA GROVE/HERITAGE 5

The Paris Tiger baseball team took care of business Wednesday, April 25, defeating Villa Grove/Heritage by the score of 11-5.

Paris scored in every inning but one in the game and trailed at one point 3-1. A big fourth inning gave the Tigers the lead for good, and it was cruise control from there.

Austin Littleton got things going for the Tigers as he singled on the first pitch of the game. After advancing to second on a wild pitch, he came in to score on a single by TJ Potter.

Five consecutive hits by Villa Grove



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

**Paris senior Austin Littleton — who will be playing collect ball at Olney Central next year — deliver a pitch against Villa Grove/Heritage this week. Littleton covers shortstop for the Tigers and against Red Hill Thursday, was the leading hitter for Paris with a double, two singles and two RBIs.**

enabled them to take an early 3-1 lead in the second inning. Paris scratched a run out in the third as Littleton led off with a walk, advanced to second on a single by Zach Burger and came home on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Jude Sullivan.

Trailing 3-2 in the fourth, the Tigers did what they have been doing throughout the season and scored four runs with two-outs in the inning. A single by Burger brought Raven Thompson, who had reached on an error, home with the tying run.

Potter doubled off the right-center field fence to score Burger. Sullivan smacked a double of his own off the right field fence to score Potter. Brock Minor kept the doubles parade going to drive in Sullivan with the sixth run of the contest for Paris.

The Villa Grove pitchers had trouble finding the strike zone in the sixth inning as the first four Tiger batters reached base via the walk.

Brody Spencer beat out an infield single to bring home a pair of runs, and an RBI groundout by JB Eslinger brought home the final run of the game.

Paris used six different pitchers in the game in order to save some arms for the upcoming conference games. All six pitchers combined to allow five runs (four earned) on 11 hits. They walked three and struck out four batters.

Minor and Potter led the Tigers in hitting with a double and a single each.

Potter drove in a pair of runs and Minor plated one. Spencer had a pair of singles and two RBIs. Burger drove in one on a pair of singles. Sullivan had a double, a sacrifice fly and a pair of RBIs, and Eslinger had a single and an RBI.

### PARIS 10, ROCKVILLE, IND. 4

ROCKVILLE, Ind. - Paris baseball was in Rockville, Ind., April 20, for a non-conference matchup and came home with a 10-4 victory.

The Tigers trailed early in this one and had to mount a late-inning rally to defeat the Rox.

Rockville scored a single run in each of the first two innings in the game to grab an early 2-0 lead. The Tigers tied things up in the top of the third on a pair of unearned runs.

Zach Burger reached via the walk, and TJ Potter reached on an error by the Rockville left fielder. Reese Sutton walked to load the bases. Brock Minor brought Burger home on a sacrifice fly, and Austin O'Neal came through with a huge, two-out single to tie the score at two.

The two teams added a pair of runs over the next two innings and the score was tied heading into the sixth inning at four apiece.

As has become the norm with the Tigers, the team mounted another two-out rally to grab the lead in the sixth.

Burger singled, Potter was hit by a

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## Tiger netters take 6-1 LIC win

BY DAN DUNDAS

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NEWTON - Paris tennis moved their conference record to .500 at 2-2 with a 6-1 road win at Newton Thursday, April 26.

This was the second meeting with Newton this season, but because of the different format at Newton where there are four singles, three doubles, and no one plays both, there were actually no rematches played.

"To Newton's credit, they came out ready to play, while we seemed to struggle a little early on in several of the matches, but our guys adjusted well," said Paris Head Coach Stefan Aydt. "The final scores look like we won easily, but there were lots of closely contested games that went to deuce in every match."

Maxwell Holloway opened with a tough opponent that hit some good angles to move him around the court and also won a lot of points at the net before Holloway finally won the match at 6-3, 6-4.

Jacob Randolph had an easier time at the two spot. After falling behind 2-1, he won 11 straight games with an overpowering serve and some good net play to win 6-2, 6-0.

Ethan Graham also had a nice win at third singles, using his power to keep his opponent from doing much with his shots, winning 6-0, 6-1.

Nathan Minnis played even for the first half of the set in the four spot against an aggressive opponent who hit with good pace and liked to come to the net. Minnis did a good job of passing when his opponent was at the net and also had several good drop shots throughout the match, winning 6-3, 6-0.

Noah Holzer and Kayin Lawson did a good job of fighting back to take the second set after dropping the first, but fell in a third set tiebreak 10-4.

In second doubles, the team of Sean Blair and Bryce Gladding did a good job of hitting winners from the net and taking advantage of errors to win in a 6-1 sweep.

Zane Blair and Max Moody helped pick up a win at number three doubles 6-1, 6-2. It was Moody's first appearance in varsity play.

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## TITAN TRACK TEAMS ENJOYING SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN



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The Tri-County Titan boys and girls track teams are enjoying success this season including bringing home medals from bigger invitationals. Team members are first row, from left, Max Cox, Cody Weber, Levi Coonce, Lane Bisby, Cameron Noel, JC Walker, Brady Stone, Joshua Hunt, John Hunt and River Kanitz. Second row, from left, are Seth Mason, Donavon Smith, Kayla Brimmer, Melia Eskew, Kiersten Price-Wilson, Kaylenn Hunt, Julia Mickler, Candan Hemrich, Katelyn Lang and Jase Petty. Third row, from left, are Coach Jerry Cox, Coach Chas Cox, Owen Knoebel, Cole Wheeler, Ramsey Hunt, Leo Wheeler, Michael Hawkins, Mason Hutchinson, Coach Talen Hawkins and Coach Ryan Petty.

## Titans drop 2 games to Pirates

**BY TIM HENDERSHOT**  
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**GREENUP** - A Tri-County baseball win April 19 against Arcola failed to provide enough momentum for an April 20 doubleheader with the Cumberland Pirates.

Game one saw the host Pirates score early and often. The Titans were held to just one hit, and Cumberland won 10-0 via the run rule in six innings.

Jacob Knofsky got the lone

hit going one for two, and Mitch Pollock added a stolen base.

Dillon Tweedy pitched four innings giving up seven hits and seven runs - six earned - while walking four and striking out one. Blake Lee went one and two-thirds innings in relief giving up three hits and three runs - all of them earned - while walking three and striking out one.

Roles reversed initially in game two. The Titans jumped out to a 6-2 lead after five innings of play, but the Pirates roared back outscoring the Titans 5-0 in the final two innings for a 7-6 Cumberland win.

Dalton Conner went two for three with a double, a run scored and two RBIs. Cody

Richardson was two for four with a run scored and two RBIs.

Trenton Pinnell was on the mound for five and two-thirds innings giving up 13 hits and six runs - all of them earned - while walking two and striking out four. Jacob Knofsky finished pitching the game for one and one-third innings giving up two hits and one earned run while striking out one.

The loss puts the Titans at 2-7 overall and 1-3 LOVC Southeast.

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 10-run rule in six innings.

Taylor Bennett paced the Lady Titans at the plate as she 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.

### OBLONG 15, LADY TITANS 2

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

### PARIS

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pitch and Sutton walked to load the bases. Jude Sullivan was hit by a pitch as well to bring home the go-ahead run for Paris.

O'Neal walked to force home another run, and Brody Spencer reached on an error by the Rockville third baseman to make the score 7-4.

For good measure, the Tigers tacked on three more runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Austin Littleton singled and came around to score

on a hit by Potter. A single by Sutton put two runners on with two outs. Three consecutive walks by the Rockville pitchers allowed two more runs to score for the Tigers.

O'Neal had a big day at the plate as he drove in three runs with a double, a single and a pair of walks. Potter had a double, a single and a pair of RBIs as well.

Littleton, Burger, Sutton, Minor and Caleb Gates all had singles with Minor also contributing an RBI. Spencer didn't actually record a hit in the game, but he did bring

home a pair of runs in the contest.

Burger started on the hill for the Tigers and went four strong innings. He allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits. He walked two and struck out three. Raven Thompson came on and earned the victory as he went three innings, allowed a pair of runs on two hits. He walked two and struck out six.

The Tigers host a pair of non-conference foes today, (April 28) as they face Cumberland at 9 a.m. and Oakwood at 1 p.m.

### DAHLBERG

**FROM PAGE 9A**

Not much.  
 Not much at all.

Yes, there are legitimate proposals made in good faith that serve some purpose, like doing away with one-and-dones - something that only the NBA has control over - and allowing athletes to hire agents. There are calls for shoe companies to help sort out the mess they helped create, and proposals to outsource investigations to professionals and impose tougher penalties for coaches and schools that break the rules.

Laughably, there are also calls for the NCAA to take over youth basketball and run its own teams and tournaments for those aspiring to play in college. Yes, the same organization that has no clue how to even run itself would somehow be in charge of thousands of teams and leagues while at the same time keeping out the influence peddlers from Nike, Under Armour and Adidas.

Yeah, good luck with that.

Give some credit to Rice and others on the panel for finally fessing up to the depth

of the corruption in college basketball. And the one thing the panel did get right is that the NCAA is basically paralyzed by its own incompetence.

Now that we've established a baseline, the problem is finding a way to fix it under the umbrella of the current system. And that's pretty much impossible, no matter how much lip service is paid to proposed reforms.

Yes, the NCAA commission speaks loudly on cheating, as it should. There are recommendations like a five-year postseason ban, coaches effectively fired for life and the loss of postseason money that should have been in place years ago. And the idea that the NCAA investigative and enforcement division should be farmed out is a good one, if only because the bumbling gumshoes currently in place are both clueless and powerless.

But the NCAA will never get its member schools - much less the NBA, shoe companies and AAU coaches and officials - to come to terms on anything of any significance to fix things. The big schools don't agree on much with the smaller schools, and the multimil-

lion dollar contracts most of them have with the shoe companies ensure that won't change.

There may be a few proposals that get implemented on a piecemeal basis, but the people who have run the lucrative racket that is college basketball aren't going to give up their control easily. And good luck telling the NBA what to do about one-and-dones when the league and its player union will do as they please.

Really, commission members had an impossible task and not much time to complete it. Yes, they came up with a handful of good ideas which will get some debate and shift the attention away from the FBI probe.

But the issues that are eating at the underbelly of college basketball are rooted in the tremendous amount of money at stake for nearly everyone involved - except the players, of course.

And few currently drinking from that trough have any intention of changing anything that will get in the way of the cash flow.

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## PARIS LITTLE LEAGUE, LITTON LEAGUE OPEN SEASONS



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The 2018 Little League season was kicked off by a tandem ceremonial first pitch. Don Bartos (left) of Dimond Bros Insurance threw to his son, Drake Bartos, and Harry Frost was caught by Ethan Hefner. Dimond Bros and Harry Frost have provided for new scoreboards which will be installed on the fields in the coming weeks.



Michelle Jacobs/The Prairie Press

Jim Taylor sings the Star Spangled Banner as part of the opening ceremony of the 2018 Little League season while Mark Hefner, who served as master of ceremonies, shows reverence for the colors. Hefner is in his first year as president of Paris Youth Baseball which includes Little League teams, Litton League teams and teams for seven and eight year olds to learn the basics of the game. The teams play Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Michelle Jacobs/The Prairie Press

In what has become a tradition, the Paris American Legion Post 211 color guard presented the colors for the National Anthem prior to the first pitch of the Paris Little League season opening Friday event at Frost Field.

## Bears grab center, wideout in 2nd

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Bears went back to building their offense on the second day of the draft. Chicago took Iowa center James Daniels and Memphis receiver Anthony Miller on Friday night, giving prized quarterback Mitchell Trubisky more protection and another target. The Bears took Daniels with the 39th overall pick. They then traded back into the second round with New England to take Miller at No. 51. In exchange, the Bears sent the Patriots a fourth-round pick this year (105) and a second-round pick in 2019. The Bears have spent the offseason loading up the offense to help Trubisky develop into the franchise quarterback they believe he can become, and they were back at it after drafting Georgia standout linebacker Roquan Smith with the

No. 8 pick. General manager Ryan Pace said the Bears plan to have Daniels compete at left guard with Eric Kush and “cross train” at center. That means Cody Whitehair will be snapping the ball to Trubisky after bouncing between center and guard over two seasons. “That’s how we want to go right now,” Pace said. “Cody was a tackle in college and we felt he had the position versatility to play multiple spots. No different than James Daniel. No different than Eric Kush. Position versatility in our offensive line is important. They all have that.” The 6-foot-3, 306-pound Daniels — who turns 21 in September — played three seasons at Iowa and was honorable-mention, all-Big Ten last year. He is looking forward to playing with Trubisky after getting shredded by him in an Ohio regional playoff game in high school.

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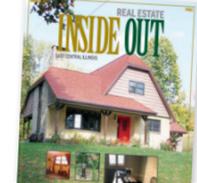
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## Colts draft linebacker, guard

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Second-year Colts general manager Chris Ballard has used five NFL draft picks in two days on prospects he is hoping will toughen up his rebuilding team in the trenches. Granted, the needs are numerous for a franchise that finished 4-12 last year and has missed the playoffs for three consecutive years, but Ballard bypassed skill-position players for a second consecutive day with Friday's second-round selections of South Carolina State outside linebacker Darius Leonard, Auburn guard Braden Smith, Rutgers defensive end Kemoko Turay and Ohio State defensive end Tyquan

Lewis. The Colts moved up three spots in a trade with Cleveland to select Lewis with the final choice of the second round. That's four of five players taken who play along the line after Ballard used Thursday's No. 6 overall pick on Notre Dame guard Quenton Nelson. “No question the emphasis on our fronts, the front seven on defense and the O-line,” Ballard said. “I had some frustrating moments last year, where I thought physically we didn't match up against teams, especially in our (AFC South) division. It's hard to sustain winning when your foundation, your O-line and your D-line, aren't good.”

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# BETA SIGMA PHI TO MARK FOUNDING



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Paris Mayor Craig Smith proclaims the week of April 22 as Beta Sigma Phi Week in Paris. With the mayor are chapter representatives, from left Judy Quinn, Susi Rice, Smith, Donna Garver and Judi Craig.

# Founder's Day celebration set

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

The local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi joined the international organization for celebrating the 87th annual founder's day during the week of April 22-28.

Judi Craig, president of the Paris chapters city council, said founder's day is one of the most important and historic traditions for the multicultural and multinational organization.

According to Craig, Beta Sigma Phi was created April 30, 1931, at Abilene, Kan., by Walter W. Ross.

"He felt women of this period of the Great Depression were not exposed to opportunities that allowed for their social, cultural and civic enrichment," said Craig. "Mr.

Ross felt there was a great need for friendship and support to help women through one of the worst eras of America's history."

The ideal established by Ross was for members to honor the promoting of service at local, state and international levels.

"Beta Sigma Phi is made up of individual chapters that on average have 10-15 women who meet once or twice a month," said Craig.

Meetings, Craig said, are designed to broaden personal knowledge of self, friends and the world.

A Beta Sigma Phi chapter organized in Paris in 1937 with eight women. Craig said there are currently five chapters in the city: Alpha Phi Masters, Laureate Gam-

ma Delta, Preceptor Gamma Psi, Chi Theta and the newest Omega Gamma. Each chapter elects representatives to serve on a coordinated city council for planning local events.

Craig said Beta Sigma Phi is a non-academic, not-for-profit corporation that internationally has raised more than \$3 million to assist other charities, scholarships and research programs, and the Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund has donated more than \$1 million to medical treatment and research.

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## Pranks can be costly

Approximately 25 years ago one of my distant cousins, a retired teacher, approached a cluster of traffic just outside town on Route 45. He noticed some unusual maneuvers by other drivers, but failed to spot a man lying prone across the dividing line. Too late for him to swerve, he ran over the prostrate man, causing instant death. Needless to say, Cousin Paul was deeply upset and visibly shaken.

Paul was pronounced faultless, much to his relief. The victim had pulled this stunt a couple times previously, intentionally sprawling across the middle of a busy highway. A police arrest occurred the first time. The second occasion resulted in assignment to a mental institution. The third time, not surprisingly, terminated with a funeral.

I've asked myself many times why a person would commit such an act. I readily confess to not being the smartest person in the world, but my parents didn't raise boys to be that stupid.

The incident stimulates recollection of a similar event that happened during the 50s in White County, except the locale was on a less-traveled rural road. An older teen-age boy named Coble planted his body in the middle of a bridge, pretending to be unconscious, or maybe dead. Anyway, he was sprawled motionless.

Perhaps he meant it a clever prank, something to chuckle about when other people reacted seriously. Sorta like the little boy who cried wolf. On the other hand, he could've been affected by depression, boredom or any number of psychological reasons, just desiring attention.

An elderly couple approached by car, stopped and assessed the situation. They attempted conversation, but he played possum. While the man remained at his side, the wife drove to a nearby home and phoned the sheriff's department, requesting an officer and an ambulance. There was no 911 in those days. Ambulances were maintained by funeral homes. Minutes later the sheriff arrived on scene, soon followed by the ambulance. A check determined no broken bones. The lad was breathing freely, but appeared unconscious. There was no evidence of an accident or foul play. The conclusion was the unidentified victim was a pedestrian who passed out. He was promptly transported to the local hospital emergency room.

For a half-hour a doctor and three nurses not only checked vital signs, but performed some gentle pokes, prods, slaps and even a wet rag application onto his face, but Coble continued to play possum. The doctor was initially mystified, but only for a few minutes. Doctors didn't earn their stripes by being dummies. They're very intelligent and skillful. This one held an ace up his sleeve.

"Prepare this young man for the operating room," he stood back and winked at the nurses.

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ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT

OLD CODGER



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As temperatures finally begin to feel like spring, residents are tackling spring-cleaning and reorganizing their homes.

## It's spring-cleaning time

As the temperatures (finally) begin to feel like spring, I've been thinking about spring-cleaning. Does anybody do that anymore?



NANCY ZEMAN

LIVING IN EDGAR COUNTY

In the Roberts household, I don't recall Mom announcing, "let the spring-cleaning begin." What I do remember is coming home for lunch from school to the living room filled with furniture from the back bedroom. It seemed

strange to walk into your bedroom and hear an echo because it was so empty.

Mom cleaned everything and frequently repainted during spring-cleaning. We'd find her on a ladder painting the ceiling or trimming before painting the walls. By the time we arrived home after school, the room was usually put back together — unless she needed our help to move something back into place.

Honestly, when I get a whiff of Spic and Span® or Pine-Sol®, I think about the whirlwind that was my mom when it came to spring-cleaning.

This week, I'm sharing a list of things to deep clean this spring — some of which you won't need to tackle again until next year.

In the kitchen, make sure to pay attention to your dishwasher. Use a specialty cleaner — Cascade® makes one — at least once a month. Cleaning it ensures this heavy-duty cleaning appliance will continue to remove the stains from dinner plates. Before using the cleaner, remove any bits of food that may be on the bottom of the dishwasher.

Many people don't realize while everyone is crazy about granite countertops, they must be sealed to prevent staining and allowing the growth of bacteria. Seal your countertops as soon as they're installed, says kitchen designer Florence Perchuk. You'll know they're sealed properly when water beads and forms droplets on the surface. To maintain those coun-



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Cleaning windows, bedrooms, walls, floors and appliances is just a small part of the ritual of spring cleaning.

tertops, seal them again a year later and make sure you wipe up accidental spills as soon as they happen.

Your kitchen cabinets may look clean, but consider this — over time grease, dirt and dust can build up on your cabinets and leave them dull. Like our skin, wood is porous and absorbs gunk — especially if you don't always run the exhaust fan. Cleaning cabinets is a three-step process — clean, moisturize then polish.

At Homefront, Don Zeman recommended Weiman products for cabinets. Spray the furniture cleaner on the cabinets and using a soft cloth, rub to push the cleaner into the wood pores. Liberally apply lemon oil on the cabinets and let it sit at least 24 hours. Remove any remaining unabsorbed oil and follow with cream polish to give the cabinets a glow. The good news is Weiman products are easily found in most big box stores and most grocery stores.

What's the point of having stainless steel in your kitchen if it's not bright and clean? To make your surface sparkle again, Adam Kamens of Amuneal Manufacturing Corp. suggests using a specialty spray, like Home-max Stainless Steel Magic Aerosol®, once or twice a week. Make sure you don't put on too much or you might

leave the surface grimy.

Who doesn't love clean windows? Instead of just wiping down the inside, make sure you take to the outdoors with Hope's Perfect Glass Cleaner® during spring-cleaning season to remove spots and smudges you don't usually have time to tackle. Pro tip? Wash them on a cloudy day to ensure the sun won't dry the cleanser before you're done wiping.

The family washing machine also needs attention. Don't wash your clothes in a smelly machine. Instead, disinfect it with distilled white vinegar and baking soda to keep it fresh and high functioning. Run the machine with hot water, then add the cleaning agents and let it sit for 30 to 60 minutes. Afterwards, restart your machine, let the water drain and wipe it dry.

Cleaning kitchen and bathroom tiles should be with a cleaner that has a neutral pH. If you're unsure, mix up your own cleaner by pouring a half-cup baking soda into two gallons of water and mix well. Apply the liquid with a string or sponge mop. For grout, use the same baking soda and water mixture.

Springtime is also a great time to organize closets — especially when

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## All discoveries have science potential

Successful scientists are naturally curious people who are able to break relationships down into simple parts and take advantage of opportunities.

Serendipity plays a huge role in discovery. Our recent weather has been gloomy with little sunlight. Those were the conditions 122 years ago in France when medical science took a big step forward in 1896 during a period of cloudy weather.

Antoine Becquerel was studying fluorescent minerals, which glow after being



TERRY SULLIVAN

ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

those days, photographers coated a glass plate with photographic emulsion to create a negative and kept them in the dark until use.

It was overcast, so Antoine

exposed to bright light. He was using potassium uranyl sulfate, a uranium, mineral and photographs to capture the light emitted. In

wrapped the plates in dark cloth and left the prepared plates in a drawer with the minerals on top and a steel cross between them. He waited for a sunny day, but it stayed cloudy.

Film plates required exposure soon after preparation before the emulsion degraded. For practice, he decided to develop them before preparing new plates. The image of the cross was obvious on the plate to his complete surprise.

He knew some type of light ray had penetrated

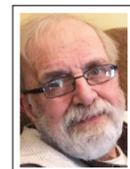
through everything but the metal cross. He did not know what it was and called it X-rays for an unknown.

The electromagnetic spectrum is all the possible wavelengths of light. They travel as an alternating electric and magnetic field. The highest energy and most dangerous are the gamma rays, with the shortest wavelength. In order from there, are the X-rays, ultraviolet, visible, infrared, microwaves, and finally radio waves with the longest wavelength.

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## We're free to choose

According to opinion polls, roughly 70 percent of Americans profess to be



HARRY REYNOLDS

ANOTHER LOOK

Christians. Sometimes we do not act like it. If that was not true, there would be no need of churches, ministers

and congregations.

Religion is the belief something better is out there. Jesus brought faith, grace, humility and an offer of salvation. Do not take this for a sermon — only an observation. The business of sermons is best left to preachers.

People should be free to choose their religion, or no religion.

That is one of the key provisions of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...."

One of the Founding Fathers, James Madison, a religious man, who helped craft the U.S. Constitution, had this to say about the separation of church and state: "Strongly guarded... is the separation between religion and government in the Constitution of the United States," and, "The number, the industry and the morality of the priesthood, and the devotion of the people have been manifestly increased by the total separation of the church and state."

America is not a theocracy, nor, on contemplation, would we want one. A theocracy, simply put, is a government in which government officials are members of the clergy, who are regarded as divinely guided.

The state's religious system is based on religious law.

Government and religion should tend their own business. Churches save souls and governments run countries. As Jesus put it: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

When I was young, everyone went to church. Anyone who did not was regarded with a suspicious eye. Mother took me to church. The congregation filled the pews with men, women and children dressed in their Sunday best. By the time I started school, I could recite The Lord's Prayer. It still runs through my mind, though imperfectly.

The power of religion comes with the peace it bestows. Many years ago, my grandson died. He was only a few months old and was carried away by an illness. My daughter tended him around-the-clock, day after day, until he died in her arms. Her faith carried her through. It still does.

She was inspired to become a nurse; now she is a nurse practitioner. Sometimes good comes out of bad.

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**REYNOLDS**  
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It has become a sport for some celebrities to deride religion and those who are religious. ABC News celebrity Joy Behar mocked Vice President Mike Pence's religious faith, saying that it is a, "mental illness." She apologized. It took a month and was prompted by a public outcry: "I think Vice President Pence is communicating with Jesus right. I was raised to respect everyone's religious faith and I fell short of that."

Perhaps, I am too much the cynic, but the, "I was raised to respect everyone's religious faith..." sounds more like an effort to appease anger than birthed by sincerity. Religious intolerance cuts both ways, Joy.

As Jesus said: "Let anyone among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone at her."  
(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)

**KANSAS PROM ROYALTY CROWNED**



Kansas High School students recently celebrated prom and the 2018 court consisted of left to right, Alexis Hunter, Emily Wilson, Ashtyn Cottle, prom queen Missy Simons, prom king Conrad Gavin, Nathaniel Shick, Brady Stone and CJ Bennett.

**Chrisman church hosts annual banquet**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

**CHRISMAN** – The annual Mother/Daughter Banquet of the United Methodist Church in Chrisman was 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the church dining room.

Sarah Morris, Maxine McKnight, Jane Murray, and Judy Wyatt were the hosts and 55 women attended the event.

A spring theme was used to decorate the dining room with lace table covers and pink placemats with floral napkins. Centerpieces on the

tables were a variety of spring flowers. There were also spring-potted flowers given as door prizes.

Jane Murray served as mistress of ceremonies and offered the blessing before the delicious potluck meal, with yeast rolls provided by Maxine McKnight.

The guest speaker was Ken Brooks, who discussed his adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2014. He shared many anecdotes of his travels and brought with him the 35-pound backpack he car-

ried. One by one he removed the items from the backpack and explained the significance of each. Members of his family joined him on various parts of the trail.

He noted the trail was mainly rocks and roots and went up and down – it was not flat. He lost 27 pounds on his hiking adventure. Since he delivered mail for the U.S. Postal Service for many years, his nickname on the trail was the Mailman.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

**DLO Musical Theater presents 'Sister Act'**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

**DANVILLE** — Danville Light Opera Musical Theatre's upcoming production is the feel-good musical comedy "Sister Act," based on the hit film by the same name.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. May 11, at 6:30 p.m. May 12 and at 12:30 p.m. May 13 at the Bremer Theater at Danville Area Community College. The May 12 and 13 performances include dinner prior to the show.

Tickets for Friday's show-only performance are \$19 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets for Saturday or Sunday's dinner show performances are \$37 for adults and \$27 for students and may be purchased online at www.dlomusicaltheatre.com.

**SULLIVAN**  
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The X-rays discovered by Becquerel were able to penetrate through most soft materials. At the same time, Wilhelm Rontgen accidentally discovered he could produce X-rays with a vacuum tube charged to high voltages. The penetrating ability of these rays was quickly recognized as a way to image inside the human body and within a couple weeks, Rontgen took an X-ray photograph of his wife's hand. It clearly showed the bones in her hand and her wedding ring. The photograph sent a buzz through the medical communities.

We have learned to control the X-ray intensity to only use what is needed to penetrate. They now capture the image digitally rather than on film, but the basic process is the same. X-raying your teeth, the dense healthy teeth block most of the rays, but the softer cavities and weak areas let more pass through. A basic x-ray is limited to a flat image trying to display a three-dimensional living structure.

The next big step in X-ray technology required com-

puters. In 1972, two scientists working independently of each other discovered Computed Axial Tomography (CAT) Scanning. A CAT scan is just a set of individual X-rays. The images are made in a precise pattern then put together like making a panoramic portrait from a set of camera images.

The patient is placed inside the X-ray machine, which is built like a doughnut, and the machine takes thousands of images spaced only a tenth of an inch apart in a circle as it rotates around the patient. Each image is a slice of the body. A computer takes all the individual slices and puts them together in a 3-D panorama giving detail in all directions of tissues inside the body.

X-ray technology works as long as there are significant differences in tissue density. It will not work when the tissues are all similar in structure such as the brain. The PET Scanner was developed in 1973 at Washington University in St. Louis to overcome the density issue. The discovery launched nuclear medicine.

A PET scan starts by injecting the patient with trace amounts of radioactive material. The material decays giving off gamma rays, which are picked up by the detector. The source is mapped by tracing the rays back and mapping a tissue slice. The set of slices are again put together to make a complete 3-D image.

Medical technicians take advantage of the different type of nutrients tissues collect. The brain needs glucose to power it, so they inject nuclear-laced sugar when they want a brain scan. The thyroid loves iodine, and a trace amount of radioactive iodine will collect in the thyroid where it can then be imaged.

The safest and most impressive imaging technology currently is probably Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). The first MRI scanners were produced in 1980 but not in common use until the late 90s.

MRI uses a powerful magnetic field, radio frequency pulses and a computer to produce detailed pictures of organs, soft tissues, bone and virtually all other internal body structures.

An MRI differs from a CAT scan because it doesn't use radiation.

The MRI was not possible until we had fast computers and could affordably use super conductors to make super magnets. The magnet in an MRI can power up to five tesla (a measurement of magnetic flux density, not electric automobiles), which is 100,000 times stronger than the earth's magnetic

field. Metal objects can become dangerous projectiles near an MRI machine, so all metal is carefully kept away.

The human body is mostly made up of water. The water molecule is shaped like a boomerang with the hydrogen proton at the end of each arm. In a powerful field, water can be magnetized to line up. To make an MRI image, the patient is placed inside the machine on a table where they must lie perfectly still for several minutes as pulses of super magnetic fields pass through the body.

The tissue is briefly magnetized and the field image mapped. This is done thousands of times as the magnetic field passes all around the subject. The patient must remain still or the image will be blurry like shaking a camera. It is completely safe and can create high definition detailed images of any tissue in the body.

Until 120 years ago the only way a doctor could explore a tumor was by surgically cutting the patient open. Modern technology has made it possible to collect detailed information by noninvasively imaging inside the body. This all started when a planned experiment failed but a curious scientist started asking questions about the unexpected results he observed.

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

**ZEMAN**  
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it's time to move from winter clothes to spring and summer. Organizing your closet is the first step to organizing the rest of your home. Get rid of unused clothes and accessories, and organize the rest by how you get dressed in the morning and by color. Your closet will look appealing, and your everyday routine will be easier.

Maintenance is crucial to keeping a crisp paint job looking fresh. To do this, Carl Minchew, director of Product

Development at Benjamin Moore, suggests spot cleaning walls with a cloth or sponge and water. If that doesn't work, dip the rag or sponge into water mixed with a little dishwashing liquid. If the stain persists, apply a few drops of soap directly onto the wet sponge or cloth you're using. Make sure you rinse the wall afterward with plain water.

Take advantage of the warmer temperatures, open the windows and get busy. (Nancy Zeman is the editor and part-owner of The Prairie Press. Email her at nzeman@prairiepress.net.)

**CODGER**  
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"We're going to perform exploratory surgery."

Amazingly, the patient began to moan and groan, slowly stirring, opening his eyes.

The sheriff was sitting in the visitors' lounge. When told it was all fake, the man with a badge wasn't a bit

amused. Coble was arrested and marched out in handcuffs. Nor was the county judge amused in the courtroom.

The net result of this escape was a \$500 fine and six days behind bars.

(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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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of April 22-28, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the interest and events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

### SCHOOL BOARD UNCHANGED

Dr. F. D. Lydick and attorney Stewart Kincaid were re-elected members of the board of education of Paris Union School District at the election held Saturday afternoon in the lobby of the courthouse.

As a result the board of education remains unchanged, the personnel being Dr. Lydick, Stewart Kincaid, Edward Levings, Dr. H. M. Garber, T. A. Foley and Burnie McClain.

### HORACE GIRL SETS RECORD

Miss Mabel Kelsheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kelsheimer of near Horace, is believed to have the record for soldier writing in Edgar County.

The young woman keeps up a correspondence with 12 soldier boys, four of whom are cousins, one a foster brother and the remaining seven acquaintances since early childhood.

### YOUTHS TO WORK ON FARMS

Sixty-six boys completed their studies in the Paris public schools Friday and will go to work on farms throughout the county Monday. Of this number, 58 are over 16 years of age and have joined the Boys Working Reserve under the jurisdiction of the government.

According to a plan worked out by the school board, all of the boys will receive student credits, provided they show actual work on the farms for the required period.

### C OF C GRAND OPENING

One of the greatest crowds ever assembled in Paris gathered Saturday for the grand opening of the Community House on South Main Street.

From early morning until the Beacon went to press, the crowds were jammed at the entrance of the new community house. Late in the afternoon, the crowd was lined up at the entrance for almost half a block. The opening will go down in history as being one of the most successful events ever staged here.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### BOMB HOAX AT PHS

Paris High School classes started about 20 minutes late Tuesday afternoon following a hoax bomb threat telephoned to the school office during the noon hour. A person, believed to be a boy, stated there was a bomb in the high school and then quickly hung up.

Although school officials were certain that it was a hoax, the high school buildings were cleared and city police and the sheriff's department called to make a swift but thorough search.

#### METHODISTS, EUB MERGE

DALLAS — Two bishops joined hands in the dramatic ceremony uniting Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren in the largest church merger in U. S. history.

The new denomination has more than 11 million members in this country, plus about one million overseas.

#### FINNEY SELLS POULTRY FIRM

Finney's Poultry Market and the property formerly occupied by the Meadow Gold Company on North Jefferson has been sold to Oliver Brown of the Brown Produce Incorporation, with headquarters at Farina. Mr. Finney will be manager for the new owner.

# Rivers helped state grow

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

BY JOSEPH BUSTOS

Of the Belleville News-Democrat

During the first century of the state's history, the natural habitats along the Illinois River helped spur fishing industries and had places for hunting.

The Illinois River was a habitat for bottom-feeding fish such as catfish, common carp and smallmouth buffalo as well as mussels. The abundance of fish led to a commercial fishing industry between Havana and Meredosia, according to the state museum. Towns had their own markets that processed and shipped fish to large Midwestern and

Eastern cities from the 1890s to the 1950s.

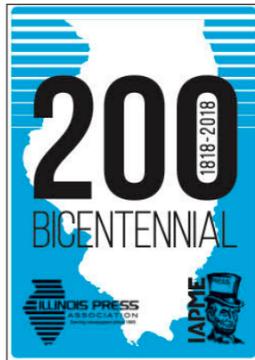
Sport hunters formed clubs and bought land along the Illinois River to start duck hunting resorts managed by locals, according to the state museum.

However, there also was a demand to transport goods, which changed life along the river.

Reports in the 1830s said the river wasn't navigable in 70 to 80 places during the low-water months. A canal was eventually built between LaSalle and Chicago.

"The canal was instrumental in Chicago's growth," said Michael Wiant, the interim director for the Illinois State Museum. "There's a recognition there, navigability on the river would give vitality to the economy of Illinois."

Towns along the Illinois River, such as Naples, Grafton, Peoria and Beardstown, are the earliest communities in the region to be established. Ottawa had deposits of silica sand, that were transported



into Chicago for construction.

"You could begin to see the river as an artery that literally feeds the heart of the city," Wiant said.

Levees eventually were built along waterways to keep the river in place, and maintain a channel. That infrastructure decision also eventually drained floodplains and backwater habitats, which led to those areas becoming land for row-crop agriculture.

"The river is largely, by the early part of the 20th century, engineered to handle that transportation issue that is

having vitality," Wiant said. "But it comes at a price of not only the natural powerhouse of the backwater lakes, things like commercial fishing industries are affected negatively. It changes the character of the river profoundly."

Natural habitats for ducks, fish and mussels were negatively affected and populations crashed, Wiant said. Eventually there were wildlife refuges established to give habitat to ducks to try to keep those populations safe.

"To maintain navigation, you need stable water levels. To get stable water levels you need locks and dams. To keep the channel in place you need levees," Wiant said. "Levees then cut off the backwater lakes from the natural hydrology of the river, and while you're producing agricultural commodities, which are good things to be sure, the price you're paying, the natural habitats are deteriorated."

Using the Illinois River, as well as the Mississippi

River, as economic engines for the transportation of goods continues today.

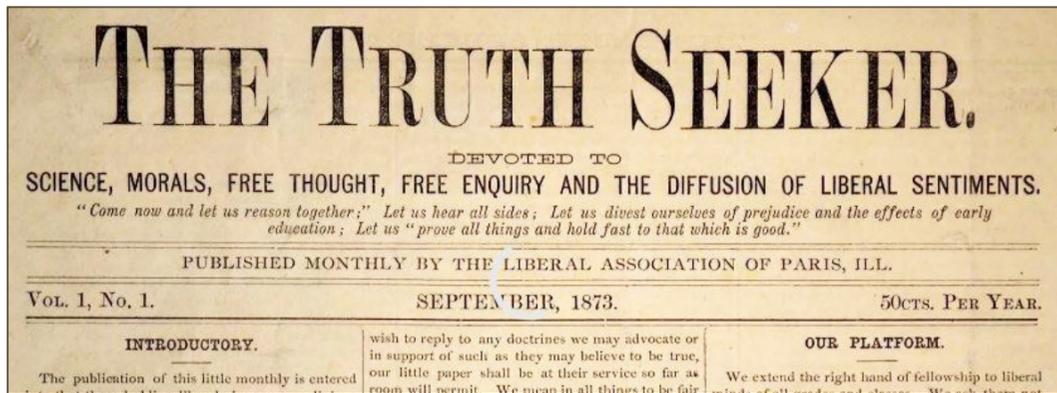
In recent years, there has been an effort to increase the amount of commodities and goods that are moved down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

America's Central Port has been awarded a \$713,000 federal grant to help load containers on the Illinois River at Beardstown. The containers are sent to Chicago for loading onto trains, or to St. Louis where containers are placed on trains, or continue down the Mississippi River on barges to New Orleans. The project is still in the planning stages.

Cargill has grain elevators along the Illinois river, in locations such as Havana. Barges are loaded and then sent down the river and eventually connected to the Mississippi River where they head toward the Gulf of Mexico where they are then shipped around

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The city of Paris has had many papers come and go. There was the Beacon, The Blade, The Paris Daily News as well as many others.

For the most part, each paper posted its own views on subjects especially the religious viewpoints. Local druggist DeRobigne Mortimer Bennett thought that should change and papers should publish different views, even unpopular ones.

Bennett was born Dec. 23, 1818, at Springfield, N.Y. He lived a pretty normal childhood until he was 15 and stumbled upon the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing. The group — better known as Shakers — took Bennett into their church where he became a devout and prominent member.

For the next 13 years, Bennett was part of the celibate communitarian society and practiced as a physician and herbalist. His biggest role in the church was as a ministry appointed scribe recording divinely inspired messages. Bennett did this during the Shakers' 10-year spiritualistic revival known as the Era of Manifestations. At the end of this era many members lost their fire for their church, including Bennett and schoolteacher Mary Wicks.

She caught Bennett's eye, and despite the Shakers' canon for celibacy, the couple eloped in 1846. It shocked everyone in the community but that did not stop them from being friends with many of the members for the rest of their lives.

Over the next 27 years the Bennetts moved town-to-town investing in



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DeRobigne Mortimer Bennett, Paris druggist and seed farmer, began his publication of The Truth Seeker in Paris and went on to be one of the country's foremost freethinker during the late 19th century.

many businesses, including drug stores and successfully marketed his own Dr. Bennett's Family Medicines. Bennett also took up reading Darwin, Voltaire and Paine. Thomas Paine's "The Age of Reason" changed Bennett forever.

Bennett became a staunch freethinker and just as fervently as he embraced the Shaker religious teachings, he now considered Christianity the greatest sham on the world.

Around 1870, Bennett was offered the operation of a drugstore in the booming Midwest town of Paris. For the next 15 months, Bennett and his wife ran Bennett's Drugstore before leaving that enterprise and entering the seed business. Bennett planted 50 acres the first year and 75 acres the second. Unfortunately, it was a very dry couple of years. He eventually met his goal but sustained a \$2,000 dollar loss.



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A hand colored image depicts Mary Wicks Bennett who eloped with D.M. Bennett in 1846. The elopement shocked their friends in the communal Shaker religion because celibacy was an important component of the faith.

1872 was another hard year for Bennett. The 53-year-old farmer was returning from checking his seed fields when he dismounted his horse to close a gate. As he attempted to remount, the horse bolted and dragged Bennett for quite a distance. He lay unconscious for several hours before some local hunters found him and took him home to Paris.

The drought continued in 1873 and Bennett lost another 75 acres of seed. Writings by two Paris clergymen in the paper about the drought and the efficacy of prayer prompted a rejoinder by Bennett. The Paris Beacon and Valley Blade refused to print Bennett's views and told him it was too radical for publication.

His response was to start his own newspaper. Being a freethinker, Bennett wanted everyone to have the

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## The trials, tribulations with home computers

Oh, the terrible tribulations of an old guy who thinks he can still do a lot



ROGER STANLEY

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of stuff that maybe he doesn't need to be doing anymore. I get mean and angry and growl a lot at unsuspecting people

who have to put up with me. If I put down on a list or in my phone all the stuff I think I need to do, I can't get it done 'cause it keeps raining or snowing and my computer won't compute.

That's just the physical aspect of what needs to be done. Lets get into the mental conflagrations. Oh, where to start?

Let's start with my desktop computer. It got to the point where it was difficult to write on it and send my stories to The Prairie Press. I kept messing around with it until I knew I had one job done of preparing it to go to the tech shop. Mission accomplished — I did get it there and behold it worked better. Whoops, except for the fact when I needed to use the little window or start button in the lower left hand corner nothing happened.

I was ready to use some kind of attitude adjustment on the belligerent piece of technological junk. Either that or go soak my head, because I didn't dare holler at Rosie. I did get some stuff done, it only took 30 minutes to write a column, but it took four hours to send it correctly.

Next chapter. I took it to another expert and told him to fix the darn thing, even if he had to take off all the stuff that was on it. I had downloaded all the

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# Study: Custer's men didn't commit suicide

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Historical accounts of the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn report many of Gen. George Custer's 7th Cavalry soldiers shot themselves to avoid being killed by Native American warriors after the crushing defeat.

But a preliminary skeletal analysis — presented April 12 at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting — suggests suicides were relatively rare among Custer's overwhelmed forces.

It's among the most famous and controversial battles ever fought on American soil. At Custer's Last Stand, in June 1876, the U.S. Army was outnumbered and overwhelmed by Native American warriors, along the banks of the Little Bighorn River. By the end of the battle, some 268 federal troops were dead.

But how many were killed and how many died at their own hands?

Often-cited historical accounts tell the story of many cavalry suicides, with the men choosing to shoot themselves rather than risk death and dismemberment at the hands of Native American fighters.

Instead of the claims many Seventh Cavalry troops committed suicide, bioarchaeology researcher Genevieve Mielke of the University of Montana said preliminary skeletal analysis suggests suicides among army troops may have been few and far between.

"No doubt suicides happened among Custer's men," she told Science News, "but perhaps not on the grand scale previously suggested."

Just over 1 percent of the U.S. Army at that time, 268 soldiers, died in the battle in Montana.

Mielke reviewed 30 written battle accounts taken from Native American fighters and army soldiers in nearby regiments and found 14 described instances of Custer's men killing themselves with revolvers.

Yet data on skeletal injuries of 31 of Custer's soldiers indicate only three committed suicide by firing a gun into their head, Mielke reported. In contrast, 22 soldiers had skeletal damage consistent with dismemberment, scalping or other mutilations.

This data was previously published by two teams excavating and then reburial 7th Cavalry soldiers who died at

Little Big Horn. One project took place in the 1980s, the other in the 1990s.

Mielke did not have access to any skeletons of Custer's men.

A few months into the Great Sioux War, federal troops clashed with Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne warriors in southeastern Montana Territory. Gold had been found on Native American lands, and relations were growing strained. When tribes missed a federal deadline to move to reservations, tensions rose still higher. The U.S. Army, including Custer's Seventh Cavalry, was sent to confront them.

According to historical accounts, the Army expected no more than 800 Native American warriors. Instead, Custer encountered as many as 2,500, to his 700 Cavalrymen and Scouts. It was a crushing, consequential defeat — though precisely what happened has often proved contentious.

Native American oral histories often assert that Custer and his men committed suicide when they realized they had lost. One account from Wooden Leg, a Northern Cheyenne Indian, describes a

chaotic scene up on the ridge: "Right away, all of the white men went crazy. Instead of fighting us, they turned their guns upon themselves. Almost before we could get to them, every one of them was dead. They killed themselves."

But archaeologists have often wondered at a lack of physical evidence to support the story. Mielke's own analysis, reported in Science News, suggests something similar: Though 14 of the 30 written battle accounts from Native American fighters tell tales of Custer's men killing themselves with revolvers, this doesn't bear out in the scant figures available.

According to data on skeletal injuries of 31 of Custer's soldiers, only three committed suicide by firing their gun into their head. Meanwhile, 22 soldiers showed signs of having been scalped, dismembered, or mutilated at the hands of their victors. Though the findings are new, the data is not and does not include the skeletons of Custer's men. Instead, it comes from two projects dating from the 1980s and 1990s, where 7th Cavalry Soldiers were excavated and then reburied.

## BENNETT

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the ability to express their own viewpoints both out loud and in print. He came up with a list of 50 names and his wife choose The Truth Seeker.

Bennett published the first Truth Seeker in September 1873. It was a period when the alternative press thrived in

America.

His first issue mentioned several of his competitors. Although Bennett was concerned about his education, he was bold in his new business venture. He wrote Francis Abbott, editor of the famed Index, and said The Truth Seeker was to be considerably more radical and infidel than The Index, but it was

not a competitor. In the end, Bennett asked for the Index's mailing list. Abbott requested \$3,000 for the list.

Although the subscriptions were slow to come in The Truth Seeker got great reviews across the country. With the publication gaining notice and no reason to stay in Paris, the Bennetts decided it was time to move on and went to New

York.

The December 1873 issue of The Truth Seeker was the last one published in Paris, but the paper continued from New York until Bennett's death in 1882.

The Truth Seeker went from a simple idea in Paris to a household name across the country — a legacy that will forever be remembered.

## STANLEY

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pertinent information to a couple of ingenious devices called flash drives or something like that.

Two days later the computer came back, and it worked fine except I had to load the stuff back on. The computer worked much quicker, but

with a few different formats. On my part of the old adulterated one, I had about 25,000 pictures just because I had them in three different places, but in reality I only needed about 7,000 of them in one easy to find location.

I successfully uploaded my documents and other stuff all right, but this computer illiterate old guy (me) screwed up on loading the pictures. I guess I had the flash drive in correctly and I even got what I thought I wanted on my computer's hard drive whatever that is. Observing what I saw on the screen it indicated I had saved the pictures in two different locations, so in an expedient attempt to save space I pushed some button, which indicated I would erase one of them. Mission accomplished. I erased it off one location, but in the process it also erased the other upload and, you probably guessed it, the pictures on the flash drive. Well, there went 6,013 pictures right down the drain. I did ask Cortana what to do, maybe

she could save my hide as I use a lot of those pictures in my writing and to keep track of my family.

Cortana is my favorite technological friend who answers a lot of questions when I get stumped, sometimes she outsmarts me and sometimes she is quite helpful in surfing the web. Anyway, I found that it was possible to recapture erased information or in this case my lost pictures.

Without special software, I knew I was not going to try that so I called my friendly computer whiz, and he thought he could recapture the pictures from my handy little pocket flash drive. That would be much easier than hauling my blankety-blank computer around again. All is well, after a couple of more days I had the computer actually loaded without much trouble as I remembered a couple of words my guru mentioned, copy and paste.

I only had a little trouble finding the right words in the right windows, but I yanked that flash drive out before I

finalized the picture transfer. Then I discovered the pictures were actually on the computer as well as the flash drive.

Finally, I must have done something right. I hope that a person learns as much from their mistakes as well as doing something right the first time through.

All of this would probably have gone better if I wasn't sitting on the Board of Review hearing testimony from unhappy taxpayers and then trying to help my team of experts to find an equitable solution. I just want to thank the people that were being interviewed for not being as goofy as I was trying to listen and say something intelligent.

I realize these are only small insignificant trials and the tribulation I faced was only to recognize my only ineptitude and start laughing about it instead of crying.

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## ILLINOIS

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According to the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, nearly \$5 billion in annual revenue and 20,000 jobs are generated by commercial navigation on the Mississippi River.

In 2015, 35 million tons of goods moved on the Mississippi River through the St.

Louis area, according to data provided by the St. Louis Regional Freightway, which is a freight district and comprehensive authority for freight operations and opportunities within eight counties that compose the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"It's a combination that adds up to the St. Louis region having inexpensive barge freight rates for the handling

of fertilizer, steel, manufactured goods, coal, petroleum products and agricultural commodities," said Mary Lamie, executive director of the freightway.

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# Breakfast to mark day of prayer

Event in Paris brings together residents

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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Prayer brings people together. That is the exact reason why the National Day of Prayer was created in the early 1950s.

Area residents are invited to celebrate the annual observance at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at Tuscan Restaurant, Paris.

The free event features a full buffet of warm morning foods such as pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs. Following the meal, gospel singer and songwriter Mark

Bishop of Kentucky is performing a short program. Bishop performs a full-concert at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

A free-will offering will be collected at both events.

"This is something we promote because it doesn't matter what religious denomination a person is," said Pastor Jack Hoffman of the Paris Cornerstone Baptist Church. "Everyone has the same desire which is to come to God in prayer and have His blessings on our country."

Hoffman said the Paris Ministerial Alliance has organized the breakfast as part of the National Day of Prayer

for approximately 20 years.

Prior to the annual breakfast, a group of local ministers met to pray together for the annual national event, explained Hoffman.

"In our town a few ministers began initially meeting mid-day many years ago for National Day of Prayer," said Hoffman. "We then decided to do something more effective and that's when we began organizing and hosting the breakfast."

The National Day of Prayer was created and signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman. The annual observance was created to invite all people to join together to specifically

pray for the United States of America.

In 1988, the law was amended to designate the first Thursday of May as the official day of national prayer.

Every president since 1952 has signed an annual National Day of Prayer proclamation.

"This is one day a year that we should be together and not talk about our differences or what divides us but instead discuss the one thing that brings us together and that is our belief in God and that God wants to bless our country and humble ourselves to speak his name in prayer," Hoffman said.

This 2018 national theme is Pray for America-United. According to the NDP website, the theme is based upon Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Organizers see the verse as a challenge for Americans to mobilize unified public prayer for the nation.

"Unity will be a core focus as so many of those in attendance at our NDP breakfast will be from a variety of different denominations and backgrounds," said Hoffman. "Yet, they all have one purpose in mind which is to pray for American and lift up the name of

Jesus Christ."

He noted a large variety of people usually attend the breakfast event.

Attendance is normally around 100 people from diverse backgrounds such as business and healthcare professionals, young and old and with groups from local nursing homes and various church organizations.

He emphasized that the event is free.

Both the breakfast and evening concert by Bishop are open to the public.

Reservations are encouraged to attend the breakfast and may be made by calling 217-712-0304 or email jillandjack1971@gmail.com.

## Christians must walk by faith

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."  
—2 Corinthians 5:7

Remember the mythical stories of old of ships being drawn into dangerous rock

filled shallows by the seductive songs of wispy spirits called sirens? The reality, though, is that we

who live in this increasingly secularized and corrupt culture face spiritual temptations through which we must navigate. Sailing our life's ship in the rough seas of human experience, we are subject to hearing the sirens' songs, beckoning us to what appears to be a safe passage, which isn't safe at all. There are rocks hidden in the choppy and murky waters, and each of us is in danger of crashing our vessel upon the sharp reefs, but God knew that when he launched our craft into the vast ocean of life.

We are only here for a short while, and yet we know intuitively, because God imbedded that understanding within our being, that we are made for a higher, more noble and satisfying existence. The way in which we navigate the years we live will affect the quality of the eternity that we will hereafter enter.

God's revealed word has a simple message from the infinite all-knowing creator (God to his (you and I) finite limited rebellious creation. It's not about finding your own way. It's not about picking yourself up by the bootstraps and becoming the best you. It's not about hidden mysticism or good luck charms or even religious rituals that impress others but are as worthless as gum stuck to the bottom of your shoe. The message from the creator of all things, who in his essence is love personified is that we all must walk by faith and not by sight.

All our life we are going to face events, setbacks, sorrows, tragedy, hardships and bends in the road that will leave us bewildered and questioning why. Why did my loved one die so suddenly? Why such a waste? Why did my plans fail? Why did that person turn against me? Why can't I seem to get anywhere? Why the pain? Why the disease? Why no instead of yes? Why? Why? Why? Since we only see what is right in front of us and not what's coming around that next bend of the road, or over the next rise or concealed in the fog, we are ever susceptible to running our skiff aground on the shoals. But God sees and knows all.

Walking by faith demands  
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## MAYO STUDENTS HONOR TEACHER WITH PROJECTS



Mayo science teacher Chris Clawson, back to the camera, directed several students planting flowerpots in the memorial garden for teacher Amy Freeze, who died suddenly this past week. Students included Kendall Newhart, Logan Bartley and Zoe Sanders.

## Tragedy calls for prayers

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When tragedy strikes those affected are not only left to pick up the shattered pieces but also expected to quickly move on to lead a normal life.

A Mayo Middle School student responded by immediately praying when she learned of the tragic and sudden loss of Amy Freeze, Mayo's language arts instructor. Freeze died unexpectedly of natural causes in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 22.

Seventh grade student Emma Kemper, 12, promptly began praying when she learned the sad news. That morning at the First Baptist Church, Kemper and fellow classmate Maelynn Redmon requested special prayers for Freeze, the grieving family and friends, the Mayo student body and faculty members and Freeze's former students.

"Prayer was my first thought. She was really awesome and spiritual," Kemper said about one of her favorite teachers. She added, "She was so spunky and unique and no one can ever replace her."

Kemper said prayer was one way she felt connected to her beloved English teacher.

"I am a Christian and I felt like this was the right thing to do," said Kemper. "We really miss her and wanted to connect with her."

Kemper said youth pastor Trent Horner prayed with the students to shine, be positive and help each



Many Mayo Middle School students were experiencing personal grief for the first time with the sudden death of longtime teacher Amy Freeze. Freeze's memorial service was conducted Thursday evening in the Mayo gym. School science teacher Chris Clawson recognized the opportunity for students to put their hands to work in honor of Freeze. Students Catie Slaven, foreground, and Mercedes Rinesmith helped plant a memorial wildflower garden in Freeze's honor.

other. Mayo school nurse Sandy Johnson is also a member of the First Baptist Church, and she offered support and grief counseling for the students during the worship service.

"Mrs. Johnson talked with us and helped me out a lot," Kemper said.

Finding comfort in prayer, Kem-

per knew she wanted to share that experience with her classmates. She approached her mother, Sandi Kemper, with the idea of a group prayer Monday, April 23, at the school.

Horner recalls that later in the day, "Emma and her mom, Sandi, approached me to be a support person

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From left, Chris Clawson and students Zoe Sanders, Alyssa Reed, Sophie Given, Will Moody and Logan Bartley work to clean up the school grounds and plant flowers prior to the memorial service Thursday for longtime teacher Amy Freeze who died suddenly. Each student who attended the visitation Wednesday received hearts with wildflowers that were then planted in Freeze's honor.

## The name of God revealed

"I Am" is revealed to Moses as the name of God when the Lord appeared to him in

the burning bush. I Am is translated from the Hebrew word "Yahweh."

Until the time of Moses, God had not revealed his name. Abraham, our Father of Faith, was

chosen by God because of his gift of wisdom in which he returned to the true faith that had been given by God to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. This gift of wisdom that he had received is the truth that there is only one God.

In the midst of a pagan world, Abraham left his father and land behind in order to establish a people that would be called into a relationship with the one true God. In time, God made a covenant with Abraham and, as the Lord had promised, he became the father of the chosen people.

The chosen people were called chosen because they were the race set apart from a world filled with idolatry. It would be through their reverence and obedience to the one true God that the Lord would manifest through as the Messiah.

In this preparation, Abraham's descendants went through many trying times — including the slavery in Egypt. It was during this time that Moses — the greatest prophet — was called forth to bring them into a right relationship with the Lord through his law and his fatherly protection. It was at this time Moses received God's name revealed, I Am.

Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, and incarnate word, in the fullness of time, came into this world to save us by his life, cross, death and resurrection. He reminded his followers that, "Today's scripture is fulfilled in your hearing," and also Jesus declared, "Those of the past long to see what you see and long to hear what you hear now." During his ministry, Jesus declared that he was the Great I Am in many ways and under many titles: I am the Resurrection and the Life, I am the Bread of Life, I am the Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end), I am the Good Shepherd, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life — and before Moses was — I Am.

In his great and merciful love, Jesus desires for us to know him in a personal, loving relationship. He wants us to remember the life he lived as a gift for us, to be reconciled back to his Heavenly Father. His mission on this earth was to reveal who God was by becoming a man and living with us.

By experiencing his self-emptying love of the cross, and his might and

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### PASTOR

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I take my hands off the steering wheel. It insists I leave the piloting of my craft up to the captain.

Walking by faith starts with one step, then another, following the direction that is being revealed to me right now. It means I trust and love God because he first loved me, and I believe in his son Jesus Christ, who gave up his life to pay a debt that my

personal sins had created and that I could never pay.

Walking by faith means I trust in God daily and I quit worrying over tomorrow's issues that may never materialize anyway. Walking by faith means I reject this culture's norms of having to get more, experience self-pleasure more and step on others to achieve more.

I don't have to know the reason for everything that takes place because faith walking stops trusting in self

and simply rests in letting God be God. Whatever God reveals to me, through his word or circumstances and others, whatever he allows I'll accept from his gracious hand and today by his help I'll have peace and joy for my journey.

While others run frantically or power their engines in pursuit of the seductive song that is luring them to destruction, the person walking by faith trusts a loving father God to take his hand and walk him home. Faith walkers don't

have to see their destination with human eyes, they simply hold to the hand of their omniscient guide.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

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### PRAYERS

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for the school prayer to help pray with the students and to be there for them if Emma was to organize such an event."

Kemper contacted district superintendent and Mayo principal Jeremy Larson and received permission to have the prayer vigil. "Emma was the one who spearheaded the event," said Horner.

She used social media, specifically Snapchat, to quickly organize the prayer group meeting before school started Monday. She posted the prayer information on her Snapchat story and invited groups of people and allowed groups to share her story in an effort to reach as many classmates as possible. The prayer invitation was rapidly shared and copied and many students responded to the idea.

"My mom even posted it on her Facebook page," she said, noting she doesn't have a Facebook page because she prefers Snapchat.

"I had to do it because I

realized it would help other people with what was going on," Emma Kemper said.

Originally the prayer was going to be outside of the school around the flagpole but moved to the gymnasium because of rain.

Approximately 100 students, faculty members and several parents made a large circle and joined hands as Horner led them in prayer.

"It seemed to benefit a lot of students, even students who are not familiar with the power of prayer," Horner said. "Prayer shows unity. I prayed that these students will be there for one another and love one another."

He added Emma Kemper was adamant Freeze would want the students to come together at a time like this.

According to Horner, prayer helps in such situations and Kemper wanted her peers to know there is power in prayer and students can impact each others' lives.

Emma Kemper said Horner's prayer was what they needed.

"He reminded us that she

is in heaven and is happy and not to cry because this is very difficult for us but we can pray to get through it and to have good thoughts about Mrs. Freeze," said Kemper.

When Horner finished, the young girl also prayed out loud.

"Pretty much I was crying so it was difficult but the prayer just came from my heart and I said we are going to miss her and it's hard but we need to remember God is with us and she is in a better place now," Kemper said.

She added many of the students cried together in grief. The tears of sadness were beneficial and relieved some of the sorrow.

Being transparent about her Christian faith, Kemper described her mixed emotions and great grief that she and many of her classmates have endured.

"It was kinda process that took time to think about," she said. "It didn't feel real and we couldn't believe it. Everyone is so shocked and can't process it all because she was at school on Friday."

She described Freeze as a sweet and kind person who made everyone feel special and important even during simple interactions.

Kemper believes Freeze's love for her students means she wants them to find happiness and not grieve, but she also understands it is important to work through the grief by continuing to pray.

"Prayers help you realize that someone is with you all the time and that's God," said Kemper. "He knows what you are going through. No matter what, he is there to understand and even if he doesn't respond he is there for us whatever we need. And God knows you are perfect."

As the Paris community continues to feel sorrow, Horner reminds individuals that prayer is beneficial.

"God gives us the ability as Christians to be there for one another," he said. "It is our responsibility to spread the love of Christ. Ultimately, God is in control and loving even if we don't always understand the different circumstances."

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power in the resurrection, we could now have the grace to remain in his love.

This is his commandment, when he says, "I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing."

Jesus further on makes

this remarkable promise, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, as for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (Read John 15:1-8)

Many people find this promise to ask for anything and receive it as unbelievable. However, to receive this promise, we must

remain in his love, and that involves faithfulness to the commandments and complete trust in his will. For the disciples of Christ, the early church interpreted this word as uniting their wills so closely to that of Jesus' that by being guided by the Holy Spirit, they would know what Jesus wanted them to ask for.

Dear friends in Christ, as we continue to glorify the

risen Christ, let us pray and give thanks for the gift of remaining united to Christ the Vine.

May we bear the fruit as Christian witnesses and show ourselves as the pleasing children of our Heavenly Father through Christ our Lord.

(The Rev. Ronald Hilt is the priest at St. Mary's and St. Aloysius Catholic churches. Email him at stmaryschurch-paris@gmail.com.)

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## Corn outlook is bullish

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URBANA — Corn futures prices moved lower last week despite the slow pace of corn planting thus far this year. High levels of corn consumption continue to peck away at the corn stocks carried over from last year's production. When combined with a robust consumption scenario for the remainder of the year, the possibility of significantly lower corn production in 2018 creates a bullish outlook for corn prices.

University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs explains that corn consumption continues to see support from ethanol production. The current USDA projection of 5.575 billion bushels of corn used for ethanol production is

well within reach as ethanol production has eclipsed a million barrels a day for 14 consecutive weeks. Corn consumption for ethanol production used 2.79 billion bushels through the first half of the marketing year. Based on ethanol production since February, corn used in ethanol production as of April 13 is approximately 3.6 billion bushels.

"Recent highs in implied gasoline demand and the prospect of expansion to year around E-15 blending support a positive outlook for corn use in ethanol this year," Hubbs says. "Ethanol exports continue at a robust pace and look to provide additional support for corn use in ethanol."

Through the first half of the marketing year, ethanol

exports came in 6.7 percent higher than last year, at 768 million gallons. February export levels received a boost with 33 million gallons of ethanol going to China, the highest monthly total since April 2016. The levying of an additional 15 percent tariff on U.S. ethanol exports in April by China will severely limit ethanol exports to that country for the rest of the year. Despite the tariff rate quota placed on U.S. exports by Brazil in September, ethanol exports to Brazil remain strong according to Hubbs.

However, ethanol exports during the first half of the marketing year in Brazil came in 7 percent lower than last year. "The current pace of ethanol exports indicates a fifth consecutive marketing year of expansion with over

1.5 billion gallons exported, but trade issues may dampen exports," Hubbs adds.

Corn exports continue to strengthen despite a weak performance in the first half of the marketing year. At 790 million bushels, exports through February were 290 million bushels smaller than the 2016-17 marketing-year pace. The weekly rate of export inspections picked up noticeably in March. As of April 19, corn inspected for export during the marketing year came in at 1.17 billion bushels.

Cumulative Census Bureau export estimates through February exceeded cumulative export inspections by 37 million bushels. If that margin has persisted, exports through April 19 totaled 1.208 billion bushels.

An additional 1.04 billion bushels of exports, an average of 52 million bushels per week, is necessary to reach the current USDA projection of 2.25 billion bushels. For the six weeks that ended April 19, weekly export inspections averaged 63 million bushels per week.

Additional support for U.S. exports is developing in South America. Currently, the USDA projects corn production in Brazil and Argentina at 3.6 and 1.3 billion bushels respectively. The dry weather in Argentina hampered the corn crop this year, and production currently sits 300 million bushels below last year's level.

"Developing dryness in southern Brazil over a substantial portion of the second-crop

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## Farm bill support is split

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

The 200,000-member National Farmers Union said this week it opposes the Republican-written farm bill awaiting a vote in the House, saying it shortchanges farmers and "makes unnecessary cuts to programs that feed hungry Americans." Meanwhile, an official for the much-larger American Farm Bureau Federation said the partisan split over the bill was not an insurmountable barrier to passing a new farm and public nutrition law this year.

The Farm Bureau, while urging speedy passage of the farm bill, has been silent on proposed work requirements for SNAP.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Michael Conaway told farm broadcasters that House Republicans were expected to discuss the bill during a private meeting Friday before they leave Washington for a 10-day recess. The farm bill could be called for debate as early as May 7, but some congressional sources say the week of May 15 is more likely. Republican leaders won't schedule a vote until they are certain the bill will pass. Hard-line conservatives may press for further cuts to USDA programs in exchange for their votes.

House Democrats are likely to oppose the farm bill en bloc, as they did in 2013, when conservatives demanded the largest cuts in food stamps in a generation. Minnesota Representative Collin Peterson, the committee's ranking Democrat, told the National Association of Farm Broadcasters, who were meeting in Washington, that for the House debate, he recommends a repeat of the tactic used in committee: Offer no amendments. The bill has too many flaws to be repaired, he said. All Republicans on the Agriculture Committee voted for the bill sponsored by Conaway, and all Democrats voted against it.

The NFU board approved a resolution of opposition to the House farm bill. It called for "significant improvements," including higher trigger prices for crop subsidies, stronger controls on payments to large operators, retention of a working-lands conservation program, and maintaining "funding for consumer benefits under nutrition programs." More funding is needed to help farmers through a period of low farm income, said the resolution, which listed the bill's shortcomings. "Furthermore, it makes unnecessary cuts to programs that feed hungry Americans."

By comparison, the Farm Bureau has pointed to improvements in dairy, cotton and grain support programs in the House bill, and said committee approval "takes us one step closer to bringing certainty to families who face the toughest farm economy in more than a decade." The farm group does not have a position on the SNAP portion of the bill, said a spokesman.

In a Farm Bureau podcast, the group's top lobbyist, Dale Moore, said the partisan divide over the farm bill was predictable in light of Conaway's proposals on SNAP. They would require up to 9 million work-capable adults to work at least 20 hours a week to qualify for SNAP benefits or to spend an equivalent amount of time in job training or workfare. The states would get \$1 billion a year to pay for the training programs. Democrats say 1.6 million people would disappear from SNAP because of the changes — 1 million because of the work requirements and the monthly bookkeeping headaches of proving compliance, and the rest because of stricter eligibility rules.

Moore cited the legislative ferment over the 1996 Freedom to Farm law and the 1994 USDA organization as examples that "regardless of who's in the majority, you see a fairly straight party-line vote with legislation coming out of committee."

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## Water quality concerns growing

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

CHAMPAIGN — Water quality concerns are a growing priority in urban and rural communities everywhere.

The State of Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy identifies goals and tactics to address issues using voluntary solutions. Conservation options from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offer farmers technical and financial assistance—that means guidance and dollars—to help do the right thing.

Special funds through the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) offers solutions through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, to help producers install conservation farm solutions that reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and other pathogens from local water sources. Farmers and operators interested in addressing water quality concerns can apply for EQIP funds at any time to start improving water quality.

David and Amy Olson farm about 1,800 acres in Vermilion and Iroquois Counties. Their century farm is home to many conservation practices and management techniques, but Olson needed some financial help to cover costs associated with adding more cover crops on his farms. He signed up for EQIP and was approved for funding.

"Cover crops and soil health improvements are hot topics these days," said NRCS District Conservationist Adam Wyant. "David is a long-time believer in the benefits they can bring." EQIP funds helped Olson develop a plan, select the perfect species to address issues on his fields and pay for seed and application costs.

"There are costs and expenses to make those changes in my operation, and if I can get some of that covered because I'm doing the right thing to help fix the community's drinking water, that's an easy decision," said Olson.

Wyant noted all Illinois farmers can take steps to protect their soils and make improvements for their farm and local water supplies.

"If every farmer and landowner here did just one new conservation practice on their farm, we could drastically impact poor conditions in the Mississippi River Basin and beyond," Wyant said. "Get in touch with your local NRCS office and start the conservation conversation."

## THE RACE IS ON IN EDGAR COUNTY



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A break in the weather has area farmers scrambling to get into the field. This rig was turning soil early Thursday, April 26, in Shiloh Township on ground owned by the Smith Brothers Farms.

## Spring planting underway

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Corn planting progress in the U.S. is nine points behind the five-year average of 14 percent, according to the USDA's latest crop progress report. Last year, 15 percent of the corn crop had been planted by this time.

As of Monday when the report was released, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Wisconsin haven't begun planting. Illinois farmers have reportedly planted 4 percent of the state's crop.

Beginning the planting season is a struggle this year as colder, wet weather has slowed any work in the field. In the eight states where planting hasn't started, cold, snowy weather has plagued many agricultural areas.

According to Bob Utterback, founder of Utterback Marketing Services, Inc., the 39th latitude is the unofficial line of where crops have been planted. Anything above Terre Haute, Ind., hasn't been planted, and below it, some crops have been planted and emerged.

"The end of April, first of May will be a more bullish time period," he said on U.S. Farm Report.

In Edgar County, farmers moved into their fields north, west and east of Paris but few farmers south of U.S. Route 150 are in the fields due to wet conditions. "It's still sticky underneath," one farmer explained.

Jim and Cole McCulloch began planting their crops Wednesday with Jim planting corn and Cole planting beans. "Cole was spraying for emergent weeds and then went right to planting," said Kay McCulloch, noting neighbors were also spraying and working the ground before planting.



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Cole McCulloch shares an educational moment with his son, Fox, in one of the McCulloch Farms fields Thursday. Cole McCulloch was planting beans after spraying fields for emerging weeds.

McCulloch said the soil is warm enough to begin planting. "A few neighbors started last Friday but night temps were cold and days not much better," she explained. She noted a few fields are still wet in a few spots but — believe it or not — there is some dust behind the planter.

"The rain has been taken out of the forecast for Saturday and summer temperatures are expected next week," she concluded. "Farmers can plant a lot in a week if we have warm temps. It's time to get it in the ground."

With the small amount of acres that have been planted, the market hasn't reacted to this news yet. Brian Basting, commodity research analyst with Advance Trading, Inc., says there are two factors on why prices haven't reflected the progress.

"Number one is the size of today's equipment — how many acres a producer can plant in a very short period of time is something the markets are well aware of," he said. "Second is probably taking a bit of the weather premium out of the market is the performance of these yields."

Luckily, the weather pattern has shifted as April comes to a close to one more conducive for planting. Temperatures are expected to warm up to more normal temperatures 60s and 70s in the southern Midwest and 50s and 60s in the north.

"Getting to normal temperatures will be good, but the problem will still be rainfall," says Dale Mohler, senior Accu-weather agricultural meteorologist. He's forecasting normal rainfall in the South

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## Grassley: Ag as trade wars 'very fluid'

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Agriculture trade issues are still on the table, according to U.S. Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA). He expects the next six months to be very fluid.

In this week's Capitol Hill Report, Grassley explained it will take that long for proposed tariffs to kick in, and that long to get a true picture of how those tariffs, and the resulting backlash, will affect agriculture. "President Trump is approaching this like he did as a businessman," said Grassley. "This is how he operates. He negotiates by pushing

things to the brink."

Will that brinkmanship work?

That's a good question, according to Grassley. "If all goes well, we have nothing to worry about. If not, there is plenty to worry about."

On the surface is an impending trade war with the potential for China-imposed tariffs on pork, soybeans, sorghum, corn, beef and other products. Under the surface is the U.S. effort to force Beijing into opening its markets and curtail China's subsidies to cutting-edge industries like robotics, aerospace and artificial intelligence.

Grassley has engaged in talks with the president, informing him of the dire consequences of retaliation against imposed tariffs. Those talks are ongoing, and Grassley says there may be some light at the end of the tunnel.

China promised earlier this month to cut China's auto tariffs. President Trump had complained China was hampering trade by charging a 25 percent import duty on most cars while the U.S. charges less than 3 percent.

Further concessions for trading automobiles also ap-

pear to be on the horizon. Global automakers such as General Motors Co. and Volkswagen AG are currently allowed to own no more than 50 percent of joint ventures with a Chinese partner and can't have more than two separate ventures. China has indicated it will eliminate those restrictions for electric vehicles, with a similar repeal in 2020 for commercial vehicles and in 2022 for passenger vehicles.

Insiders say the latest shift is part of China's effort to accelerate electric vehicle development; a key component of

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Most of the time, farm bills excite regional rather than partisan differences. Agriculture Committee members often say proudly that their panel is freer of partisan overtones than any other congressional committee.

"It's highly unusual for the Ag Committee" to split along party lines, said Ferd Hoefner of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition. The 1996 Farm Bill and this year's House bill are "the only two times that I recall [votes] on a strictly partisan basis, and both included work requirements." Food stamp revisions were eventually enacted as part of the 1996 welfare reform law. They included the requirement, still in effect, that able-bodied adults without dependents work at least 20 hours a week or be in a workfare program in order to receive food stamps.

In the podcast, Moore said that "we still have high expectations" for the farm bill and that Congress will "get it all finalized if not right before the current farm bill expires, shortly thereafter." The 2014 farm law nominally expires on September 30, but various provisions will be active for months afterward, and some elements, such as food stamps and crop insurance, will continue to operate regardless.

Winter wheat growers sow their crop in the fall, so there is pressure to complete the farm bill in time for them to know what to expect in government supports.

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the country's industrial plans. In 2009, China passed the U.S. as the world leader in number of vehicles sold. Last year, sales of minivans, sedans and SUVs totaled 24.8 million vehicles. Around 55 percent of those were U.S., European, Japanese and Korean brands.

To protect farmers, should the trade war escalate, the Trump administration has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to step in with a safety net. One option is to use the Commodity Credit Corporation, which could provide up to \$30 billion to help shore up American farmers by buying their crops.

But there is a downside to that plan. Not only will it likely be time-consuming and costly, adding to the bud-

get deficit, but it essentially amounts to a farm subsidy. That's not the direction U.S. farmers want to take.

"Iowa farmers aren't looking for another subsidy program; rather they want new and improved market access," said U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA). Trade-related threats have already hurt farmers' bottom lines through declining prices on futures contracts.

Grassley said there is a good chance the U.S. may strike a favorable position to renegotiate NAFTA, and Trump has indicated he may be willing to reverse his stance on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

President Trump pulled the U.S. out of TPP shortly after he took office. The move led the 11 remaining countries to negotiate a new deal without the U.S. In recent weeks, he has asked his trade and economic

advisers to look at the possibility of rejoining the agreement.

"The president is interested in negotiating better results for the U.S.," said Grassley. Farmers would benefit from increased market access if such a deal is possible.

Grassley said there is a possibility the U.S. may be able to negotiate a separate bilateral trade agreement with just Japan, one that could mean three or four times the trade dollars that all the other 10 countries combined bring to the table. "That would more than compensate for the TPP," said Grassley.

Grassley and his ag-state cohorts are also working to preserve the safety of the U.S. food system by questioning a move to allow Marfrig Global Foods SA of Brazil to purchase Missouri-based National Beef Packing Company, the fourth-largest processor of U.S. beef.



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and near-to-above normal rainfall in the northern Midwest that will continue to cause planting delays.

"It doesn't look like the weather gets warm enough and dry enough for a long enough period to catch planting up to its normal pace," Mohler noted, adding that while the weather isn't ideal for planting, it will be an improvement.

"Soil temperatures are well

south of where they should be throughout the northern Corn Belt," Mohler observed. "Soil temps of 50 degrees is the big number needed for farmers to start planting for successful germination."

The last week in April looks the most favorable for planting with temperatures near or above normal for most of the Midwest, said Mohler. "The warmer temps will give farmers a chance to start field work as we won't see as much rain fall either."

The beginning of May looks

even more promising with temperatures staying at normal to above normal with near to slightly below normal rainfall, making drier conditions.

For the first time this spring in many parts of the Corn Belt, soil temperatures are reaching into a range suitable for planting this week.

According to Jim Angel, Illinois state climatologist, the average date for soil to reach 50 degrees in East Central Illinois is after April 30. The average date to reach 60 degrees is approximately May 15.

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corn hints at the prospect of additional losses in Brazilian production," Hubbs explains.

"U.S. corn export strength should continue into the summer months and the 2018-19 marketing year with the continuation of modest corn prices."

Feed and residual use of corn during the first half of the marketing is 3.75 billion bushels, which is 1 percent lower than last year's pace. The USDA lowered the feed and residual use projection by 50 million bushels to 5.5 billion bushels - the April WAS-DE report providing the lone blemish on corn consumption this year. Currently, the USDA projects feed and residual use during the last half of the marketing year at 1.74 billion bushels, which would account for 32 percent of the marketing-year total. Last year feed and residual use totaled 1.67 billion bushels, accounting for 30 percent of the marketing-year total.

Hubbs adds that due to the potential for a large residual component, uncertainty will continue until the release of the Sept. 1 Grain Stocks report. When examining the current demand factors as a whole, consumption responded to low corn prices associated with large ending stocks. The USDA currently projects the carry-over of old crop corn at 2.18 billion bushels. The prospect of corn prices rallying depends on new

crop acreage and yield potential in 2018, despite the strong consumption currently evolving in the corn market.

The USDA's March 29 Prospective Plantings report indicated intentions to plant 88 million acres of corn this year, 2.1 million fewer acres than planted last year. An exceptionally cold and wet April across large areas of the Corn Belt foreshadows the potential for acreage shifting out of corn and reduced yield potential associated with late planting. Planting progress over the next few weeks begins the process of building expectations on the magnitude of the 2018 crop and merit monitoring.

The USDA's first projection for the 2018-19 marketing year will be unveiled on May 10. "Uncertainty about the size of the 2018 corn crop will continue for the next few months. While ending stocks this marketing year are large, a deteriorating South American corn crop and continued strong consumption levels provide a basis for price strength moving forward. Any issues with planting or the expectation of yield loss set up a scenario for a corn price rally as farmers prepare to move into the fields over large sections of the Corn Belt," Hubbs concludes.

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# It's been a busy time at Highland Manor

Good morning and hello again from the residents and staff here at the Highland Manor, also known as The Paris High Rise.

I hope you had a glorious Easter this year and you understand the true meaning of this holy season.

Did you notice how early it came in 2018? This is about as early as Easter Sunday will come.

In my exploring around the area during the past few weeks, I have noticed a lot of green breaking ground but the only flowers I have seen in bloom are the early daf-



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odils along with a tulip here or there.

Have you heard the birds singing their praises each morning? Last week, one afternoon on one

of those rare sunny days I heard a cardinal calling for his mate. This brought back some memories of our home place to me.

My family and I spent nearly 68 years living there and

we had some pine trees in the orchard. Every year I can remember, at least two pairs of redbirds nested and raised their families in our orchard and made it their home.

Incidentally, when I finally let it go, it had been in my family 112 years.

Better get to some news from the Manor before I get carried away and begin writing about the Pittsburg Pirates.

Oh. Incidentally, I have not seen any dogwood yet. That seems strange to me.

At our March Bunco games (first night), Bonnie Hess had

the high first round score, the high overall score and the high game, along with Bob Davis.

Bev Lawlyes along with Becky Mathis rolled the most five pointers while Joye Wilcoxon and Pauline Reiber had the most Buncos.

Before I forget, Darlene Booher had the low score, way to go "Boo."

This is a fun game and those who play really enjoy it.

We offered two Bunco nights in March and just to show how strange this game is, there were some different winners in all the categories.

In this session, it was Linda Turner who had the big night, as she had the high first round score, the high total score and the high single game with Pauline Reiber.

Tony Kenney ended up with the most Buncos, Becky Mathis the most five pointers and Bob Davis the low score. Better luck next time Bob.

The Autumn Ministries group visited us again this month and, as usual, these folks from the Paris Church of God gave us an outstanding evening of supper, message and song.

Pastor White did the program and in between his lesson he sang for us.

The pastor did one of my favorites, "The Lighthouse," one of the best praise and gospel songs ever. The residents who come to this really have a lot of fun praising our Lord.

As I have said many times, Bingo is still the king of the road here. It follows our monthly potluck supper and is our biggest attendee. Paris Healthcare also comes once a month with Bingo, and we appreciate them also.

Our last Bingo games saw "Dodie" Anderson win the coverall with Darlene Booher winning the evening door prize.

The movie of the month was a film titled "The Lucky One," which I was not able to attend but I was told that we had a nice crowd.

Linda Turner organizes our movie nights and we try to show two each month.

I need to mention our Bible study we have here twice monthly.

The attendance is very good for these studies. We average around 20-22 souls and have had as many as 30, on occasion.

Our sheep really read and study the scriptures and the discussions are very lively.

This is an open Bible study — you do not have to be a resident here. In fact, we have several different denominations represented.

We do not embarrass anyone and we are informal and friendly. So if this might be something you would be interested in, our dates for May are the 11th and 25th, starting at 10 a.m. in the community room here at the manor.

At our last study we covered what Jesus spoke from the cross and what each utterance meant to us today.

For the upcoming studies,

we will be covering our Lord's appearances following the resurrection.

Before I forget, I want to remind you that all the area schools are beginning their spring activities — get out and support these kids, especially if you are a parent or grandparent.

I'm not talking only sports here. There are plays, concerts, music contests, along with other events.

I was very fortunate to coach my own during their high school years, but one of the most fun things I have done was go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis with my daughter, Dr. Penny Haase Wittler, who served on the national board for several years.

As I said before, support your kids in their many activities during these vital growing years.

How about a final reminder — don't drop your kids off at church — go to church with them.

Boy, I just keep rambling on. Guess talking must be in my DNA. Anyway, just a couple of other things before I wrap this up.

I read with much interest the recent article by my friend Roger Stanley about his first major league baseball game.

I had a similar experience, although it wasn't my first game, and I won't go in to detail for this but in 1947 we went to a game in St. Louis, between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cardinals. You guessed it, this was #42 Jackie Robinson's first game in St. Louis and the crowd was the largest ever at old Sportsman's Park, which was also home to the Browns.

Boy, there's a team out of the past and yes, St. Louis did have two major league baseball teams.

The time has come that I really do need to wrap this session up.

This is only a part of what we offer here. You can stop by the office week days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to check us out.

In closing, happy trails to you and God bless you all.

Also, I found this in my cowboy book of life.

"No matter where you ride to — that's where you are."

Thanks for listening. Talk to you next time.

*(Mike Haase is a resident of Highland Manor, a lifelong Pittsburg Pirates fan and former baseball coach. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)*

## Sudoku

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# SUDOKU

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9	3	8	2	7	6	4	5	1
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3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
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ANSWER:

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- Computer security philosophy (abbr.)
  - "Antman" actor Paul
  - Region
  - Heart veins \_\_ cavae
  - Stem
  - Public house
  - Outdated monetary units
  - Experiences again
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**LEGALS**

**Rides Mass Transit District provides transportation in Edgar County. RMTD is holding a listening session:**  
Date: Wednesday, May 9  
Time: 1 p.m.  
Place: Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, 105 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944  
At the listening session, Rides Mass Transit District will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to comment about current service, improvement of service and routes. Interested persons may submit orally, or in writing, any comments. This may be done in person at the session, by phone at 618-253-8761 ext. 500312 or by US mail: Rides Mass Transit District, 30 Veterans Drive, Harrisburg, Illinois 62946. RMTD asks that any person hearing impaired wishing to attend this Listening Session notify RMTD at the number listed above at least one week before the scheduled session date so arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY**

CASEY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TRAVIS W. JOHNSON, SR., KATHERINE M. JOHNSON, KIM P. SNYDER, MARGARET SNYDER, AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2018CH5

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE (LIS PENDENS)

Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants that the above-entitled foreclosure action was filed February 1, 2018, and is now pending against you and other Defendants wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

I. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

II. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

III. The names of the titleholders are: Travis W. Johnson, Sr. and Katherine M. Johnson.

IV. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

TRACT 1:  
THE WEST 56 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OF LOT NO. 72 IN TEN BROECK AND OTHERS'

ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF PARIS. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944

V. Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944

VI. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

A. Name of mortgagors: Katherine M. Johnson and Travis W. Johnson, Sr. B. Name of mortgagee: Casey State Bank. C. Date of mortgage: August 2, 2013. D. Date of recording: August 2, 2013. E. County where recorded: Edgar County, Illinois. F. Recording document information: Document No. 201300001700

The Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants are to be served by this publication. You are further notified that unless you, on or before May 7, 2018, appear in defense of said suit, a Default Judgment may be entered against you.

Ariana E. Calderaro, Attorney for Casey State Bank. Ariana E. Calderaro, Attorney for Casey State Bank. Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law Group, Ltd. 307 N. 3rd Street, P.O. Box 1108 Effingham, IL 62401. PH: 618-283-3034. FAX: 618-283-2871. File # 9829.61079

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III. The names of the titleholders are: Katherine M. Johnson.

IV. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

TRACT 2:

LOTS NOS. 320 AND 321 IN THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARIS IN EDGAR COUNTY, IL

Common address: 403 W. MONROE STREET, AND 1011 DOUGLAS STREET, PARIS, IL 61944

V. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

A. Name of mortgagors: Katherine M. Johnson. B. Name of mortgagee: Casey State Bank. C. Date of mortgage: August 2, 2013. D. Date of recording: August 2, 2013. E. County where recorded: Edgar County, Illinois. F. Recording document information: Document No. 201300001699

The Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants are to be served by this publication. You are further notified that unless you, on or before May 7, 2018, appear in defense of said suit, a Default Judgment may be entered against you.

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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

FRUIN&KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.) 129 North Central Avenue Paris, IL 61944-1704 Telephone: 217-465-4196 Fax: 217-466-1213 Email: service@fgkllaw.net

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.

Notice is given that application has been made on April 20, 2018 to the Comptroller of the Currency (One Financial Plaza, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605) for consent to merge First Bank & Trust, IL, an Illinois, state-chartered bank with its main office located at 101 South Central Avenue, Paris, Illinois 61944, with First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., a national bank with its main office located at 1515 Charleston Avenue, Matttoon, Illinois 61938. As a result of the merger, it is expected that one branch of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., located at 2229 South Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, will be closed due to its close proximity to existing branches of First Bank & Trust, IL that, along with all other former bank premises of First Bank & Trust, IL, will operate as branches of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. after completion of the merger.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written

comments on this publication by May 21, 2018 to: Director of District Licensing, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

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 6 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 Post Office Box 6 Paris, Illinois 61944 (217) 463-3225 IL Bar # 03126793 baber@midwestfirst.com

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

Notice of Public Meeting

On Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 8:30AM, a meeting conducted by Paris 95 and Paris 4 will take place at 300 S. Eads Ave. Building C. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the districts' plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the districts for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Paris 95 or Paris 4 districts, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Jeremy Larson at 466-3050 or Danette Young at 465-5391.

Notice of Public Meeting

On Wednesday, May 7, 2018 at 11:00AM, a meeting conducted by the Kansas Community Unit #3 School District will take place at the Kansas District Office at 310 S Front Street, Kansas, IL in the board room. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Kansas School District, you are urged to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mr. Hasten at 217-948-5174.

Notice of Public Meeting

On Thursday, May 10 at 8:30 AM, a meeting conducted by Paris Unit 4 will take place at 300 S. Eads Ave. Building C. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2018-19 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Paris Unit 4, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Danette Young at 217-465-5391.

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

In Probate

IN RE THE ESTATE OF THELMA JEAN HANDICK No. 2018-P-10

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of THELMA JEAN HANDICK, who died on February 6, 2018, a resident of Paris, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2018 to JUDITH HANDICK, as Independent Executor; and whose attorney of record is CARA C. SHOUFF, 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 to the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: April 25, 2018

SHOUFF & VANDEVENTER, LLC ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR By: CARA C. SHOUFF ARDC# 6293029 11 East Main Street P.O. Box 250 Casey, IL 62420 Tel. (217) 609-0111 E-Mail: shoaff@sandvllaw.com

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

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Paris Cooperative High School will receive proposals for Property, General Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Auto, Umbrella, School Board Legal Liability (SBLL) and Worker's Compensation insurance coverage. Proposal specifications may be obtained upon request from Bushue HR, Inc., P.O. Box 89, Effingham, IL 62401. Phone (217) 342-3046. Please reference code LEY980 when calling. All proposals are to be received by Paris Cooperative High School at 14040 E. 1200th Road, Paris, IL 61944 on or before 2:00 p.m., May 24, 2018; and will be opened at time specified.

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## BRIEFLY

### House OKs plan adding school therapists

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A plan to replace armed security officers with unarmed social workers got a House OK with substantial changes.

The House voted 64-25 Friday to establish a grant program for schools who hire mental health professionals to keep calm in the hallways.

Police had objected to the idea because schools could only get money if they stopped funding police officers. Hillside Democratic Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch removed that part.

Republican Rep. Peter Breen of Lombard opposed the measure. He says schools should hire more police officers to combat an epidemic of school shootings.

Chicago Democratic Rep. Juliana Stratton countered that putting police officers in schools isn't the only way to keep kids safe.

### House OKs plan to aid medically fragile children

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Illinois House has approved a measure advocates say would make it easier for seriously ill children to get health care.

The plan by Democratic Rep. Fred Crespo of Hoffman Estates affects children considered "medically fragile, technology dependent." Their expensive, highly technical care covered by Medicaid would be exempt from managed care organizations.

The House voted 90-1 Friday to move the measure to the Senate.

The state has moved 80 percent of its Medicaid clients to managed care organizations to cut costs. Advocates of medically fragile kids say MCOs are not equipped to link them with necessary medical specialists in the responsive time necessary.

Crespo's plan would allow those families to maintain fee-for-service health care.

### Athens man leads police on slow tractor pursuit

ATHENS, Ill. (AP) — A central Illinois man is in custody after police say he led officers on a slow-speed pursuit through two counties while driving a large tractor.

Twenty-nine-year-old Daniel Moose of rural Athens was arrested Thursday morning by Menard County Sheriff's deputies after he stopped the tractor and surrendered when the farm machinery approached a bridge it was too wide to cross.

The state's attorney's office is considering potential charges against Moose, who's being held in Menard County.

The (Springfield) State Journal-Register reports Thursday's pursuit traversed roadways, farm fields and pastures in Menard County, with a top speed estimated at about 22 mph, before it finally ended in Sangamon County.

Police say Moose attempted to strike an Athens police vehicle with the tractor during the pursuit, but the officer avoided a collision.

### Ice cream trucks finally allowed in Elgin

ELGIN, Ill. (AP) — The ban on ice cream trucks in the Chicago suburb of Elgin is finally melting after 45 years.

The Daily Herald reports the Elgin City Council on Wednesday voted to amend the city code to allow ice cream trucks and ice cream carts from April through October.

The unanimous vote by members of the council only applies to the sale of ice cream and other frozen desserts.

# Medicaid changes sought

Advocates urge Illinois legislators to curb, reverse switch of clients to managed care

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Health care advocates are urging Illinois legislators to reverse some of the policies enacted as part of a massive shift of Medicaid clients into managed care.

The letter, obtained by The Associated Press, was dated Monday and addressed to key lawmakers who have their own questions about the state's transfer of 800,000 people to the HealthChoice Illinois system of managed care organizations. MCOs coordinate health care and a focus on prevention, aiming to cut medical costs.

The groups, including the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Illinois Collaboration on Youth, question the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' ability to oversee the program.

The letter bemoans a dearth of details and updates on the

rollout. It questions the ability of MCOs to link up clients with physicians, especially specialists, in rural areas of the state and says reimbursement-rate reductions will hurt medical suppliers.

"Given the risks to patients, as well as our overall health care system, we call upon you ... to impose new transparency and accountability guidelines on HealthChoice Illinois," the letter states. "Absent a significant improvement in HFS's efforts, we believe that the General Assembly must act to hold MCOs accountable to guarantee our state's most vulnerable citizens receive the quality care they deserve."

A January review by Auditor General Frank Mautino found that HFS, which oversees the \$60 billion, four-year MCO contract, could not properly account for \$7 billion it paid for the state's Medicaid program in

2016. HFS will "continually work with legislators and other stakeholders to strengthen the program," spokesman John Hoffman said in a prepared statement.

Specifically, the letter questions the plan for covering children known as "medically fragile, technologically dependent," whose medical needs are so complex and expensive that advocates don't believe MCOs are able to adequately cover their needs. It complains of "narrow provider networks" that will "force beneficiaries to travel long distances for routine care" and lambastes "cuts to already low reimbursement rates for medically necessary supplies and equipment."

One MCO announced before the program expanded that it was cutting reimbursement by 50 percent for durable medical equipment.

"We're not talking about

a walker or an adult diaper," said Rep. Greg Harris, a Chicago Democrat and influential health care voice in the General Assembly. "What you're talking about for durable medical equipment are parts for ventilators or feeding tubes."

Harris is part of a group studying the MCO operation, the biggest part of which — 550,000 participants in 72 counties — took effect April 1. Members of the group are studying more than a dozen issues, said Rep. Patricia Bellock, a Hinsdale Republican.

Pending legislation is already taking aim at some of them. Bellock is a co-sponsor on a measure by Hoffman Estates Democratic Rep. Fred Crespo to keep the medically fragile population on traditional fee-for-service plans instead of moving them into the MCO setup later this year.

And Sen. David Koehler, a Peoria Democrat, responded immediately after IlliniCare announced last fall it would cut equipment reimbursement rates by 50 percent. His legislation would require reimbursement at the existing state-regulated rates for the Medicaid fee-for-service program.

"It's almost like predatory pricing," Koehler said of the rate-cut. "When they drop the price so low, it's kind of a take-it-or-leave-it thing, what it does to our small-town businesses, it puts them out of business."

The letter, also signed by leaders of The Arc of Illinois, Breastfeed Chicago, Great Lakes Home Medical Services Association, the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, Family Voices and MFTD Waiver Families, specifically signaled support for those bills and requested "a seat at the table" as discussions continue.

## Finding life after injury

Quincy man has spent years since traumatic brain injury pushing limits

BY MATT DUTTON  
The Herald-Whig

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — Ryan Jansen was on track to go to West Point and eyeing a military career when a hard hit during a particularly hot football practice shattered those dreams.

Jansen has spent the years since he suffered a traumatic brain injury pushing against his physical limitations to build a life resembling the one he had imagined as a teenager. The circumstances of his life have shifted well beyond anything he could have expected, but the core is the same — he has regained the use of his extremities, is employed full-time, owns his own home and even drives.

"I've never been depressed," Jansen said in his office at John Wood Community College, where he is coordinator of Disability Services. "I've always known I have a purpose, and that God would get me through it. I don't think a person could get through a life like this without a higher power."

August 15, 1995, was a hot summer day. Temperatures were creeping up near the 90s, and the Quincy Notre Dame football team had just begun practicing in full pads for two-a-days.

The final play of the morning practice took Jansen, a wide receiver, out on a slant route to catch a pass. A defender speared the 15-year-old in the chest as he came down with the ball, knocking the wind out of him and crumpling him down to the ground.

With a struggle and ignoring protests from his coaches, Jansen got up to run the final sprints of the morning with his teammates.

"My body just didn't feel right while I was running," he said. "Walking to the locker room, I collapsed in the parking lot on my way."

His heart stopped. When he arrived at Blessing Hospital, he was put into a coma for 24 hours. When he awoke, he was blind and unable to walk correctly.

"It was the heat, the hit and the run," he said. "A freak accident."

He was flown to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and had a minor stroke in the helicopter on the way.

"I was 15 years old and fighting for my life in the hospital," he said.

At Barnes, seven neurologists gave him a rare diagnosis — a complex paragraph in itself — of "hypoxic ischemic brain injury resulting in spastic quadriplegia, cortical-visual difficulties and a generalized dystonic movement disorder because of the delayed anoxic injury to the basal ganglia."

The sport he loved had damaged his occipital lobe, the visual processor of the brain, and irreparably altered the course of his life.

Rehab, which was done at St. Louis Children's Hospital, was intense — daily eight-hour sessions



Jake Shane/The Quincy Herald-Whig

**In this March 29, 2018 photo, Ryan Jansen is seen during an interview in his office at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill. Jansen was on track to go to West Point and eyeing a military career when a hard hit during a particularly hot football practice shattered those dreams. He has spent the years since he suffered a traumatic brain injury pushing against his physical limitations to build a life resembling the one he had imagined as a teenager. The circumstances of his life have shifted well beyond anything he could have expected, but the core is the same, he has regained the use of his extremities, is employed full-time, owns his own home and even drives.**

— and at one point, he lost all control of his muscles. He lost 70 pounds in a few months, and the 160-pound teenager that was flown into the hospital weighed less than 100 pounds when he went home.

Jansen sees it as nothing short of miraculous that he recovered from such severe injuries. Hopeful greeting cards from complete strangers poured into his hospital room daily, and he fell back on prayer throughout the experience. The faith he had before the accident was strengthened as he faced a lifetime of trying to recover from his injuries.

He returned home just before Christmas in 1995 after missing an entire semester of high school. Focusing solely on his physical and speech therapies and working hard to catch up on his school work, Jansen was able to graduate on time with his classmates in 1998. He enrolled at Quincy University that fall and majored in business.

"I needed to figure out something with technology I could do either from home or behind a desk," he said. "I knew that would be the key to long-term employment."

A few years after graduating from QU, Jansen became the outreach director for the West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (WICIL). The job gave him the opportunity to work with others who live with disabilities. The job also afforded him the chance to speak to those living with disabilities, those in the medical field and other organizations in the six counties the nonprofit serves.

"I've been in both worlds — I've been not disabled, and I've been disabled," he said. "I feel like I was

kind of led by God, that he opened the job up for me."

In 2009, after three years at WCICIL, Jansen went to graduate school at the University of Illinois to study public administration. He interned with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in Springfield.

The Disability Services coordinator job at JWCC opened up in 2012. Jansen's business background helped him to make the office as efficient as possible -- he wrote a new procedure manual for the office when he took the position — while his personal experiences help him to connect with the students the office serves on a deeper level.

John Wood had around 50 students with disabilities when Jansen took the job. With the expansion of the Americans with Disabilities Act and through Jansen's constant outreach work, he has a roster of 160 students.

"I get the most joy in life from seeing people happy, seeing them overcome the disabilities in their lives, being a listening ear and seeing them recognize how much potential they have," he said.

Jansen still does rigorous physical therapy multiple times a week. Doctors assumed he would need to live in an assisted living home, but he has proved them wrong. He was on medications for many years but has been able to wean himself off all medicines. He serves as a board member on the Brain Trauma Awareness Organization.

"When you've been through what I've been through, there's no place to go but up," he said. "There's life beyond traumatic brain injury."

## Gun bill override fizzles

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Democrats' hopes of overriding a veto of fire-arms-dealer licensing fizzled this week, swamped by the inaction of a Senate and House afraid to take the vote without cover from the other.

Democrats in the Senate, where the veto had to occur by Wednesday's deadline, said they had enough votes to reverse Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of the plan to require gun shops to obtain \$1,000, five-year licenses from the state; train employees to spot illegal purchasers; and videotape critical areas of their stores.

But the measure's sponsor, Sen. Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat, said several of his colleagues' commitments to vote for override were contingent on knowing the House would follow suit.

"Victory' is not overriding Gov. Rauner's veto ...," Harmon said in a statement in which he pledged to re-introduce the plan by tacking it to existing legislation. "Victory means protecting the people we represent from the senseless violence fueled by the ready availability of guns in our communities."

Harmon's pushed the plan before as a way to keep in check what critics call rogue gun shops. Chicago officials released a report last fall showing that nearly one-quarter of guns recovered at crime scenes over a four-year period came from just 10 Chicago-area businesses.

It took on additional urgency after the Parkland, Florida massacre on Feb. 14, preceded a day earlier by the fatal downtown Chicago shooting of police Commander Paul Bauer.

But while Harmon looked to the House for reassurance, the sponsor there, Rep. Kathleen Willis, said she was court- ing votes from members who wanted to see the Senate act first and was at least three votes short of the 71 needed. "Those are the three who are waiting to see what their senators do," said Willis, an Addison Democrat.

Wednesday was an unfortunate day for Democrats to broach the subject, with gun-rights advocates swarming the Capitol for the annual Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day. Illinois Secretary of State police estimated the crowd at 1,000; the Illinois State Rifle Association claimed 2,500.

"It would be so cost-prohibitive for small shops like mine," said 49-year-old Amy King, who's owned a Belleville gun shop since 2003.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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